English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)

The ELAC is a committee composed of EL parents. The state requires that each school with more than 21 EL students must form an ELAC. The committee meets 3 times a year and advises the principal or his designee on matters that impact the EL program.

Each meeting is advertised to all of the English Learner parents at a particular school. The state requires that certain information be discussed with the parents including attendance policies, graduation requirements, a description of the ELD program, State Testing, and a variety of other topics that parents need to understand to help their student successful complete high school.

It is the intent of the ELAC to be sure that parents are well informed and have input into the programs offered to their students. Since educational programs vary country to country, parents who may have moved to the United States need to be sure they understand how the educational system works here. They need information about and a say in their student's education.

District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)

The DELAC is the District level committee that advises the EL Coordinator and informs itself about the ELD program district wide.

The DELAC is composed of at least 1 member from each of the District ELAC's. Although more members may attend, the DELAC should have one designated member from each ELAC. This member is charged with reporting back to their site ELAC on the DELAC meeting.

The DELAC is charged with the same sort of tasks as the ELAC. This committee, however, needs to look at weaknesses from one site program to another, district wide philosophy, and needs assessments district wide.

The DELAC should also make an effort to report to the School Board at least once a year.