

Sample Focus Group Questions for ELPAC Planning

Questions such as these can be used in focus groups with EL families as part of ELPAC pre-planning. Focus groups can provide useful insights for recruiting ELPAC members, scheduling ELPAC meetings, and determining ELPAC meeting agenda topics.

- What is your experience communicating with your child's school?
- What are the barriers that you/EL families face in communicating with the school?
- How can schools improve communication with EL families?
- What topics connected to your child's school do you want to learn more about? (For example: how does grading work?)
- Do you feel welcome at your child's school? What would make you feel more welcome?
- Do you know about ways that you can volunteer at your child's school? Would you like more information about being involved?
- What questions do you have about policies and programs for ELs in school? What would you like to learn more about? (For example: what tests do ELs take and what should I know about them?)
- What questions/concerns do you have about joining an ELPAC?
- What could the school do to encourage parents to join an ELPAC?
- What do you wish your school knew about EL families?