

Alternate English Language Proficiency Assessments for California

Scale Score Ranges



The Alternate English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (Alternate ELPAC) provide a consistent, standardized measurement of English language proficiency (ELP) across the state for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The Initial Alternate ELPAC and Summative Alternate ELPAC assess ELP for potential and identified English learner (EL) students in an integrated manner: Expressive (Speaking and Writing) and Receptive (Listening and Reading) skills.

In addition, to ensure students can fully access and participate in the Alternate ELPAC, they can use their individually preferred modes of communication.

In May 2022, the California State Board of Education (SBE) approved the threshold scores for the Alternate ELPAC, and the following reporting scale score ranges.

Initial Alternate ELPAC Overall Scale Score Ranges

Students will receive an Overall score that falls into one of three Performance Levels. As the Initial Alternate ELPAC is only administered once to eligible students, the same scale score ranges are used for all grade levels. The following table indicates which scores fall within each range.

Level 1 Novice EL	Level 2 Intermediate EL	Level 3 Initial Fluent English Proficient
101–143	144–159	160–199

Summative Alternate ELPAC Overall Scale Score Ranges

Students will receive an Overall score that falls into one of three Performance Levels. The Summative Alternate ELPAC is administered annually to measure a student's ELP until they are reclassified as fluent English proficient. The following table indicates which scores fall within each range.

Grade level or Grade Span	Level 1 Novice EL	Level 2 Intermediate EL	Level 3 Fluent English Proficient
Kindergarten	201–243	244–259	260–299
Grade one	301–343	344–359	360–399
Grade two	401–443	444–459	460–499
Grades three through five	501–543	544–559	560–599
Grades six through eight	601–643	644–659	660–699
Grades nine and ten	701–743	744–759	760–799
Grades eleven and twelve	801–843	844–859	860–899

Any future changes to the scale score ranges will require the approval of the California SBE. For additional information, visit the [California Department of Education ELPAC web page](#).

