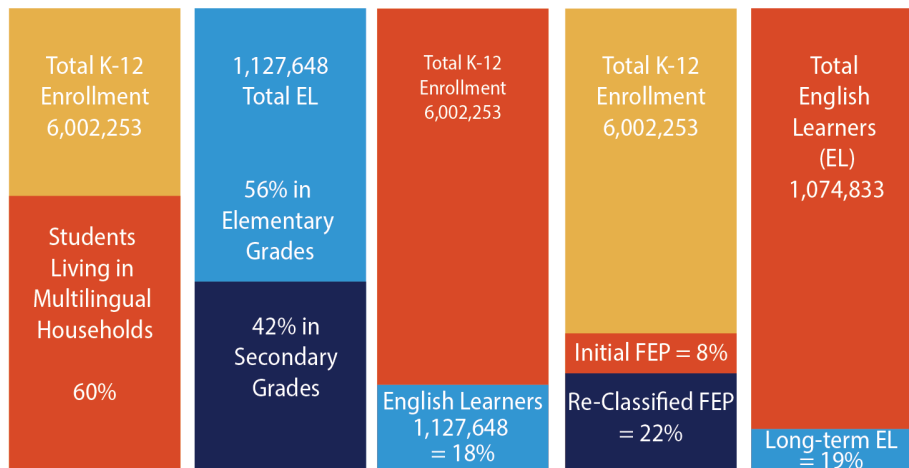




Advocating to Serve English Learner/Multilingual Students

QUICK STATEWIDE FACTS: November 2024



1,029 School Districts in California

344 unified districts, 523 elementary districts, 76 high school districts, 60 other

10,558 Public Schools in California

750 Dual Language Immersion Schools (approx.)

72,027 State Seals of Biliteracy earned in 2024

583,623 Seals of Biliteracy earned since 2014

10% ELs are enrolled in multilingual programs* (approx.)

90% ELs in English Only/Structured English Immersion* (approx.)

DEFINITIONS & More...

An **ENGLISH LEARNER (EL)** is a student in kindergarten through 12th grade who speaks a language other than English at home and who, upon initial assessment of the ELPAC, is identified as needing to acquire English language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and/or writing to succeed in the school's regular instructional programs.

ELs are also referred to as emergent bilingual or multilingual learners to highlight the assets they already possess speaking a language other than English.

ELs have much higher academic success when placed in a biliteracy/multilingual instructional program (i.e. dual language immersion, developmental language programs, etc.)

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