TITLE: 2018-19 Summative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) Requirements for Principals, ELPAC Coordinators, and Support Staff

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this Reference Guide is to outline the 2018-19 English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) training requirements for Principals, ELPAC coordinators, Test Examiners (TE), and support staff for the Summative Assessments.

MAJOR CHANGES: This Reference Guide introduces the following changes to testing procedures for the Summative ELPAC:

1. The testing window opens on February 4, 2019 closes on April 30, 2019 for all eligible enrolled students
2. The 2018-19 ELPAC Security Forms requirements completed for the Initial ELPAC will count for the Summative ELPAC requirement
3. The Student Testing Branch (STB) Portal will be used for:
   a. ELPAC coordinators, TE and support staff to electronically submit their ELPAC security documents
   b. Submitting online orders for additional Summative ELPAC materials
   c. Tracking the completion of affidavits for TEs and support staff
4. STB Trainings will be available in My Professional Learning Network (MyPLN)

INSTRUCTIONS: I. BACKGROUND

The ELPAC is a required state summative test for English language proficiency (ELP) that must be given to students whose primary language is a language other than English. State and federal law require that local educational agencies administer an ELP to eligible students in kindergarten (or year one of a two-year kindergarten program, sometimes referred to as “transitional kindergarten”) through grade twelve (ages 3-21).
The ELPAC is aligned with California’s 2012 English Language Development Standards. It consists of two separate ELP assessments:

1. Initial ELPAC – The Initial ELPAC is used to identify a student as either an English Learner (EL) who needs support to learn English or as proficient in English. This test is administered within 30 days of when the student enrolls in a California school for the first time.

2. Summative ELPAC – The Summative ELPAC is a test used to measure the skills of ELs. The results will help the school and district determine if the student is ready to be reclassified as proficient in English. The Summative ELPAC is administered every spring and ELs take this test annually until reclassified.

II. SUMMATIVE ELPAC TESTING WINDOW

The Summative ELPAC Assessment testing window will be from February 4 to April 30, 2019. All eligible students enrolled at the school must be tested by April 30th. Testing materials for these students are due monthly at the school’s Testing Center. The specific dates and time will be published in the 2018-19 Summative ELPAC Administration Instructions. New eligible students who enroll at the school from May 1 to May 31, 2019 must be tested by the May 31st deadline. Testing materials for these students will be due at Testing Center by Friday, May 31, 2019.

ELPAC coordinators are responsible for creating a testing schedule within the District’s timeline. TEs must adhere to the schools’ testing schedule, to properly secure testing materials, and to ensure students are tested in a timely manner.

III. SUMMATIVE ELPAC REQUIREMENTS IN MY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING NETWORK (MYPLN)

ELPAC coordinators, TEs, and proctors may enroll in a single curriculum which includes all the ELPAC requirements. Items 1, 2, and 3 in the table below meet both the Initial and Summative ELPAC requirements.

To register in a curriculum follow the instructions below or click on the Support tab in MyPLN.
1. Log into MyPLN (https://achieve.lausd.net/mypln)
2. Navigate to the Global Search page
3. In the search box, enter key words “ELPAC Coordinator Requirements”
4. Click on the title to enroll in the curriculum.
The following ELPAC curricula are available in MyPLN:

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IV. PRINCIPAL AND ELPAC COORDINATOR REQUIREMENTS FOR RELEASE OF SUMMATIVE ELPAC MATERIALS

The principal and ELPAC coordinator must complete their respective requirements before STB approves the release of ELPAC materials for the administration of the Summative ELPAC. This is a one-time requirement that meets both the Initial and Summative ELPAC mandates.

**Principal Requirements**

Principals complete their two requirements via the Principal’s Portal at [https://principalportal.lausd.net/](https://principalportal.lausd.net/).

1. Electronically certify the 2018-19 ELPAC Security Agreement and Affidavit.
2. Designate an ELPAC coordinator. A principal who serves as the ELPAC Coordinator at his/her school must enter his/her name in the Principal’s Portal as a coordinator/designee and complete all the ELPAC coordinator requirements.

**Principals at schools that do not have access to the Principal’s Portal should contact STB at (213) 241-4104.**
ELPAC Coordinator Requirements

The District will automatically enroll the ELPAC coordinator in the 2018-19 ELPAC Coordinators Requirements curriculum in MyPLN when the principal designates the coordinator in the Principal’s Portal. Self-registration is necessary for coordinators at schools where the principal does not have access to the Principal’s Portal or if the ELPAC coordinator does not receive a confirmation email from MyPLN.

The requirements listed below are required for the release of Summative ELPAC materials to schools, the designation of the coordinator’s Test Operations Management System (TOMS) account, and for ordering additional Summative ELPAC materials.

