

ELAC
English Learner Advisory Committee
Rights and Responsibilities

The State Department of Education understands the importance of parent participation in the education of their children, and encourages the formation of a parent advisory group to act to promote the success of the students.

Rights

- When there are 21 or more English Learners the school is required to establish an ELAC whose members are elected by parents or guardians of English Learners.
- ELAC members receive training on their rights and responsibilities.
- ELAC meetings are open and the public has access to the agenda.
- ELAC members may elect at least one representative to the district advisory committee (DELAC).
- When 15% or more of the student population speak a single primary language other than English, the school is required to translate all notices and reports sent home.
- Parents have the right to be informed about how they can be active participants in assisting their children to attain English proficiency, achieve at high levels in core academic subjects, and meet state standards expected of all students.

Responsibilities

- ELAC advises the principal and staff on the school's program for English Learners.
- ELAC advises the School Site Council (SSC) on the development of the Single School Plan for Student Achievement.
- ELAC assists in the development of the school's needs assessment.
- Through DELAC, ELAC assures that the district does a language census.
- ELAC helps promote parent awareness of the importance of school attendance.

ELAC is a forum in which parents of English Learners can request information, share ideas, promote projects, collaborate with staff and express concerns.