



English Language Proficiency (ELP) Standards

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Introduction

The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) has utilized the services of WestEd and the Understanding Language Initiative at Stanford University to develop a new set of English Language Proficiency (ELP) Standards. The ELP Standards, developed for K, 1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12 grades, highlight and amplify the *critical language, knowledge about language, and skills using language* that are in college-and-career-ready standards and that are necessary for English language learners (ELLs) to be successful in schools.

The 10 ELP Standards highlight a strategic set of language functions (what students *do* with language to accomplish content-specific tasks) and language forms (vocabulary, grammar, and discourse specific to a particular content area or discipline) which are needed by ELLs as they develop competence in the practices associated with English language arts (ELA) & literacy, mathematics, and science (Bunch, Kiber, & Pimentel, 2013; CCSSO, 2012; Lee, Quinn, & Valdez, 2013; Moschkovich, 2012; van Lier & Walqui, 2012). The five ELP levels for each of the ELP Standards address the question, **“What might an ELL’s language use look like at each ELP level as he or she progresses toward independent participation in grade-appropriate activities?”**

How to Navigate this Document

The standards are the same across all grade clusters—K, 1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12,—it is by looking at the proficiency level descriptors for each grade cluster and standard that the progression of skill attainment is seen. They are labeled using the dot notation system. For example, “4th Grade, Standard 7, Proficiency Level 2” is referred to as “ELP.4-5.7.2.”

Guiding Principles

1. Potential

ELLs have the same potential as native speakers of English to engage in cognitively complex tasks. Regardless of ELP level, all ELLs need access to challenging, grade-appropriate¹ curriculum, instruction, and assessment and benefit from activities requiring them to create linguistic output (Ellis, 2008a; 2008b). Even though ELLs will produce language that includes features that distinguish them from their native-English-speaking peers, “it is possible [for ELLs] to achieve the standards for college-and-career readiness” (NGA Center & CCSSO, 2010b, p. 1).

2. Funds of Knowledge

ELLs’ primary languages and other social, cultural, and linguistic background knowledge and resources (i.e., their “funds of knowledge” [Moll, Amanti, Neff, & Gonzalez, 1992]) are useful tools to help them navigate back and forth among their schools and their communities’ valuable resources as they develop the social, cultural, and linguistic competencies required for effective communication in English. In particular, an awareness of culture should be embedded within curriculum, instruction, and

¹ Grade appropriate is defined by the English language arts, mathematics, and science standards for that grade.

assessment provided to ELLs since “the more one knows about the other language and culture, the greater the chances of creating the appropriate cultural interpretation of a written or spoken text” (National Standards in Foreign Language Education Project, 2006, p. 37).

3. Diversity in ELL Progress in Acquiring English Language Proficiency

A student’s ability to demonstrate proficiency at a particular ELP level will depend on context, content-area focus, and developmental factors. Thus, a student’s designated ELP level represents a typical current performance level, not a fixed status. An English language proficiency level does not identify a student (e.g., “Level 1 student”), but rather identifies what a student knows and can do at a particular stage of English language development, for example, “a student at Level 1” or “a student whose listening performance is at Level 1.” Progress in acquiring English may vary depending upon program type, age at which entered program, initial English proficiency level, native language literacy, and other factors (Bailey & Heritage, 2010; Byrnes & Canale, 1987; Lowe & Stansfield, 1988). Within these ELP Standards, we assume parallel development of language and content-area knowledge, skills, and abilities. ELLs do not need to wait until their ELP is sufficiently developed to participate in content area instruction and assessment. “Research has shown that ELLs can develop literacy in English even as their oral proficiency in English develops (Bunch, Kibler, & Pimentel, 2013, p. 15).

4. Scaffolding

ELLs at all levels of ELP should be provided with scaffolding in order to reach the next reasonable proficiency level as they develop grade-appropriate language capacities, particularly those that involve content-specific vocabulary and registers. The type and intensity of the scaffolding provided will depend on each student’s ability to undertake the particular task independently while continuing to uphold appropriate complexity for the student.

5. Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education

ELLs with limited or interrupted formal education must be provided access to targeted supports that allow them to develop foundational literacy skills in an accelerated time frame (DeCapua & Marshall, 2011). Educators can refer to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for ELA section “Reading: Foundational Skills” (NGA Center & CCSSO, 2010) for this purpose.

6. Special Needs

ELLs with disabilities can benefit from English language development services (and are required to have language development goals as part of their Individualized Education Plans [IEPs]). Educators should be aware that these students may take slightly different paths toward English language proficiency.

7. Access Supports and Accommodations

Based on their individual needs, all ELLs, including ELLs with disabilities, should be provided access supports and accommodations for assessments, so that their assessment results are valid and reflect what they know and can do. Educators should be aware

that these access supports and accommodations can be used in classroom instruction and assessment to ensure that students have access to instruction and assessment based on the ELP Standards. When identifying the access supports and accommodations that should be considered for ELLs and ELLs with IEPs or 504 plans during classroom instruction and assessment, it is particularly useful to consider ELL needs in relation to receptive and productive modalities. (See footnote in Table 2 for more information.)

8. Multimedia, Technology, and New Literacies

New understandings around literacy (e.g., visual and digital literacies) have emerged around use of information and communication technologies (International Reading Association, 2009). Relevant, strategic, and appropriate multimedia tools and technology, aligned to the ELP Standards, should be integrated into the design of curriculum, instruction, and assessment for ELLs.

Design Features of the Standards

The 10 ELP Standards are designed for collaborative use by English as a second language (ESL)/English language development (ELD) and content area teachers in **both** English language development and content-area instruction. Explicit recognition that language acquisition takes place across the content areas fosters collaboration among educators and benefits ELLs' learning experiences.

At present, second language development is seen largely as the responsibility of the ESL/ELD teacher, while content development as that of the subject area teacher. Given the new [content] standards' explicitness in how language must be used to enact disciplinary knowledge and skills, such a strict division of labor is no longer viable. Content area teachers must understand and leverage the language and literacy practices found in science, mathematics, history/social studies, and the language arts to enhance students' engagement with rich content and fuel their academic performance. ESL/ELD teachers must cultivate a deeper knowledge of the disciplinary language that ELL students need, and help their students to grow in using it. Far greater collaboration and sharing of expertise are needed among ESL/ELD teachers and content area teachers at the secondary level. At the elementary level, far greater alignment and integration are needed across ESL/ELD and subject matter learning objectives, curriculum, and lesson plans that teachers in self-contained classrooms prepare and deliver (Understanding Language Initiative, 2012, p. 2).

The levels 1–5 descriptors for each of the 10 ELP Standards describe targets for ELL performance by the end of each ELP level at a particular point in time. However, students may demonstrate a range of abilities within each ELP level. By describing the end of each ELP level for each ELP Standard, the levels 1–5 descriptors reflect a linear progression across the proficiency levels of an aligned set of knowledge, skills, and abilities. This is done for purposes of presentation and understanding; actual second language acquisition does not necessarily occur in a linear fashion within or across proficiency levels.

An ELL at any given point along his or her trajectory of English learning may exhibit some abilities (e.g., speaking skills) at a higher proficiency level, while at the same time exhibiting other abilities (e.g., writing skills) at a lower proficiency level. Additionally, a

student may successfully perform a particular skill at a lower proficiency level but need review at the next higher proficiency level when presented with a new or more complex type of text. As a reminder, by definition, ELL status is a temporary status. Thus, an English language proficiency level does not identify a student (e.g., “a Level 1 student”), but rather identifies what a student knows and can do at a particular stage of English language development (e.g., “a student at Level 1” or “a student whose listening performance is at Level 1”).

Organization of the Standards

For the purposes of clarity, the 10 ELP Standards are organized according to a schema that represents each standard’s importance to ELLs’ participation in the practices called for by college- and-career-ready ELA & Literacy, mathematics, and science standards (G. Bunch, personal communication, August 15, 2013; Bunch, Kibler, & Pimentel, 2013).

