

# Assessment Fact Sheet

## ELPAC Interim Assessments



### What are interim assessments?

The English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) Interim Assessments are part of California's system of assessments. The ELPAC Interim Assessments are optional tests that measure what students know and can do using the 2012 English Language Development Standards.

The ELPAC Interim Assessments are versatile and can be administered to students in either a standardized (benchmark) or nonstandardized (formative) manner, or used by school and district staff for professional development. There are 56 ELPAC Interim Assessments available for use. The ELPAC Interim Assessment items are from the same item bank as the Summative ELPAC. Each ELPAC Interim Assessment contains 4–12 items depending on the domain.



### Why are interim assessments given?

The purpose of the ELPAC Interim Assessments is to provide educators with results they can use to support teaching and learning in the classroom. While the interim assessments provide meaningful information for gauging student progress toward mastery of their English language proficiency, they are not designed to be predictive of summative outcomes.



### Who takes interim assessments?

Although designed to support English language learner students, the ELPAC Interim Assessments can be administered to any student of any grade level, kindergarten through grade twelve.



### How are interim assessments given?

The ELPAC Interim Assessments are fixed-form, computer-based tests. ELPAC Interim Assessments are best administered in both one-on-one and group settings depending on the domain and grade level or grade span. Listening and Reading domains are computer scored and all Speaking and Writing domains contain items that require hand scoring. All hand scoring must be completed locally by school or district staff.



### When are interim assessments given?

The ELPAC Interim Assessments are available for use at any time during the year. The timing and frequency of interim assessment use are locally determined.

