

West Contra Costa Unified School District
English Learner Services, RAP Center
State and Federal Programs

SECONDARY EL STUDENTS NOT IN ELD
EXPLANATION REGARDING THE ANNUAL CELDT

When you were enrolled in the West Contra Costa Unified School District, your parent or guardian filled out a form called the Home Language Survey (HLS). It asked questions about the language(s) you used at home. This legal document identified you as potentially an English learner (EL). You then took a test to check your English proficiency. If you scored high enough on this test, you were identified as Fluent (I-FEP). If your score was not high enough to be considered I-FEP, you were identified as an EL. You were required to take ELD and SDAIE classes until you were reclassified. Even after ELD 4, you are an EL until you are reclassified.

As an EL, the state and district have a number of standards you must meet before you can be reclassified as Fluent (R-FEP). You must have core subject grades of C- or better. You must score 325 or above on the English Language Arts portion of the California Standards Test (CST). Also, you must have an Overall score of 4 or 5 on the California English Language Development Test (CELDT), with no score below 3 in Listening & Speaking, Reading, or Writing. Until all of these things happen in the same six month period of time, you cannot be reclassified.

If you have not been reclassified, you are still considered an English learner, even if you do not have, or have never had, an ELD class. The state therefore requires that you take the CELDT. There is no exception in the law.

Please note that you cannot ever be reclassified without a current CELDT score. If you miss the test, or refuse to take it, you will have to wait a year before you can even be considered for reclassification.

The second page is a review of the criteria for reclassification and the tests and assessments given during the year, and when. Please review it, and do the very best you can on every test, because your performance does affect your eligibility for reclassification.