Assembly Bill 2555: What Families Need to Know

California Has Changed How Students Become Reclassified as Fluent English Proficient

A new state law, Assembly Bill 2555, was signed on September 27, 2026. This law takes effect immediately and changes the process for reclassifying English learner students.

What Is Reclassification?

Reclassification happens when your child has demonstrated the English skills needed to be considered fluent in English. It is a change in your child's status from English learner, or EL, to Reclassified Fluent English Proficient, or RFEP.

What Changed?

Before, students had to meet four requirements to be reclassified. These included their English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) score, teacher input, parent or guardian opinion and consultation, and academic performance.

Now, the ELPAC score is the only requirement for reclassification. Schools cannot add additional requirements.

A student is immediately eligible for reclassification when they earn

- an Overall Performance Level 4 on the Summative ELPAC; **or**
- an Overall Performance Level 3 on the Summative Alternate ELPAC.

What Does This Mean for My Child?

If your child earned an Overall Level 4 on the 2025–26 Summative ELPAC or an Overall Level 3 on the Summative Alternate ELPAC, they must be reclassified by their school district. Your child's school will continue to monitor your student's academic performance, and if needed, your child will continue to receive support to be successful.

What Do I Need to Do?

You do not need to do anything. Your child's school will review your child's ELPAC results, identify students who meet the new reclassification requirement, update the student's English learner status and instructional placement, and share information with families about the change.

Have Questions?

If you have questions about your child's English learner status or reclassification, contact your child's school. If you want additional information about the ELPAC, check out the Parent Guides to Understanding the Summative ELPAC and Summative Alternate ELPAC on the California Department of Education Parent Guides to Understanding web page.

Parent Guides to Understanding web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp

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