Table 1. Organization of the ELP Standards in Relation to Participation in Content-Area Practices

1	construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through grade-appropriate listening, reading, and viewing
2	participate in grade-appropriate oral and written exchanges of information, ideas, and analyses, responding to peer, audience, or reader comments and questions
3	speak and write about grade-appropriate complex literary and informational texts and topics
4	construct grade-appropriate oral and written claims and support them with reasoning and evidence
5	conduct research and evaluate and communicate findings to answer questions or solve problems
6	analyze and critique the arguments of others orally and in writing
7	adapt language choices to purpose, task, and audience when speaking and writing
8	determine the meaning of words and phrases in oral presentations and literary and informational text
9	create clear and coherent grade-appropriate speech and text
10	make accurate use of standard English to communicate in grade-appropriate speech and writing

Standards 1 through 7 involve the language necessary for ELLs to engage in the central content-specific practices associated with ELA & Literacy, mathematics, and science. They begin with a focus on extraction of meaning and then progress to engagement in these practices.

Standards 8 through 10 home in on some of the more micro-level linguistic features that are undoubtedly important to focus on, but only in the service of the other seven standards.

The ELP Standards are interrelated and can be used separately or in combination. (In particular, as shown on the previous page, Standards 8–10 can be used to support the other seven standards.) These standards do not include curriculum statements, nor do they privilege a single approach to the teaching of social and expressive communication or the teaching of grammar; instead, the standards and descriptors for each proficiency level leave room for teachers, curriculum developers, and states to determine how each ELP Standard and descriptor should be reached and what additional topics should be addressed.

Alternate Organization of the ELP Standards

The ELP Standards might also be framed in relation to narrower domains of listening, speaking, reading, and writing and also in relation to broader receptive,² productive, and interactive modalities. The interactive modalities category allows for emphasis on the need for ELLs to meaningfully engage with their native English-speaking peers during content area instruction. (Standards 9 and 10 address the linguistic structures of English and are framed in relation to the CCSS for ELA Language domain.)

<p>Receptive³ modalities: This mode refers to the learner as a reader or listener/viewer working with ‘text’ whose author or deliverer is not present or accessible. It presumes that the interaction is with authentic written or oral documents where language input is meaningful and content laden. The learner brings background knowledge, experience, and appropriate interpretive strategies to the task to promote understanding of language and content in order to develop a personal reaction. (Phillips, 2008, p. 96)</p>	Listening and reading	1	construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through grade-appropriate listening, reading, and viewing
		8	determine the meaning of words and phrases in oral presentations and literary and informational text
<p>Productive modalities: The mode places the learner as speaker and writer for a ‘distant’ audience, one with whom interaction is not possible or limited. The communication is set for a specified audience, has purpose, and generally abides by rules of genre or style. It is a planned or formalized speech act or written document, and the learner has an opportunity to draft, get feedback, and revise, before publication or broadcast. (Phillips, 2008, p. 96)</p>	Speaking and writing	3	speak and write about grade-appropriate complex literary and informational texts and topics
		4	construct grade-appropriate oral and written claims and support them with reasoning and evidence
		7	adapt language choices to purpose, task, and audience when speaking and writing
<p>Interactive modalities: Collaborative use of receptive and productive modalities. This mode refers to the learner as a speaker/listener [and] reader/writer. It requires two-way interactive communication where negotiation of meaning may be observed. The exchange will provide evidence of awareness of the socio-cultural aspects of communication as language proficiency develops. (Phillips, 2008, p. 96)</p>	Listening, speaking, reading, and writing	2	participate in grade-appropriate oral and written exchanges of information, ideas, and analyses, responding to peer, audience, or reader comments and questions
		5	conduct research and evaluate and communicate findings to answer questions or solve problems
		6	analyze and critique the arguments of others orally and in writing

² The terms receptive and productive language functions were used for the ELP standards schema, rather than the newer American Council of Foreign Language Teaching (ACTFL) terms used in Phillips (2008), in keeping with the functional language terms used in the CCSSO (2012) ELPD Framework (which employs the earlier ACTFL terminology).

³ The ability to communicate via multiple modes of representation (e.g., non-verbal communication, oral, pictorial, graphic, textual) may be especially important for ELLs with certain types of disabilities. When identifying the access supports and accommodations that should be considered for ELLs and ELLs with IEPs or 504 plans, it is particularly useful to consider ELL needs in relation to broader receptive, productive, and interactive modalities when listening, speaking, reading, or writing are not the explicit focus of the construct(s) being instructed or assessed.