1. Complete the 2018-19 ELPAC Security Forms Coordinator Training in MyPLN.
2. Complete the 2018-19 ELPAC Security Forms Coordinator Training Assessment in MyPLN.
3. Electronically certify the 2018-19 ELPAC Affidavit and Agreement in MyPLN.
4. Complete the 2018-19 Summative ELPAC Administration Instructions Coordinator Training. The training will be available in early December 2018 in MyPLN.
5. Complete the 2018-19 Summative ELPAC Administration Instructions Coordinator Assessment in MyPLN. The assessment will be available in early December in MyPLN.

Delivery of Summative ELPAC Materials

Schools where the principal and the ELPAC coordinator both complete their respective requirements by 4:00 p.m. on January 18, 2019 can expect the delivery of Summative ELPAC materials starting the week of January 22nd.

Deliveries will be scheduled on a weekly basis and prioritized based on when requirements are completed. After the principal and ELPAC coordinator complete their requirements, it will take 3-5 business days to deliver materials to schools.

Note: All dates and requirements contained in this document are subject to change based on the availability of materials and changes in ELPAC regulations or test vendor guidelines.
V. TEST EXAMINER (TE) AND PROCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Test Examiner Requirements

TEs must be employees of the school district. Before administering any ELPAC assessments or getting access to ELPAC TOMS; TEs must complete the following requirements for the Initial or Summative ELPAC:

1. Complete the 2018-19 ELPAC Security Forms Teacher Training in MyPLN.
2. Complete the 2018-19 ELPAC Security Forms Teacher Training Assessment in MyPLN.
3. Electronically certify the 2018-19 ELPAC Affidavit in the STB Portal.

In grades 3-12, TEs will also need access to audio clips in ELPAC TOMS to administer the listening and speaking portions of the Summative ELPAC. In order to access the audio clips, the ELPAC coordinator will grant TEs a Test Examiner role in ELPAC TOMS. When creating teacher ELPAC TOMS accounts, the coordinator must use the teachers’ LAUSD emails. Accounts created with non-LAUSD emails will be deleted.

Proctor Requirements

Proctors must be employees of the school district. Proctors assist TEs during group administration of more than 10 students in grade two and more than 20 students in grades three through twelve. Because they will be in the testing room and have access to secure ELPAC materials, proctors are required to complete requirements 1, 2, and 3 above. However, proctors do not need access to ELPAC TOMS.

VI. ACCESS TO ELPAC TOMS

The ELPAC is a paper-pencil test. However, in grades 3-12, TEs will administer the listening and speaking portions of the assessment by playing audio clips housed in ELPAC TOMS. ELPAC TOMS is a secure website that allows the ELPAC coordinator to manage the ELPAC TE access to the audio clips.

Access to ELPAC TOMS is assigned on a yearly basis and it is based on the role assigned to the user. At the district level, STB assigns and
manages ELPAC coordinator ELPAC TOMS accounts. A Site ELPAC Coordinator role in ELPAC TOMS will be assigned to the ELPAC coordinator after the coordinator completes all the training requirements listed in Section IV. Failure to complete these training’s will also prevent the school from receiving or ordering additional ELPAC materials.

The *2018-19 Summative ELPAC Administration Instructions Coordinator Training* addresses the ELPAC coordinator responsibilities before, during and after testing, instructions for hand coding student demographic data, and packing and returning of the Answer Books and Test Books.

**VII. MULTILINGUAL AND MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (MMED) REQUIREMENTS**

All ELPAC trainers and test examiners must be certified each year to administer and score the ELPAC. The ELPAC trainer of trainers is offered by MMED. Local District EL Program staff will schedule and announce training dates and locations for ELPAC coordinators. Participation in this training is required to receive certification.

The ELPAC coordinators will be trained on the facilitation of Part I and Part II of the 2018-19 Summative ELPAC training. In addition, coordinators will receive training on guidelines for handling testing irregularities, security breaches, and testing logistics. Upon completion of this training, coordinators will work with their school administrator to schedule the required school staff training for TE’s and proctors.

For auditing purposes, schools are required to maintain evidence of the training by providing ELPAC training agendas, staff sign-in sheets and make-up training sessions. These documents are to be submitted to the testing center during the school’s first turn-in of the Summative ELPAC.

**RELATED RESOURCE:**

*2018-19 Summative ELPAC Administration Instructions* is available from the STB website at [http://achieve.lausd.net/testing](http://achieve.lausd.net/testing). Click on the ELPAC tab, then select Summative ELPAC.

**ASSISTANCE:**


For questions regarding training for ELPAC Trainers and TE’s, please contact the MMED at (213) 241-5582.

For EL services questions, contact your LD EL Program Staff.

