



Cambrian School District

English Learner Program Home Language Survey (HLS)

The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (formally known as the No Child Left Behind Act), Title III, Part A - English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement authorizes funding for supplemental programs and services for limited English proficient (LEP) students (referred to as English Learners or ELs). The California **Education Code** contains legal requirements which direct schools to assess the English language proficiency of students. To identify potential EL students and generate funds and services, a Home Language Survey (HLS) must be submitted for every newly enrolled student. As parents or guardians, your cooperation is requested in complying with these requirements.

Per CSD registration process, all parents of NEWLY ENROLLED students in grades TK-8 in the Cambrian School District are to complete the HLS. If you have previously completed a Home Language Survey in another school district and your child was receiving supplemental services for English Language Development, please indicate the type of service on the registration form.

The HLS consists of four questions and is used to identify students as English Learners:

1. Which language did your child learn when he/she first began to talk?
2. Which language does your child most frequently speak at home?
3. Which language do you (the parents or guardians) most frequently use when speaking with your child?
4. Which language is most often spoken by adults in the home? (parents, guardians, grandparents, or any other adults)

If a response on the HLS is a language other than English, the English proficiency level of the student is assessed using the Initial English Language Proficiency Assessment of California (ELPAC). For more information about the ELPAC, go to the following link: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ep/>.

Students with limited-English proficiency, as measured by the Initial ELPAC, will be identified as ELs.

The Initial ELPAC assessment process will be facilitated by CSD Educational Services. CSD ELPAC assessors will contact the school principal to schedule an appointment for an assessment. The assessors will come to the school and administer the test to potential EL students (students with an HLS indicating a response other than English).

Thank you for your assistance in servicing the needs of our EL students. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Ahmann, Administrative Assistant, Educational Services at ahmanns@Cambriansd.com or 408-377-2103 ext 1108.