



# Empowering English Learners: The Significance of the English Learner Advisory Council (ELAC)





# Introduction

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- English Learner Advisory Council (ELAC) helps to support English learners through active involvement from the parent and school community.
- ELAC is a committee that advises the school on programs and services for English learners.



## Who

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- English learners are students whose first language is not English.
- These students require specialized instruction to develop their English language skills and succeed academically.

# ELAC

- ELAC is a committee made up of parents, staff, and community members who advise the school on programs and services for English learners.
- ELAC meetings provide a forum for parents and the school community to express their suggestions regarding their child's education.
- Greene Act (CA Education Code [35147](#)) and ELAC:
  - “Any meeting held by a council or committee shall be open to the public, and any member of the public shall be able to address the council or committee during the meeting on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the council or committee.”
  - “Notice of the meeting shall be posted at the school site, or other appropriate place accessible to the public, at least 72 hours before the time set for the meeting.”
  - “The notice shall specify the date, time, and location of the meeting and contain an agenda describing each item of business to be discussed or acted upon.”
  - “Any materials provided to a school site council shall be made available to any member of the public who requests the materials pursuant to the California Public Records Act.”
- ELAC meetings guided by Robert’s Rules of Order

# The Role of ELAC

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- The role of ELAC is to advise the school on programs and services for English learners, review the school's needs assessment and language census, and provide input on the school's plan for English learners.
- ELAC also promotes parent involvement and understanding of the importance of education.



# Benefits of ELAC

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- ELAC provides a platform for parents to voice their concerns and suggestions regarding their child's education. ELAC also helps to ensure that the school's programs and services for English learners are meeting the needs of the students.
- Additionally, ELAC promotes parent involvement and understanding of the importance of education.



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# Conclusion

In conclusion, ELAC plays a crucial role in empowering English learners by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and information for parents and school community members, ensuring that the school's programs and services for English learners are meeting the needs of the students, and promoting parent involvement and understanding of the importance of education.