

Introduction to ELAC

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What is an ELAC?

An ELAC is a school-level committee comprised of parents, staff, and community members designated to advise school officials on English learner programs and services.

Requirements

Each California public school with 21 or more English learners must form an English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC).

Responsibilities

- **Advising the principal and staff in the development of a site plan for English learners and submitting the plan to the School Site Council for consideration of inclusion in the School Plan for Student Achievement.**
- **Assisting in the development of the schoolwide needs assessment.**
- **Ways to make parents aware of the importance of regular school attendance.**

Composition Requirements

Parents or guardians of English learners shall constitute at least the same percentage of the ELAC membership as their children represent of the student body.

34 current EL students 394 current students
This rounds to 9%

Elections

The parents or guardians of English learners shall elect the parent members of ELAC. Parent or guardians of English learners shall be provided the opportunity to vote in the election.

Training

ELAC members shall receive training materials and training which will assist them in carrying out their required advisory responsibilities. Training shall be planned in full consultation with committee members, and funds from appropriate resources may be used to meet the costs of providing the training to include costs associated with the attendance of members at training sessions.