

Comparison of the CELDT to the ELPAC

California is in the process of transitioning from the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) to the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC). The CELDT will continue to be administered until the ELPAC becomes operational. The table below shows a brief comparison between the CELDT and the ELPAC. For more information, see the [CELDT to ELPAC Proposed Transition Timeline Web page](#).

CELDT	ELPAC
Aligned with the 1999 California English Language Development (ELD) Standards with five proficiency levels	Must be aligned with the 2012 California ELD Standards, which have three proficiency levels (Emerging, Expanding, and Bridging)
One test used for two purposes: initial assessment and annual assessment	Two separate tests for two purposes: (1) initial identification; and (2) annual summative assessment. The initial identification will be brief and locally scored.
Paper-pencil tests	Paper-pencil tests with a potential to transition to computer-based tests
July 1–October 31 Annual Assessment window	Annual Summative Assessment window to be a four month period after January 1 (proposed February 1–May 31), allowing for more pre-test instructional time
Five grades/grade spans: K–1, 2, 3–5, 6–8, and 9–12	Seven grades/grade spans: K, 1, 2, 3–5, 6–8, 9–10, and 11–12
Five performance levels	Four performance levels
Reporting domains: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing	Reporting domains: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing

Proposed Timeline for the Transition from the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) to the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)

	2017–18	2018–19
Field Test Administrations (No scores reported)	ELPAC Initial (Fall 2017)	
Operational Administrations (Scores reported)	CELDT ¹ Initial only ELPAC ² Summative (Spring 2018)	ELPAC ³ Initial (July 1, 2018) ELPAC ⁴ Operational (Initial and Summative)

¹ In 2017–18, the CELDT will be administered for the purpose of initial identification only from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

² In spring 2018, the ELPAC Summative Assessment will be operational.

³ On July 1, 2018, the ELPAC Initial Assessment will be operational.

⁴ In 2018–19, the ELPAC assessments will be fully operational, and the CELDT will no longer be administered.