



2020–2021 COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR RECLASSIFICATION

Due to unforeseen circumstances caused by the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the 2019–2020 Summative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) was suspended. An optional Summative ELPAC, for reclassification purposes, will be made available from August 20–October 30, 2020. When this optional Summative ELPAC becomes available, local educational agencies (LEAs) can determine locally which of their students may benefit from taking the test.

The California Department of Education (CDE) is providing the COVID-19 reclassification guidance for the following:

Criterion one:

- For those students who completed testing in 2019–2020, LEAs will use the results from the 2019–2020 Summative ELPAC to determine reclassification eligibility.
- For those students who did not complete testing in the spring of 2019–2020:
 - LEAs can administer the optional fall Summative ELPAC from August 20–October 30, 2020 and use the results to meet criterion one eligibility for reclassification.
 - The optional fall Summative ELPAC is recommended for all English learner students who have already met all other criteria in 2019–2020 except criterion one.

Criterion four:

- For all grade levels, LEAs can use their most recent local assessments or the Smarter Balanced Summative English language arts assessments, if applicable.

Criteria two and three are not affected by this guidance. At the end of this optional administration, reclassification guidance will revert back to its previous form.

For the most current information on reclassification guidance, visit the CDE Reclassification web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/rd/>.

For questions related to the ELPAC, please contact the English Language Proficiency and Spanish Assessments Office by email at ELPAC@cde.ca.gov.



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