

How are the CELDT results reported for individual students?

There are five levels of English performance a student can achieve. They are beginning, early intermediate, intermediate, early advanced, and advanced.

The report for each student provides:

- ◆ A performance level for each part of the test with student scores.
- ◆ The student’s overall English performance level for all parts of the test combined and an overall student score.

How are results of the CELDT used?

Test results for newly enrolled students are used to help identify English learners who need to develop their speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in English. Results from the CELDT, which is given annually, are used to see how well students are learning English. Annual results also are used to help decide when students are fluent English proficient (FEP).

How can parents and guardians find out more about the CELDT or their students’ results?

If parents and guardians wish information about the CELDT or their student’s results on the CELDT, they should contact their student’s teacher and/or school office. Parents and guardians are invited to request a conference to review the CELDT results or to attend one of the information meetings scheduled by the school.

For more information...

Information about the CELDT is on the California Department of Education Web site at

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/el>.



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What is the California English Language Development Test?

Federal and state laws require a state test that school districts must give to students who speak a language other than English or in addition to English in the home. This test is called the California English Language Development Test (CELDT).

What is the purpose of the CELDT?

The purpose of the test is:

- ◆ To identify new students who are English learners, in kindergarten through grade twelve.
- ◆ To determine their level of English performance.
- ◆ To monitor their progress in learning English.

Who is an English learner?

An English learner is a student, with a home language other than English, who is not yet proficient in English.

Who must take the CELDT?

All students whose primary language is not English must take the test within 30 calendar days after they are enrolled in a California public school for the first time. The CELDT also must be given once each year to English learners until they become proficient in English.

What does the CELDT cover?

The CELDT covers listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. The CELDT at all grade levels is aligned with the English Language Development standards approved by the State Board of Education.

Who gives the CELDT?

Only trained examiners give the CELDT. Kindergarten and 1st grade students are tested individually. The speaking portion of the CELDT is given individually to each 2nd through 12th grade student, while the listening, reading and writing portions of the test are administered to these students in groups.

How long does it take for students to complete the CELDT?

The CELDT takes from 30 to 60 minutes for students in kindergarten and first grade. For students in grades second through twelve, the test takes a little over 2 hours to complete.

How and when do parents and guardians get their Student's test results?

As soon as the tests are scored by the testing contractor, the results are returned to the school district. The school district prepares a report of the results for each student and sends it to the parents or guardians.