

**Linden Unified School District
BOARD ACTION ITEM**

Date: March 6, 2014
To: Superintendent
From: Becky Whitesides
Subject: Proposal to modify criteria for Redesignation to Fluent English proficient (RFEP)

BACKGROUND:

Linden Unified has established criteria for English learners to redesignate language proficiency which is part of the EL plan that the board approved May 2013. Current redesignation criteria are:

1. STAR score of 325: mid basic on English language arts OR pass CAHSEE , ELA part
2. CELDT: score of 4 early advanced or 5 advanced
3. Teacher evaluation: C in language arts at semester or a 3 on the DWA
4. Parent opinion

California is no longer using the ELA CST tests therefore it is necessary for us to redefine our criteria for redesignation.

CDE recommendation for replacement: "Comparison of student performance in basic skills against an empirically established range of performance in basic skills based on the performance of English proficient students of the same age." (Karen Cadiero -Kaplan and Diane Hernandez)

RECOMMENDATION:

Assess all ELs who are eligible for redesignation using a computer based assessment that takes 30-40 minutes. The results will show the student's ability level compared to other students in the same grade.

- 3rd -9th graders: Replace the ELA CST scores with Accelerated Reader (AR) STAR test scores. The AR STAR test is taken 3 times a year, beginning, middle and end of year by all 2nd through 8th graders in our district. 9th graders will take this test once in May. Student scores will be given as a scaled score, achieving mid-basic or higher will meet the redesignation criteria. * see attached CST linked benchmarks chart with scaled scores

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

View Benchmarks : Use for Redesignation
View or edit benchmarks

The Default Benchmark setting determines which benchmarks - school, district, or state - appear by default on screen and in reports.
Current setting: **School Benchmarks**
Edit Default Benchmark

School
 District
 California CST

This benchmark helps determine if students are on track for state testing.

Grades with **California CST-linked** scores are pre-filled and not editable.
Scores for the remaining grades can be defined by the district administrator.

Grade	Interpretation & Guidance				
	Far Below Basic	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
Grade 1	--	--	--	--	--
Grade 2	Below 125 SS	125 - 195 SS	196 - 293 SS	294 - 406 SS	At/Above 407 SS
Grade 3	Below 211 SS	211 - 308 SS	309 - 422 SS	423 - 541 SS	At/Above 542 SS
Grade 4	Below 197 SS	197 - 308 SS	309 - 439 SS	440 - 548 SS	At/Above 549 SS
Grade 5	Below 262 SS	262 - 387 SS	388 - 535 SS	536 - 718 SS	At/Above 719 SS
Grade 6	Below 315 SS	315 - 441 SS	442 - 612 SS	613 - 852 SS	At/Above 853 SS
Grade 7	Below 352 SS	352 - 480 SS	481 - 653 SS	654 - 943 SS	At/Above 944 SS
Grade 8	Below 401 SS	401 - 539 SS	540 - 764 SS	765 - 1037 SS	At/Above 1038 SS
Grade 9	Below 377 SS	377 - 559 SS	560 - 788 SS	789 - 1102 SS	At/Above 1103 SS
Grade 10	Below 478 SS	478 - 658 SS	659 - 954 SS	955 - 1250 SS	At/Above 1251 SS
Grade 11	Below 626 SS	626 - 829 SS	830 - 1112 SS	1113 - 1333 SS	At/Above 1334 SS
Grade 12	--	--	--	--	--