

English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) Purpose, Composition and Responsibilities

PURPOSE

In accordance with Education Code 52176(b), all schools with twenty-one or more English learner (EL) students, not including Reclassified Fluent English Proficient (RFEP) students, are required to establish an English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). All parents with students attending the school in which the ELAC is established are eligible and should be encouraged to participate in the ELAC. The principal must ensure that ELAC members receive appropriate training.

COMPOSITION

Parents and legal guardians of EL students, not employed by the District, must constitute at least 51% of the total membership on the ELAC.

When the percentage of EL students in a school constitutes more than 51% of the total number of pupils, parents and legal guardians of EL students shall constitute membership on the ELAC in at least the same percentage as EL students in the school. Parents may continue to participate on the ELAC as part of the EL parent membership portion of the committee for up to four years after their children have been reclassified to Reclassified Fluent English Proficient (RFEP).

Other members, not exceeding 49% of the membership, may be from any of the following groups:

- Parents and legal guardians of non-EL students
- LAUSD employees at the school
- Secondary students
- Community members
- Representatives from community-based organizations that are actively involved in the school
- PTA/PTSA/Booster Club members

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

Provide written recommendations (current policy Attachment G) to the SSC regarding programs and services for EL students. Recommendations should be based on student performance and parental involvement data. The mandated recommendation topics are listed below in sequential order:

- Advise on efforts to make parents aware of the importance of regular school attendance
- Advise on a Comprehensive Needs Assessment
- Advise on the development of the SPSA in relation to the English Learner Master Plan
- Advise on the Master Plan for English Learners and Standard English Learners