

Assessment Fact Sheet

Summative Alternate

English Language Proficiency Assessments for California



What Is the Summative Alternate ELPAC?

The Summative Alternate English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (Alternate ELPAC) is used to determine the English language proficiency (ELP) of students in kindergarten through grade twelve whose primary language is not English. The Alternate ELPAC is aligned with the 2012 California English Language Development (ELD) Standards via the ELD Connectors and assesses the four domains in an integrated manner. This test is designed for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who are English learner (EL) students and whose individualized education program (IEP) teams have determined that they are eligible for an alternate assessment.



Why Is the Summative Alternate ELPAC Given?

The Summative Alternate ELPAC was developed to ensure that all students are able to participate in an assessment that is an accurate measure of a student's English language proficiency. The Summative Alternate ELPAC provides information about an EL student's annual progress toward ELP, EL programs and services, and supports decisions for students to be reclassified as fluent English proficient.



Who Takes the Summative Alternate ELPAC?

The Summative Alternate ELPAC will be administered annually to all eligible EL students in kindergarten through grade twelve (through twenty-one years of age) and who are determined eligible for alternate assessments by an IEP team.



How Is the Summative Alternate ELPAC Given?

This is a computer-based assessment administered one-on-one by a trained test examiner who is familiar with the student's preferred communication modes and their needs. The student will interact with a test examiner who will collect and record responses, although some students may navigate the test independently, depending on their abilities. Testing times vary by grade level and student. Time estimates are available on the [CAASPP and ELPAC Alternate ELPAC: Estimated Testing Times web page](#).



When Is the Summative Alternate ELPAC Given?

The Summative Alternate ELPAC administration window is open from February 1 through May 31.

