Assembly Bill 2555: Reclassify Eligible Students Now

California Has Changed How Students Become Reclassified as Fluent English Proficient

Effective date: September 27, 2026

Assembly Bill (AB) 2555 changes the requirements for reclassifying English learner students. Under the new law, English language proficiency is the only criterion used to determine if a student is ready for reclassification.

AB 2555 included an urgency clause and became effective immediately upon being signed by the Governor. **Local educational agencies (LEAs) must immediately begin reclassifying students using only Criterion 1**.

1. Identify Eligible Students

Review 2025–26 English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) results for currently enrolled students.

Summative ELPAC **Overall Performance Level 4** **or** Summative Alternate ELPAC **Overall Performance Level 3**

LEA ELPAC coordinators may download the ELPAC Students Meeting Reclassification Criteria 1 Report for 2025−26 from the Test Operations Management System.

2. Reclassify

Reclassify eligible students by January 31, 2027.

Change the student's English Language Acquisition Status to Reclassified Fluent English Proficient in your local student information system, then submit student reclassification to the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System.

Use any date from September 27, 2026, through January 31, 2027, as the reclassification date.

3. Review Placement

Adjust programs and course placement to reflect each student's reclassified status.

Reclassification guidance can be found on the California Department of Education AB 2555 Reclassification Frequently Asked Questions web page.

This resource outlines the steps LEAs will follow for currently enrolled students who earned a qualifying score on the 2025–26 ELPAC. Guidance on the 2026–27 ELPAC administration process will be issued separately.

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