

# PARENT NEWSLETTER



## Welcome to the 2nd Quarter Edition of our Special Education Family Newsletter!

One of the most meaningful ways to support your child's growth is through regular connection with their Education Specialist (Case Manager). These conversations don't have to be formal. Whether they happen on campus, over Zoom, or during a quick phone call, they help us better understand your child's strengths, needs, and goals. The more we stay connected, the stronger our partnership—and the better we can support your student throughout the school year.

View the Quarter 1 Parent Newsletter here:

<https://www.excelsior.com/fs/resource-manager/view/9627a5d6-0da4-497f-930d-0da3d0ffcad>

### WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION OR THE IEP PROCESS? JOIN US FOR EXCELSIOR'S SPED 101!

If you're new to Special Education or just want to better understand how the IEP process works, we'd love for you to join us for Excelsior's SPED 101. A relaxed, in-person event designed especially for families.

**Date: April 8<sup>th</sup> 2026 , Time: 4:30 PM - 6:00PM**

**Location: 15505 Civic Dr. Victorville, CA 92392 - Conference Room 1**

Come meet members of the District Special Education team, learn what to expect throughout the IEP process, and discover the many supports available for your student at Excelsior.

**If you are interested in attending, RSVP to Kimberly Finch @ [kimberlyf@excelsior.com](mailto:kimberlyf@excelsior.com).**

*We can't wait to welcome you!*

Visit [Excelsior.com](http://Excelsior.com) for more information about Special Education personnel and upcoming information



### HANDY HANDOUTS CORNER

Each Quarter we'll share a family-friendly article from Handy Handouts—a free resource library full of tips on learning, speech, behavior, and social skills.

#### **Executive Function at Home (Part 1 of 4) by Ashley Eaton, M.A.T.**

In this issue of Handy Handouts Corner, we're featuring Part 1 of a 4 part series from Ashley Eaton. As students get older, the demands on skills like planning, organization, and getting started on tasks increase—especially as we head into the busy spring semester.

The tips are simple, realistic, and designed to fit into everyday routines—helping support learning at school while keeping things running a little more smoothly at home.

Explore free resources and the whole 4 part series here at: [Handyhandouts.com](http://Handyhandouts.com)

YOU CAN ACCESS YOUR CHILD'S GRADES VIA THE CANVAS PARENT PORTAL. USE THE QR CODE BELOW TO LEARN HOW TO SET UP YOUR ACCOUNT:



## EXCELSIOR CHARTER SCHOOLS SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

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**What is ELPAC?**

ELPAC is a California state test that helps schools measure how well English Learner students are developing their English skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

**What's important for families to know:**

- ELPAC is required for English Learner students
- Students practice before testing so they feel comfortable
- Testing is done at school, during regular class time
- Results help teachers plan instruction and supports
- Each sites ELPAC plan is below

**OUR GOAL IS FOR STUDENTS TO FEEL PREPARED AND CONFIDENT—NOT RUSHED OR STRESSED.**

**Victorville Site: ELPAC Plan**

Preparation: Students have already completed practice tests. ELD teachers are reviewing the data and preparing students during ELD classes.

ELPAC Bootcamp: February 18<sup>th</sup> & February 20<sup>th</sup>.

ELPAC Testing: Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am-12pm in the MPR. Make up Days : February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 9am - 12pm in the MPR.

**Ontario Site: ELPAC Plan**

Parent Meetings: Will be held at the end of this month and again in February. Dates will be shared soon due to distance-learning schedules. Study guides and resources will be sent home.

ELPAC Practice (Bootcamp): Practice takes place during Monday morning ELD classes, using interim and practice assessments with teacher feedback.

Summative ELPAC: Students who are ready will begin Summative ELPAC testing in March, during Monday ELD classes.

**Corona Site: ELPAC Plan**

Practice Test: January 28th

ELPAC Bootcamps: February 3rd – February 25th Bootcamp packets will be sent home. Students are expected to attend in person for bootcamps and testing.

ELPAC Testing: February 5th – February 26th

Parent Notification: Families will be notified the week of January 26th, after the practice test is completed.

**Barstow Site: ELPAC Plan**

Completed Preparation: Students participated in an ELPAC bootcamp in December.

Additional Bootcamp coming up: March 10th–11th

ELPAC Testing: March 12th–13th

**Redlands Site: ELPAC Plan**

Preparation & Practice: From January 14th – February 19th, students will alternate between ELPAC interims and bootcamp activities during ELD classes. Bootcamp packets will be used for practice and skill-building.

ELPAC Testing Window: January 23rd – March 13th

Instructional Focus: Each week focuses on one ELPAC domain, with targeted practice, feedback, and a practice test at the end of the week.

Parent Communication: Families will receive updates through Aeries communications, including testing dates and ways to support students at home.

**San Bernardino Site: ELPAC Plan**

ELPAC Testing Window: Begins March 31st and continues through that week.

Preparation: Additional ELPAC practice resources will be sent home with students over Spring Break.

Parent Communication: Families will receive details through a ParentSquare alert on March 30th, when school resumes.

**SBI (North Victorville): ELPAC Plan**

ELPAC testing Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> - ending March 13<sup>th</sup> March

16th-20th make ups,

ELPAC Boot Camp January 20th-30th.

**Phelan Site: ELPAC Plan**

Bootcamp - March 30<sup>th</sup> & April 6<sup>th</sup>

ELPAC Test Days April 13th-24<sup>th</sup> This is subject to change -please check with your Principal.