



CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Federal and state law require a state English language proficiency assessment that school districts must give to students who are English Learners (ELs). In California, this test is the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC).

Academic English proficiency is important for students to be college and career ready. ELs will receive the language and academic support they need to do well in English language arts/literacy, mathematics, science, and other subject areas in school. ELPAC is the test used to measure how well students understand English. Information from the ELPAC tells your child's teacher about the areas in which your child needs extra support.

All students who are ELs in Grades Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through Grade Twelve in the Chula Vista Elementary School District will take the ELPAC. The four areas that are assessed in English are Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

This spring, your child will take the following test: ELPAC Summative Assessment

You are an important part of your child's education. Below are recommendations to support your child at home:

- Read to your child or have your child read to you on a regular basis.
- Use pictures and ask your child to tell you what he or she sees, or what is happening in each picture.
- Provide your child with opportunities to use language outside of school.
- Talk to your child's teacher about his or her listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills to help support your child's progress.

To learn more about the ELPAC, please read the *Parent Guide to Understanding the ELPAC*, which can be found on the CDE Parent Guide to Understanding the ELPAC Web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ep/documents/elpacparentguide.pdf>.

The ELPAC practice tests are another good resource. They can be found on the ELPAC Web site at <https://www.elpac.org>, where parents and students can see the kinds of questions that will be on the test.

If you have any questions about ELPAC testing, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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