

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT (K-12)

English Language Development/ESL (K-12) ⁷		WIDA's Features of Academic Language		
Language Development Standard				
SOCIAL AND INSTRUCTIONAL LANGUAGE	English learners communicate for Social and Instructional purposes within the school setting.	<p>Social language is the everyday register used in interactions outside and inside school.</p> <p>Instructional language is the language that typifies classroom discourse from teacher to teacher across content areas.</p>		
LANGUAGE OF LANGUAGE ARTS	English learners communicate information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of Language Arts.	<p>Academic language is used to communicate ideas, concepts, and information necessary for academic success. It is the oral and written text required to succeed in school that entails deep understanding and communication of the language of content within a classroom environment.</p> <p>The sociocultural contexts for language use involve the interaction between the student and the language environment, encompassing register, genre/text type, topic, task/situation, and participants' identities and social roles.</p>		
LANGUAGE OF MATH	English learners communicate information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of Mathematics.		<i>Performance Criteria</i>	<i>Features</i>
		Discourse Level	Linguistic Complexity <i>(Quantity and variety of oral and written text)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of speech/written text • Structure of speech/written text • Density of speech/written text • Organization/cohesion of ideas • Variety of sentence types
		Sentence Level	Language Forms and Conventions <i>(Types, array, and use of language structures)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types and variety of grammatical structures • Conventions, mechanics and fluency • Match of language forms to purpose/perspective
LANGUAGE OF SCIENCE	English learners communicate information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of Science.			
LANGUAGE OF SOCIAL STUDIES	English learners communicate information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of Social Studies	Word/Phrase Dimensions	Vocabulary Usage <i>(Specificity of word or phrase choice)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General, specific, and technical language • Multiple meanings of words and phrases • Formulaic and idiomatic expressions • Nuances and shades of meaning • Collocations

⁷ WIDA (2012).