



LANGUAGE LITERACY LEARNING

**Formation and Functioning of
English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)**

John W. North High School

Guiding Principles

1. English Learners (ELs) are held to the **same high expectations** of learning established for all students.
2. ELs are supported in English in the domains of **listening, speaking, reading, & writing**.
3. ELs are **taught challenging academic content** that helps them to meet performance standards in all content areas.
4. ELs receive **instruction** that **builds** on their previous education and **cognitive abilities** and that **reflects their language proficiency levels**.
5. ELs are **evaluated with appropriate and valid assessments** that are aligned to state and local standards and that **take into account the language development stages & cultural backgrounds of the students: ELPAC and SBAC are 2 examples**.
6. The academic success of ELs is a **responsibility shared by all educators, the family and the community**.

State Requirements for ELAC

All schools with more than twenty-one or more (21+) English Learner (EL) students, are required to have an English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC).

Education Code, 52176 (b)



Objectives:

To understand:

1. the purpose and responsibilities of ELAC
2. Parent outreach, recruitment, and retention strategies for ELAC

ELAC Responsibilities

Members of the English Learner Advisory Committee give advice and feedback to the principal and several staff about. . .

- **English learner programs and activities,**
- **schoolwide assessment needs,**
- **and the School Plan for Student Achievement,**
- **And provide recommendations to the School Site Council (SSC) regarding programs and services for EL students.**

ELAC Officers

All ELAC officers:

- must be parents of EL students who are not employed by RUSD
- must be elected by ELAC members
- shall hold only one officer position at their school during a given school year. Officers cannot hold the position of Chairperson at more than one school during a given school year.

ELAC Officers

1. Chairperson
2. Vice-Chairperson

ELAC Officers are elected by parents or guardians of ELs.



ELAC Meeting Requirements

1. Written public notice must be given for all meetings at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance.
3. Agenda must be accessible to the public and posted at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance
4. Must operate under the open meeting provisions of the Greene Act

Operating Norms/Code of Conduct

The Operating Norms and Code of Conduct guarantee a democratic environment where respect for each member's point of view, including agreement and/or disagreement on an issue, is expressed in a productive manner to promote the goals of the committee.

The designated administrator and chairperson ensure that ELAC operates under the Norms.



District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)

DELAC



ELAC Chairperson

Objective #2

To understand:

1. the purpose and responsibilities of ELAC
- 2. parent outreach, recruitment, and retention strategies for ELAC**

Parent Participation

- What are some ways we can help make ELAC more accessible to Parents?
- What are ways we can notify parents about ELAC?
 - Telephone Calls
 - Autodialer
 - E-mails
 - REMIND
 - Letters home
 - School Website
 - _____

Commitments

North High School Staff:

1. Hold ELAC meetings for parent participation.
2. Contact parents about ELAC meetings and ways they can be involved.
3. Be available to answer questions and support families and students.

Parents:

1. Attend ELAC meetings
2. Talk to your students about school
3. Stay involved and ask questions.



Resources

- <http://north.riversideunified.org/>
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- North High School Staff

Questions? Comments?

