



Highgrove Elementary School

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We are committed to all students' academic success with no limits.



Dear Highgrove 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, or “Summative 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 support.

This spring, your child will take the Summative ELPAC. Students in Transitional Kindergarten through grade twelve who are classified as English learners will take the Summative 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.

Starting the week of February 18, Highgrove will begin testing and will continue through March 20, 2020. Please see the “Parent Guide to Understanding” accompanied with this letter for more information.

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, Carolina Michel, or Heather Crane, EL contact at (951) 788-7296.**

Sincerely,

Carolina Michel, Principal
NEU at Highgrove Elementary School