For questions regarding this document, test security, and delivery of test materials, please contact STB at (213) 241-4104.
2018-19 English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) Test Security Agreement

I acknowledge by my signature on this form that the Summative ELPAC and Summative Assessments pursuant to California Education Code Section 60810 are secure tests and agree to each of the following conditions to ensure test security:

1) I will take all necessary precautions to safeguard the security of the test and test materials, including limiting access to only those individuals in the local educational agency (LEA) who have responsibilities for the administration of the ELPAC.
2) I shall have all persons who have access to the test(s) and test materials for the purpose of administration read and sign the ELPAC Test Security Affidavit.
3) Except during the administration of the tests, I will keep the test materials in a securely locked room which can be accessed only with a key or key card and, when possible, in a locked storage cabinet within that room.
4) As a Site ELPAC Coordinator, I will collect and return all test materials to the LEA ELPAC Coordinator.
5) As an LEA ELPAC Coordinator, I will securely destroy all test materials that do not require scoring by the test contractor, in accordance with the directions of and time periods specified by the test contractor.
6) I will deliver test materials only to those persons who have executed ELPAC Test Security Affidavits.

By signing my name to this document, I am assuring that I will abide by the above conditions.

☐ I understand that test materials will not be released until the following requirements are met:
  • Principal – electronic submit ELPAC Test Security Affidavit and Agreement and designate the ELPAC Coordinator/Designee in the Principal’s Portal
  • ELPAC Coordinator – complete ELPAC Test Security Forms Coordinator Training and assessment and submitted signed ELPAC Test Security Agreement and Affidavit in MyPLN

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Print Name: ___________________________ Employee No. ___________________________
Title: ☐ Principal ☐ ELPAC Coordinator ☐ Check this box if the Principal is also the Coordinator
School: ___________________________ Loc. Code: ___________________________
District: Los Angeles Unified School District

READ, AGREE TO, SIGN, AND DATE

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2018-19 English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) Test Security Affidavit

I acknowledge that I will have access to one or more of the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) Summative and summative assessments pursuant to Education Code section 60810, for the purpose of administering the test(s) to eligible pupils. I understand that these materials are highly secure and may be under copyright restrictions, and it is my responsibility to protect their security as follows:

1) I will not divulge the contents of the test materials to any other person through verbal, written, or any other means of communication. This includes, but is not limited to, sharing or posting test content via the Internet or by e-mail without the express prior written permission of the California Department of Education (CDE) and test contractor.

2) I will not copy or take a photo of any part of the test materials. This includes, but is not limited to, photocopying (including enlarging) and recording without the express prior written permission from the CDE and test contractor.

3) I will keep all test materials secure prior to and following the distribution of the test(s).

4) I will permit eligible pupils access to test materials only during testing periods. I will permit only eligible pupils who are testing, and individuals participating in the test administration who have signed an ELPAC Test Security Affidavit, to be in the room when and where the ELPAC assessments are being administered.

5) I will not allow any pupils to use any electronic devices that allow them to access outside information, communicate with any other pupils, or photograph or copy test content. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, personal digital assistants, tablets, laptops, cameras, and electronic translation devices.

6) When acting as a test examiner, I will: (a) collect and account for all test materials following each testing session; (b) not permit any pupils to remove any test materials by any means from the room(s) where testing takes place; and (c) count all test books and answer documents before allowing any pupil to leave the testing room.

7) I will not review any test questions, passages, or other test items with any pupils or any other person at any time, including before, during, or following testing. I understand that this includes any discussion between local educational agency (LEA) staff for training or professional development, whether it be in a one-on-one or in a staff meeting setting.

8) I will not, for any test, develop scoring keys, review any pupil responses, or prepare answer documents. I understand that this includes coaching pupils or providing any other type of assistance to any pupils that may affect their responses. This includes, but is not limited to, both verbal cues and nonverbal cues that may indicate correct or incorrect answers, or completing questions, or answer document by any means is prohibited.

9) I will return all test materials to the designated site ELPAC coordinator in accordance with his or her instructions.

10) I will not, for any test, develop scoring keys, review any pupil responses, or prepare answer documents. I understand that this includes coaching pupils or providing any other type of assistance to any pupils that may affect their responses. This includes, but is not limited to, both verbal cues and nonverbal cues that may indicate correct or incorrect answers, or completing any pupils’ answers.

11) I will administer the ELPAC in accordance with the directions for test administration and test administration manuals prepared by the test contractor, or any additional guidance provided by the test contractor. I understand that the unauthorized copying, sharing, or reusing of any test book (test books may be appropriately reused in accordance with the test contractor’s terms and conditions), test question, or answer document by any means is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, photocopying, recording, e-mailing, messaging (instant, text, or multimedia messaging service, or digital application), using a camera/camera phone, and/or sharing or posting test content via the Internet without the express prior written permission from the CDE and test contractor.

12) I have been trained to carry out my responsibilities in the administration of the ELPAC.

I have been trained this year to administer the test. By signing my name to this document, I am assuring that I will abide by the above conditions.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________
Print Name: __________________________ Employee No. ___________
Title: [ ] Principal [ ] ELPAC Coordinator [ ] Examiner [ ] Proctor [ ] Other __________________________
School: ______________________________ Loc. Code: ______________
District: ______________________________ District: ___________________________

READ, AGREE TO, SIGN, AND DATE

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