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Subject: 2020-2021 Computer-based Initial ELPAC: Essential Information, Dates for Entering Scores, and Questionnaire



Dear LEA ELPAC Coordinator:

Changes to the administration of the 2019–2020 Initial English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) surrounding the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) can be viewed on the [Implications of COVID-19 and the Suspension of Testing](#) web page.

The 2019–2020 paper-based Initial ELPAC administration **concludes on June 26, 2020**, to allow for the system rollover into the new administration year. As the administration of the 2019–2020 paper-based Initial ELPAC draws to an end, here are a few reminders:

1. The Local Scoring Tool (LST) in the Test Operations Management System will be retired on June 27, 2020. Local educational agencies (LEAs) must locally score completed Answer Books, enter raw scores into the LST, and generate official Student Score Reports and parent/guardian letters **no later than Friday, June 26, 2020, at 5 p.m.**
2. Any new student who enrolls in an LEA after June 26, 2020, whose primary language is not English, and who is eligible to take the Initial ELPAC, should be tested in the 2020–2021 administration year.
3. If an LEA was unable to enter a student's scores into the LST by June 26, 2020, students will need to be re-tested in the 2020–2021 administration year based on the students' newly enrolled grade level.

To help the California Department of Education gauge the status of the 2019–2020 Initial ELPAC administration, **please complete a [short questionnaire](#).**

4. The 2020–2021 Initial ELPAC begins on July 1, 2020. From July 1 through August 19, 2020, LEAs will use existing unused 2019–2020 Initial ELPAC test materials to administer the Initial ELPAC to new arrival students based on their 2020–2021 grade level. Additional 2019–2020 test materials can be requested in the Test Operations Management System (TOMS) through the first week of August as a supplemental materials order for the 2019–2020 test administration year. For more information on this period of testing, please refer to the 2020–2021 Initial ELPAC section on the [Implications of COVID-19](#) web page.

LEAs must take the following actions for students who are administered the Initial ELPAC between July 1 and August 19, 2020:

- Retain a list of the Statewide Student Identifiers (SSIDs) of tested students; the SSIDs will be needed to enter student scores and responses into the Data Entry Interface (DEI). LEAs will submit this list to the California Technical Assistance Center (CaTAC). Information cannot be entered into the DEI until ETS has approved the SSIDs.
- From August 20 through September 30, 2020, enter scores for the Writing and Speaking domains and responses for the Listening and Reading domains into the DEI for each student who was administered the Initial ELPAC paper-pencil test prior to August 20, 2020.

The computer-based 2020–2021 Initial ELPAC administration begins on August 20, 2020 and ends on June 30, 2021. To learn more about the new computer-based Initial ELPAC, please refer to the “2020–2021 Initial ELPAC” section of the [Initial ELPAC](#) web page.

Questions about entering scores for the 2019–2020 Initial ELPAC and the start of the 2020–2021 Initial ELPAC administration can be directed to CalTAC by phone at 800-955-2954 or by email at caltac@ets.org.

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