

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 33
Leadership and Learning Division

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: October 11, 2017

To: All School Principals

Subject: SITE AND DISTRICT-LEVEL ENGLISH
LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Department and/or

Persons Concerned: Principals, Vice Principals, English Learner Support Teachers,
English Learner Coordinators, ELAC Advisors

Due Date: October 27, 2017

Reference: California Education Code Section 52176
California Code of Regulations Section 11308

Action Requested: Complete and return the attached ELAC Response Form

Attachments:

1. 2017-2018 ELAC Response Form
2. 2017-2018 DELAC Meeting Schedule

Brief Explanation:

Basic Requirements for Site-Level English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)

Any elementary or secondary school with 21 or more English Learners (ELs) in attendance must form a functional English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). A committee of at least five members is recommended. The percentage of parents of ELs on the committee must be at least the same as the percentage that ELs represent of a site's total enrollment.

The primary purpose of the ELAC is to advise the principal, staff, and School Site Council (SSC) regarding issues relating to programs and services for ELs. On at least an annual basis, the ELAC is to advise the school principal and staff on (a) the school's program for ELs, and (b) the school's efforts to make parents aware of the importance of regular school attendance. Also, at least annually, the ELAC is to advise the SSC on the SSC's development of the Single Plan for Student Achievement. In addition, the ELAC reviews the school's annual R30 Language Census and conducts a site EL needs assessment.

An ELAC **may delegate** its responsibilities to an existing SSC. In order to do this, the ELAC **must first be formed and trained as to its legal responsibilities**, and then vote to delegate those responsibilities to the SSC. This approval is valid for two years. The SSC would then need to vote to accept taking on ELAC responsibilities, be trained on those responsibilities, and be accountable for carrying out all required legal functions of the ELAC for the applicable two year time period.

In elections for the ELAC:

1. Only parents or guardians of ELs elect members of the committee.
2. All parents/guardians of ELs are provided the opportunity to vote.

Once established, an ELAC has the responsibility to elect one member to serve as the site's representative, and another to serve as an alternate representative, to the District English Learner Advisory Committee.

District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Information

Because our district has more than 50 ELs enrolled, it is required to establish a DELAC made up of one representative from each site-level ELAC. The San Diego Unified DELAC meets throughout the year in a collaborative effort to improve educational opportunities for ELs and facilitate parent involvement. This committee encourages public support for, and engagement in, EL programs.

Parents/guardians of ELs must constitute a majority of the membership of the DELAC. It is important that each school site ELAC elect a DELAC representative and arrange to have that representative, or an elected alternate, attend every DELAC meeting. Site administrators are encouraged to attend DELAC meetings together with the site's DELAC representative.

In order to have voting rights, a site's DELAC representative must be a parent/guardian of an EL, a Reclassified EL (RFEP), or an Initially Fluent English Proficient (IFEP) student currently enrolled at the school site he/she represents.

DELAC meetings are held at the Harold Ballard Parent Center, 2375 Congress Street, San Diego, CA 92110, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Childcare and Spanish interpretation is provided at each meeting. Staff members may contact the Office of Language Acquisition to arrange interpretation in other languages. The 2016-2017 DELAC meeting schedule is included as Attachment 2 to this circular.

Even if you do not currently have an established ELAC, please complete and return the attached ELAC Response Form since it allows you to indicate plans for meeting this requirement. For accountability purposes, it is essential that we receive the completed response form from all non-charter sites by October 27, 2017.

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Once your ELAC is formed, please re-submit an updated form so your site will be considered in compliance with this state requirement and your site's DELAC representative will have voting rights at DELAC meetings.

All schools are asked to submit the completed Response Form by October 27, 2017 to:

Office of Language Acquisition
Attn.: Marilyn Snovel
Eugene Brucker Education Center, Room 2009
You may fax the completed Response Form to (619) 686-6772.
You may scan and email the completed Response Form to msnovel@sandi.net.

Questions regarding ELACs and the DELAC may be directed to Nevada Allen at (619) 725-7283 or nallen@sandi.net.

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Attachments (2)

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