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Introduction to the Scoring Guide

The Scoring Guide for the CELDT is designed as a resource to facilitate local scoring. It contains rubrics and student sample responses for the Writing items, as well as information necessary to complete the Student Score Sheet.

Educational Data Systems, Inc., the CELDT contractor, provides official scoring for both Initial Identification and Annual Assessment. However, for instructional placement purposes, the CELDT must first be scored locally by qualified, trained personnel.

CELDT provides scores for the domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing, as well as an overall score for all domains. The overall score is calculated from weighting the domain scores as follows: 45 percent Listening, 45 percent Speaking, 5 percent Reading, and 5 percent Writing.

In general, the decision to identify a student as an English learner should be based not on a single test score but on all available, relevant information. California state law (*Education Code*, Section 60810) requires districts to use CELDT to identify pupils who are limited English proficient. For additional information, refer to www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/el/.

Transfer raw scores from the Student Score Sheet to the LST. The program will automatically generate all the scale scores, performance levels, and a final report.

Step 3: Refer to Test Performance Descriptors

For instructional planning, you may want to use the domain test performance descriptors found at the end of this section of the manual. The descriptors provide a more complete listing of the skills that students typically demonstrate at the various performance levels.

Student Name _____ SSID _____

Test Date _____ Test Form _____ Answer Book ID _____
(located on the upper right-hand corner of the cover)

Grade _____ Birth Date _____ Gender **M / F**
(please circle)

School _____ District _____ Teacher _____

RAW SCORES

correct for each strand should not exceed the max. possible score in brackets [].

Listening	Reading	Writing
# correct [Max.]	# correct [Max.]	# correct [Max.]
1) Teacher Talk _____ [7]	11) Word Analysis _____ [17]	15) Copying Letters and Words _____ [12]
2) Extended Listening Comprehension _____ [3]	12) Fluency and Vocabulary _____ [5]	16) Writing Words _____ [8]
3) Following Oral Directions _____ [8]	13) Reading Comprehension _____ [2]	17) Punctuation and Capitalization _____ [8]
4) Rhyming _____ [2]		
5) Listening Raw Score _____ [20]	14) Reading Raw Score _____ [24]	18) Writing Raw Score _____ [28]

Speaking
correct [Max.]
6) Oral Vocabulary _____ [13]
7) Speech Functions _____ [8]
8) Choose and Give Reasons _____ [4]
9) 4-Picture Narrative _____ [4]
10) Speaking Raw Score _____ [29]

OVERALL PERFORMANCE LEVEL TABLE (Grades K–1)

	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
Grade K	184–351	352–399	400–448	449–497	498–598
Grade 1	184–358	359–405	406–453	454–506	507–598

Overall Student Scale Score

Domain	Raw Score	Scale Score	Domain Performance Level	Domain Weight	Comments
Listening	(from line 5)	(19)		Scale Score x .45 = (23)	
Speaking	(from line 10)	(20)		Scale Score x .45 = (24)	
Reading	(from line 14)	(21)		Scale Score x .05 = (25)	
Writing	(from line 18)	(22)		Scale Score x .05 = (26)	
				Overall Student Scale Score	Overall Performance Level*
				(27)	(28)

* Refer to the Overall Performance Level Table above to determine the student's Overall Performance Level.

DOMAIN RAW SCORE CONVERSION, GRADE K

LISTENING

Raw Score	Scale Score	Domain Performance Level
0	220	Beginning (Score Range 220–361)
1	220	
2	220	
3	220	
4	310	
5	338	
6	356	
7	370	Early Intermediate (Score Range 362–408)
8	382	
9	393	
10	403	
11	414	Intermediate (Score Range 409–454)
12	426	
13	438	
14	450	
15	464	Early Advanced (Score Range 455–501)
16	479	
17	496	
18	518	Advanced (Score Range 502–570)
19	551	
20	570	

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SPEAKING

Raw Score	Scale Score	Domain Performance Level
0	140	Beginning (Score Range 140–352)
1	273	
2	305	
3	324	
4	338	
5	350	
6	360	Early Intermediate (Score Range 353–404)
7	370	
8	378	
9	386	
10	393	
11	400	Intermediate (Score Range 405–456)
12	407	
13	414	
14	420	
15	427	
16	433	
17	440	
18	447	
19	454	
20	462	Early Advanced (Score Range 457–508)
21	470	
22	479	
23	489	
24	500	
25	514	Advanced (Score Range 509–630)
26	531	
27	554	
28	590	
29	630	

