



MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) Initial ELPAC Computer-Based Assessment Parent and Guardian Notification Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian:

When registering your child in a California public school for the first time, you listed that your child has a language other than English on the Home Language Survey. Therefore, your child will be assessed with the Initial English Language Proficiency Assessments for California, or “Initial ELPAC.”

The Initial ELPAC is a required test used to determine how well students understand and communicate in English when it is not the language used at home. This is important so students can get the support they need to do well in school. Your child’s voice will be recorded as part of the Speaking portion of the computer-based test to help ensure that the test is scored correctly. All recorded responses will be destroyed after the scores are validated.

The Initial ELPAC may be administered remotely, in person, or through a combination of in-person and remote testing. Bakersfield City School District will administer the Initial ELPAC to all eligible students with the following administration mode:

- In-person testing

You are an important part of your child’s education. To make sure your child feels comfortable taking these tests, you can

- explain to your child that these tests are used to help them learn, and they should not be anxious or scared;
- explore the practice tests with your child on the ELPAC Online Practice and Training Tests web page at <https://www.elpac.org/resources/online-practice-and-training-test/> so they can become familiar with the platform and setup of the tests; and
- remind your child that you and their teacher want them to try their best and are there to help, every step of the way.

To learn more about the Initial ELPAC, go to the California Department of Education Parent Guides to Understanding web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>.

You also can review sample test questions on the ELPAC Starting Smarter website at <https://elpac.startingsmarter.org>.

If you have any questions about your child taking the ELPAC, please contact your child’s school.

Sincerely,

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