

ELPAC TESTING 101

HOW YOU GOT HERE

When your family registered you for school, they answered a language other than English to one of the questions below:

- What language did your child first learn to speak?
- What language does your child more frequently speak at home?
- What language is used to speak to your child?

You were then given an Initial ELPAC test and based on the results, it was determined that you qualified for extra support in English.



WHY YOU CONTINUE TO TAKE THE ELPAC TEST

You are legally required to take the ELPAC test every year until you demonstrate English proficiency. The state of California requires us to continue to test you in order to ensure you're receiving the supports that you require to develop English proficiency.

HOW THE RESULTS ARE USED

Your ELPAC results are one factor that determines placement in English support classes (Newcomer classes or continued English Development). Your teachers use them to identify areas that you would benefit from further support and also as evidence of your linguistic growth.



WHAT PASSING THE TEST MEANS

A score of 4 is the first step to Reclassifying as English Language Proficient (**and not taking the test ever again!**).

Once you reclassify, you will no longer have to take English Support classes. You'll have proved to California that you're proficient in English.

TIPS FOR TESTING



READING SECTION

Read the questions before you read the passage. Use the embedded highlighter and note taker.



LISTENING SECTION

Read the questions before you hit play. You are only able to listen to each passage **one time!**

WRITING SECTION

Read the prompt carefully and be sure to respond to all parts of the question. Make a plan before you begin writing.



SPEAKING SECTION

Take notes as you listen to the longer passages. Use the images as references on the academic presentation.

