

A Parent Guide to Understanding The Summative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)

We know that your child brings many strengths with them to school, and also may need extra support in the classroom.

Who takes this test?

Students identified as English learners will take the Summative ELPAC until they are reclassified as proficient in English.



Why do students take this test?

The Summative ELPAC measures how much progress your child is making in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in English. This test will give you and your child's teacher information about where they may need extra support.

When do students take this test?

Students take the Summative ELPAC every spring until they are fluent in English and no longer need additional support. You will receive additional information from your child's school about the specific dates and times of testing.

How do students take this test?

For most students, the test is taken on a computer. For students in kindergarten through grade 2, the Writing part of the test is taken with paper and pencil format. Students take the Listening, Reading, and Writing parts of the test in small groups and the Speaking part of the test one-on-one with a test examiner. Students in kindergarten and grade 1 take the whole test one-on-one with a test examiner.

What resources are available?

Your child will have access to resources they need when taking the test, like a highlighter, notepad, or scratch paper. These resources will help your child access the test and do not affect their scores in any way. You can talk to your child's teacher about other available resources that may help your child.

How can I help my child?

- Remind your child that you and their teacher want them to try their best and that you are there to help them every step of the way.
- Visit the Starting Smarter website at <https://elpac.startingsmarter.org> to better understand Student Score Reports, review sample questions, and access resources to support your child's learning.
- Take a practice test with your child on the ELPAC Online Practice and Training Tests web page at <https://www.elpac.org/resources/online-practice-and-training-test/>.

For more information about your child's scores, contact your child's teacher and/or the school office.