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DOMAIN RAW SCORE CONVERSION, GRADE K

READING

Raw Score	Scale Score	Domain Performance Level
0	220	Beginning (Score Range 220–281)
1	220	
2	245	
3	258	
4	267	
5	274	
6	281	
7	286	Early Intermediate (Score Range 282–318)
8	292	
9	298	
10	304	
11	311	
12	318	
13	326	Intermediate (Score Range 319–376)
14	335	
15	344	
16	354	
17	363	
18	372	
19	379	Early Advanced (Score Range 377–445)
20	388	
21	398	
22	411	
23	446	Advanced (Score Range 446–570)
24	570	

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WRITING

Raw Score	Scale Score	Domain Performance Level
0	220	Beginning (Score Range 220–340)
1	251	
2	275	
3	291	
4	304	
5	315	
6	324	
7	333	
8	341	Early Intermediate (Score Range 341–370)
9	348	
10	355	
11	361	
12	367	
13	373	Intermediate (Score Range 371–397)
14	379	
15	384	
16	390	
17	396	
18	401	Early Advanced (Score Range 398–426)
19	407	
20	413	
21	420	
22	426	
23	433	Advanced (Score Range 427–600)
24	440	
25	449	
26	460	
27	480	
28	600	

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DOMAIN RAW SCORE CONVERSION, GRADE 1

LISTENING

Raw Score	Scale Score	Domain Performance Level
0	220	Beginning (Score Range 220–361)
1	220	
2	220	
3	220	
4	310	
5	338	
6	356	
7	370	Early Intermediate (Score Range 362–408)
8	382	
9	393	
10	403	
11	414	Intermediate (Score Range 409–454)
12	426	
13	438	
14	450	
15	464	Early Advanced (Score Range 455–501)
16	479	
17	496	
18	518	Advanced (Score Range 502–570)
19	551	
20	570	

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SPEAKING

Raw Score	Scale Score	Domain Performance Level
0	140	Beginning (Score Range 140–352)
1	273	
2	305	
3	324	
4	338	
5	350	
6	360	Early Intermediate (Score Range 353–404)
7	370	
8	378	
9	386	
10	393	
11	400	Intermediate (Score Range 405–456)
12	407	
13	414	
14	420	
15	427	
16	433	
17	440	
18	447	
19	454	
20	462	Early Advanced (Score Range 457–508)
21	470	
22	479	
23	489	
24	500	
25	514	Advanced (Score Range 509–630)
26	531	
27	554	
28	590	
29	630	

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DOMAIN RAW SCORE CONVERSION, GRADE 1

READING

Raw Score	Scale Score	Domain Performance Level
0	220	Beginning (Score Range 220–359)
1	220	
2	245	
3	258	
4	267	
5	274	
6	281	
7	286	
8	292	
9	298	
10	304	
11	311	
12	318	
13	326	
14	335	
15	344	
16	354	
17	363	Early Intermediate (Score Range 360–397)
18	372	
19	379	
20	388	
21	398	Intermediate (Score Range 398–445)
22	411	
23	446	Early Advanced (Score Range 446–569)
24	570	
24	570	Advanced (Score 570)

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WRITING

Raw Score	Scale Score	Domain Performance Level
0	220	Beginning (Score Range 220–392)
1	251	
2	275	
3	291	
4	304	
5	315	
6	324	
7	333	
8	341	
9	348	
10	355	
11	361	
12	367	
13	373	
14	379	
15	384	
16	390	
17	396	Early Intermediate (Score Range 393–408)
18	401	
19	407	
20	413	Intermediate (Score Range 409–434)
21	420	
22	426	
23	433	
24	440	Early Advanced (Score Range 435–474)
25	449	
26	460	
27	480	Advanced (Score Range 475–600)
28	600	

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DOMAIN TEST PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTORS, GRADES K–1

Listening

Beginning: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT may demonstrate **no** receptive skills, or **may**

- demonstrate extremely limited comprehension of a few basic words.
- attempt to follow simple oral directions with limited success.

Early Intermediate: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT typically

- understand some basic social language, with limited comprehension of basic vocabulary.
- understand and attempt to follow a few simple oral directions.

