

San Marcos Unified School District
San Marcos Middle School
English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Identifying students who need help learning English is important, so they can get the support they need to do well in English language arts/literacy, mathematics, science, and other subject areas in school. The Summative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) is the test used to measure how well students understand English when it is not the language they speak at home. Information from the ELPAC tells your child's teacher about the areas in which your child needs extra academic support.

Students who are classified as English learners in kindergarten through grade twelve will take the ELPAC every year until they are reclassified as proficient in English. Students are tested on their skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Your child's voice is being recorded as part of the Speaking test. A small percentage of student responses will be used to validate the accuracy of scoring and will not be used for identification. All recorded responses will be destroyed after the scores are validated.

Testing Dates: April 15-30, 2021

You are an important part of your child's education. To help your child get ready for the test, you can:

- Read to your child, or have them read to you on a regular basis.
- Use pictures and ask your child to tell you what they see, or what is happening in each picture.
- Provide your child with opportunities to use the English language outside of school.
- Talk with your child's teacher about your child's listening, speaking, reading and writing skills to help support their progress.

To learn more about the 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 look at sample test questions on the practice tests, which can be found on the ELPAC Web site at <https://www.elpac.org/resources/practicetests/>.

If you have any questions about your child taking the ELPAC, please contact me.

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