

SUMMATIVE

English Language Proficiency Assessments for California



WHAT IS THE SUMMATIVE ELPAC?

The English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) is California's assessment system that is used to determine the English language proficiency of students whose primary language is not English. The ELPAC is aligned with the 2012 California English Language Development Standards and assesses four domains: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

The Summative ELPAC is given only to students who have previously been identified as English learners (EL students) based upon Initial ELPAC results. The Summative ELPAC measures how well they are progressing with English development in each of the four domains.



WHY IS THE SUMMATIVE ELPAC GIVEN?

The purpose of the Summative ELPAC is to measure progress toward English proficiency, to help inform proper educational placements, and to help determine if a student is ready to be reclassified. This is important when ensuring that students continue to receive the supports they need to do well in school.



WHO TAKES THE SUMMATIVE ELPAC?

The Summative ELPAC is given only to students in kindergarten (K) through grade 12 who have been identified as EL students. These students will take the assessment every year until they are reclassified as fluent English proficient.

Students with disabilities who cannot take one or more domains of the ELPAC with allowed universal tools, designated supports, or accommodations will take an alternate assessment(s), as noted in their individualized education program.



HOW IS THE SUMMATIVE ELPAC GIVEN?

The Summative ELPAC is a paper-pencil test in K through grade 2, and a computer-based test in grades 3–12. In K and grade 1, all domains are administered individually. In grades 2–12, the test is administered in groups exclusive of speaking, which is assessed one-on-one.

Testing times will vary depending upon the grade level, domain, and individual student. Estimated testing times will be made available on the ELPAC website at <https://www.elpac.org>.



WHEN IS THE SUMMATIVE ELPAC GIVEN?

The Summative ELPAC administration window is open from February 1 through May 31.