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To:
Subject: Announcing the 2020-21 Virtual Summative ELPAC and Alternate ELPAC Administration and Scoring Training



Dear Local Educational Agency (LEA) ELPAC Coordinator,

In light of the measures being taken nationwide to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), and the shelter-in-place mandates in effect across California, Educational Testing Service, the California Department of Education, and the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) are changing the format of the Summative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) Administration and Scoring Training this fall to a virtual format. In addition, the Alternate ELPAC Operational Field Test Administration and Scoring Training will be virtual.

The in-person trainings for Summative ELPAC and Alternate ELPAC scheduled across California have been canceled. All trainings will be virtual.

New Mandatory LEA Summative ELPAC Certification

ELPAC regulations require annual training for **all LEAs** even those with no English learner students. Each LEA ELPAC coordinator or their designee is required to complete the online certification course. This LEA certification meets the training requirement for the LEA. A certificate of completion will be produced upon completion of the LEA certification course. Test examiners will still need to pass the calibration quizzes for Speaking items. Calibration quizzes are located in the Examiner's Resource course. The LEA certification course will take approximately 2–3 hours. An LEA that has not had any English learner students in the past may complete the certification course or enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with a neighboring LEA that has gone through training to administer Summative ELPAC in the event the primary LEA enrolls an English learner student.

Mandatory LEA Alternate ELPAC Operational Field Test Administration and Scoring Training

The Alternate ELPAC is intended to replace all locally determined alternate assessments for English language proficiency (ELP) and, for the first time, provide a consistent, standardized measurement of ELP across the state for English learner students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

The Alternate ELPAC operational field test must be administered to **all** kindergarten through grade twelve students up to age 22 with the most significant cognitive disabilities who have an English Language Acquisition Status of English Learner and

have been determined eligible to take alternate assessments by an individualized education program team. Participating students who are eligible for the Alternate ELPAC will receive a Student Score Report during the summer, after standard setting is complete and the California State Board of Education approves the thresholds.

For each LEA with eligible students, the LEA ELPAC coordinator or their designee is required to complete the online LEA certification course. The LEA certification course will take approximately 2–3 hours and should be completed by the opening of the Alternate ELPAC testing window on January 12, 2021. There will also be an online Test Examiner training course. In order to elicit the most reliable responses, it is necessary that the test examiner be very familiar with each student, and each student's primary communication mode. It is strongly recommended that only an educator familiar with the student serve as the test examiner. LEAs will be responsible for tracking the progress of test examiners going through the Test Examiner training course.

Training Binder(s)

Each LEA can request to receive in the mail a printed copy(ies) of the Summative 2020–21 ELPAC Administration and Scoring training binder. Training binders will be shipped at the beginning of October 2020. Your LEA has an allocation of <x> and you can order up to <x> training binder(s). At the beginning of November 2020, LEAs with students participating in the Alternate ELPAC Operational Field Test will receive two sets of training materials containing printed PowerPoint slides for each module along with draft Alternate ELPAC Operational Field Test Directions for Administration for training purposes. Your LEA can order up to two sets of training material, assuming one set for a Special Education lead trainer and one set for a LEA ELPAC lead trainer.

Upcoming Dates

September 15, 2020: Opening for requesting a training binder(s)

October 19, 2020: Moodle Training Site opens for 2020–21 Summative ELPAC

November 2, 2020: Moodle Training Site opens for Alternate ELPAC

December 1, 2020: LEA Certification complete for 2020–21 Summative ELPAC

January 12, 2021: LEA Certification complete for Alternate ELPAC

If you have any questions regarding the Summative ELPAC or Alternate ELPAC Operational Field Test, please contact the California Technical Assistance Center (CaTAC) by phone at 800-955-2954 or by email at caltac@ets.org.

We appreciate your patience and support while we navigate these changes.

Sincerely,

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