Intermediate: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT typically

- demonstrate comprehension of simple vocabulary and syntax related to social language, with limited comprehension of classroom language.
- understand and attempt to follow simple oral directions.

Early Advanced: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT typically

- demonstrate comprehension of social language and comprehension of some classroom language with complex vocabulary and syntax.
- understand and follow most simple oral directions.

Advanced: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT typically

- demonstrate comprehension of most classroom language with complex syntax and vocabulary.
- understand and follow all simple oral directions.

Speaking

Beginning: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT may demonstrate **no** productive skills, or **may**

- begin to use basic vocabulary and respond with simple words or phrases appropriate to setting and purpose.
- attempt to tell part of a story, using simple words and phrases.

Early Intermediate: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT typically

- use a limited range of vocabulary and syntax appropriate to setting and purpose, but make frequent errors that impede communication.
- tell a story based on a picture sequence, using phrases and simple vocabulary that contain numerous errors and may not be coherent.

Intermediate: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT typically

- use a broader range of vocabulary and syntax appropriate to setting and purpose, with gaps in communication.
- tell a coherent story based on a picture sequence that may not clearly express the major events, using phrases and incomplete sentences.

Early Advanced: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT typically

- use fairly extensive vocabulary and fairly complex syntax appropriate to setting and purpose, with occasional minor errors.
- tell a coherent story based on a picture sequence that clearly expresses the major events, using complete sentences with minor errors.

Advanced: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT typically

- use extensive vocabulary and complex syntax appropriate to setting and purpose.
- tell a coherent and detailed story based on a picture sequence, using complete and complex sentences.

DOMAIN TEST PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTORS, GRADES K–1

Reading

Beginning: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT have little or **no** receptive skills, or **may**

- recognize basic concepts of print (e.g., following words left to right, top to bottom; title).
- name a few uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet.
- recognize English phonemes that correspond to phonemes in primary language.
- rely on graphic support to read high-frequency words.

Early Intermediate: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT typically

- name some uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet.
- recognize a few English phonemes that do not correspond to phonemes in primary language.
- identify letter-sound correspondence for some initial consonants.
- recognize a few simple, one-syllable high-frequency words.
- apply basic knowledge of English morphemes, phonics, and syntax to accomplish decoding tasks such as identifying initial sounds.

Intermediate: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT typically

- name most uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet.
- recognize some phonemes that are specific to the English language.
- identify letter-sound correspondence for initial and some final consonants.
- recognize some one-syllable high-frequency words.
- apply basic knowledge of English morphemes, phonics, and syntax to decode one-syllable words.
- demonstrate reading comprehension limited to short, common words.

Early Advanced: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT typically

- name all uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet.
- recognize most phonemes that are specific to the English language.
- identify regular letter-sound correspondences and use them to read one- and some two-syllable words.
- recognize many one-syllable and high-frequency words.
- apply decoding skills to read most one- and two-syllable words.
- demonstrate reading comprehension of some grade-level-appropriate text on familiar topics.

Advanced: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT typically

- name all uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet.
- recognize all phonemes that are specific to the English language.
- identify regular letter-sound correspondences and use them to read one- and two-syllable words.
- recognize most high-frequency words, including some irregular words.
- use decoding skills to achieve grade-level-appropriate, independent reading.
- demonstrate comprehension of most grade-level-appropriate text on both familiar and unfamiliar topics.

Writing

Beginning: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT may demonstrate **no** productive skills, or **may**

- scribble when attempting to copy letters of the alphabet.
- write incomprehensible symbols when producing written language.

Early Intermediate: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT typically

- copy some letters of the alphabet legibly.
- write first or last letter when attempting to write a word.

Intermediate: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT typically

- copy most letters of the alphabet and some words legibly.
- write some one-syllable words correctly or use phonetic spelling.

Early Advanced: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT typically

- copy most words with lowercase and uppercase letters; letter reversals may occur.
- capitalize some proper nouns.
- use some ending punctuation.
- write high-frequency one-syllable words.
- write a letter or sound based on a story read out loud.

Advanced: Students who perform at this level on the CELDT typically

- copy words including lowercase and uppercase letters.
- capitalize proper nouns and the first word of a sentence.
- place period and question mark appropriately at the end of simple sentences.
- write two-syllable words.
- write a word based on a story read out loud.