

English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) Parent and Guardian Notification Letter

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

Identifying students who need help learning English is important so they can get the support they need to do well in English language arts/literacy, mathematics, science, and other subject areas in school. The Summative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California, or "Summative ELPAC," is the test used to measure how well students understand English when it is not the language they speak at home. Information from the ELPAC tells your child's teacher about the areas in which your child needs extra support. Students in kindergarten through grade twelve who are classified as English learners will take the Summative ELPAC every year until they are reclassified as proficient in English. Students are tested on their skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

This spring, your child will take the Summative ELPAC. The RUSD Summative ELPAC testing window is from February 1, 2021 to May 21, 2021. For the 2021 spring administration of the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC), students will be able to take their assigned tests remotely. **Our priority is to keep our students and educators safe** by following state, county, and local health and safety requirements associated with the current pandemic.

This letter provides information about what students testing remotely need. Students will take the test from the safety of their homes. The test examiner will connect with each child by computer. To make sure that each student receives the most accurate score, we are providing the following guidelines for student testing:

1. You may assist your child with setting up the technology used to enter the test session.
2. To keep the test fair for all students, we ask that you do not talk about the questions on the test or any materials for the test with anyone before, during, or after the test.
3. No one may record the test, or use a camera or another device to take pictures of the test questions or of your child taking the test. This helps to keep the questions confidential.
4. We need to know that the test is being completed by your child without any help. To verify compliance, a web camera and microphone will be used to observe your child while taking the test. **The camera is only used to observe your child and the surroundings during the test and will not record the session.**
5. Please follow all instructions given by the test examiner to place the camera where your child and the child's immediate surroundings can be observed.

If your child cannot use the computer's camera, microphone, and speaker or headphone during remote testing, you may contact your child's School Principal for assistance.

To learn more about the ELPAC and how you can get your child ready for the test, go to the California Department of Education Parent Guides to Understanding Web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>.

You also can look at sample test questions on the practice tests, which can be found on the ELPAC Web site at <https://www.elpac.org/resources/practicetests/>.

If you have any questions about your child taking the ELPAC, please contact your child's School Principal.

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