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AB 2555 California's New English Learner Reclassification Process

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

California Assembly Bill (AB) 2555 updated the criteria for reclassifying English Learner (EL) students. The goal is to create a more consistent and equitable process across the state.

What is Reclassification?

Reclassification is when a student meets state requirements to be reclassified as Reclassified Fluent English Proficient (RFEP). This means the student is no longer an English Learner and will continue in the general education program, with ongoing support as needed.

What Changed Under AB 2555?

Starting September 27, 2026, students will be reclassified based on one criterion instead of four.

BEFORE AB 2555

Students had to meet four criteria:

- English language proficiency (ELPAC)
- Comparison of basic skills (English Language Arts)
- Teacher Recommendation
- Parent consultation

NOW

Students are reclassified based on one statewide assessment criterion:



A Summative ELPAC Performance Level **4** or a Summative Alternate ELPAC Performance Level **3**

What does this Mean for My Child?

If your child scores at level 4 on the Summative ELPAC or level 3 on the Alternate ELPAC, they will be eligible for reclassification using the new process.

What is My Role as a Parent?

Parents continue to be important partners in their child's education. You will be notified of your child's English language progress annually.

What Happens After Reclassification?

Students who are reclassified (RFEP) will continue to be monitored for at least four years to ensure they are academically successful.

ASK YOUR SCHOOL:

"What is my child's latest ELPAC level, and what support is available?"

"What are the exact dates my child is scheduled to take the Summative ELPAC test at school?"