



## IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

### LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS – CLERK MEETING

APRIL 19, 2017

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- ❖ **2017-18 English language Assessment update:** The California Department of Education is transitioning from the CELDT to the ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessment for California).

**Who will receive the English language assessment? (No Change):** All students new to CA public schools with a language other than English answered to one or more of the first 3 questions on the home language survey. If parents question about why their student is being assessed, please refer them to the California Department of Education. Here is the website link: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ep/> . Responses to requests to change the language survey will be made 30 days after the start of school. An appointment for summer assessment is still required.

**Initial Screening (No Change):** Students in need of initial English language screening will be assessed using the CELDT. Initial appointments for 2017-18 begin in July.

**Annual Assessments (\*\*\*Change\*\*\*):** All LEP (Limited English Proficient) students will receive an annual assessment using the new ELPAC. The annuals will no longer be administered in the fall. The annual assessment window will now be scheduled February 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018. Specific dates for each site will be announced as the date draws closer.

**Returning LEP students:** If a LEP student is returning after a long absence and there is difficulty determining program or course placement, call Samira (Ext. 8503). An alternative assessment can be administered for the purpose of placement recommendation.

- ❖ **Students recommended to Exit or Remain in a Newcomer or ELD1 program:** Sites will be notified of their returning students at the end of May. A list of potential returnees was sent two weeks ago. Students currently on our wait list will be given the opportunity to attend Newcomers starting at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year.
- ❖ **Summer Screening Results Notification:** Results from the summer are entered on the Language page in Aeries. In addition, I will share a google doc listing the recommendations for each student who tests during the summer. The google doc is updated 1-2 times each week until school starts.
- ❖ **Test Appointments:** **When scheduling a test please inform parents/guardians that we require the student be brought by the parent/guardian and they must remain on campus during testing. This is for the security of our students and our staff. No exceptions!**