

## Who do I contact to find out how to get involved?

Call your School Principal, Program Manager or Home School Liaison for more information. You may also call the Office of English Learner Services (457-3928).



## What to do if you do not have transportation?

Many schools have Home School Liaisons who can transport you to the ELAC, DELAC, or School Site Council meetings or arrange a ride for you. If there is no Home School Liaison at your school site, ask the school Program Manager or Principal about transportation to meetings.

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## What other resources are available to me as a parent?

- District English Learner Advisory Committee (457-3966)
- Parent University (457-3390)
- Special Education (457-3220)
- Project ACCESS/Passport to Life (457-3359)
- Migrant Education Office (457-3984)
- State & Federal Programs (457-3934)
- Gifted & Talented Ed. (248-7160)
- English Learner Services & Language Assessment Center (457-3928)

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# Making a Difference In Your Child's Education



## The English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)

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**The District Master Plan for English Learners requires the following practices:**

The ELAC must elect two representatives to the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) who may be Title I parents, community members, and/or parents of English Learner (EL) students who are not district employees.

The ELAC must keep all English Learner parents informed of their work.

The ELAC election procedures must assure that the majority of ELAC officers are the parents of English Learners and not employees of the district. Only the parents of English Learners may vote to elect the ELAC officers.

**What does the ELAC do?**

The ELAC has the following responsibilities:

1. Consult with the School Site Council and school administrators in the development and implementation of the school site plan for services and programs for English Learners that is submitted to the governing board.
2. Advise on the development of the school's needs assessment.
3. Review the school's annual Language and Service Report in developing the school's site plan for English Learners.
4. Make efforts to inform parents about the importance of regular school attendance.

**What if I am uncomfortable in a leadership role?**

Parents and members of the community may attend the meetings of the ELAC. All parents of EL students are automatically ELAC members with voting rights. Participate at your comfort level. It is important that you take advantage of all opportunities to voice your opinion on behalf of your children.

**I want to be involved, but how will I learn to perform the duties of an ELAC representative?**

The ELAC must receive training from the District and/or the Principal in order to do their job.

ELAC leaders with the school Principal or his representative develop ELAC agendas. Agendas are provided in the parents' languages, in an understandable format, and will be made available for all parents (Title I section 1118).

**How does my involvement in ELAC help my children?**

Research shows that parents who participate in school committees and school activities provide a strong message to their children that school is important.

Parent involvement boosts student academic achievement and better communication at home.

You will be empowered to assist in school decisions that better support English Language Development Programs, bilingual programs and services for EL children.

You will assist the school in developing meaningful parent programs, increasing parent participation, and in helping English Learners to meet their academic goals.

**What are some examples of training and information I will receive if I become an ELAC member?**

- Your rights as an EL parent. For example, the purpose of parent exception waivers and how to select an educational program for your children
- The progress English Learners are making in English Language Development and in academic content areas at your school and in the District
- What student attendance is like at my school
- The kinds of programs or services available for English Learners
- ELAC member roles and responsibilities and how the School Site Council seeks advice of the ELAC
- Budgets that are available to assist my child in learning English and academic content
- How Title I, Title III and Migrant Education provide services to EL students
- How you can use the services of Home School Liaisons