Kindergarten ELP Standards

Standards 1 and 2

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.K.1	An ELL can . . . construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through grade-appropriate listening, reading, and viewing.	with prompting and support (including context and visual aids), use a very limited set of strategies to identify a few key words in read-alouds and oral presentations (information or stories presented orally).	with prompting and support (including context and visual aids), use an emerging set of strategies to identify some key words and phrases in read-alouds and oral presentations.	with prompting and support (including context and visual aids), use a developing set of strategies to identify main topics in read-alouds and oral presentations, and ask and answer questions about key details.	with prompting and support (including context and visual aids), use an increasing range of strategies to identify main topics, answer questions about key details or parts of stories from read-alouds, picture books, and oral presentations, and retell events from stories.	with prompting and support (including context and visual aids), use a wide range of strategies to identify main topics, answer questions about key details in read-alouds, picture books, and oral presentations, and retell familiar stories.
ELP.K.2	An ELL can . . . participate in grade-appropriate oral and written exchanges of information, ideas, and analyses, responding to peer, audience, or reader comments and questions.	listen with limited participation in short conversations about familiar topics, and respond to simple questions and some wh- questions.	participate in short conversations about familiar topics, and respond to simple questions and wh- questions.	participate in short conversations about familiar topics, follow some rules for discussion, and respond to simple questions and wh- questions.	participate in conversations and discussions about a variety of topics, follow increasing number of rules for discussion, and ask and answer simple questions.	participate in conversations and discussions about a variety of topics, follow rules for discussion, and ask and answer questions.

Kindergarten: Standards 3, 4, and 5

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.K.3	An ELL can . . . speak and write about grade-appropriate complex literary and informational texts and topics.	communicate simple information or feelings about familiar topics or experiences.	communicate simple information or feelings about familiar topics, experiences, events, or objects in the environment.	communicate information or feelings about familiar topics, experiences, or events.	tell or dictate simple messages about a variety of topics or experiences.	make simple oral presentations and compose short written texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events.
ELP.K.4	An ELL can . . . construct grade-appropriate oral and written claims and support them with reasoning and evidence.	express a feeling or opinion about a familiar topic.	express an opinion or preference about a familiar topic.	express an opinion or preference about a familiar topic or story.	express an opinion or preference about a variety of topics or stories.	express an opinion or preference about a variety of topics or stories.
ELP.K.5	An ELL can . . . conduct research and evaluate and communicate findings to answer questions or solve problems.	with prompting and support from adults, recall information from experience or from a provided source.	with prompting and support from adults, recall information from experience or use information from a provided source to answer a question.	with prompting and support from adults, recall information from experience or use information from provided sources to answer a question.	with prompting and support from adults, recall information from experience or use information from provided sources to answer a question.	with prompting and support from adults, recall information from experience or use information from provided sources to answer a question.

Kindergarten: Standards 6, 7, and 8

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.K.6	An ELL can . . . analyze and critique the arguments of others orally and in writing.	[Standard introduced at Level 4.]	[Standard introduced at Level 4.]	[Standard introduced at Level 4.]	with prompting and support, identify a reason an author or speaker gives to support a point.	with prompting and support, identify appropriate reasons an author or speaker gives to support main points.
ELP.K.7	An ELL can . . . adapt language choices to purpose, task, and audience when speaking and writing.	[Standard introduced at Level 4.]	[Standard introduced at Level 4.]	[Standard introduced at Level 4.]	show a developing awareness of the difference between appropriate language for the playground and language for the classroom.	show awareness of differences between informal, 'playground speech,' and language appropriate to the classroom; use some words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to.
ELP.K.8	An ELL can . . . determine the meaning of words and phrases in oral presentations and literary and informational text.	with prompting and support (including context and visual aids), recognize the meaning of a few frequently occurring words in simple oral presentations and read-alouds about familiar topics, experiences, or events.	with prompting and support (including context and visual aids), recognize the meaning of some frequently occurring words and phrases in simple oral presentations and read-alouds about familiar topics, experiences, or events.	with prompting and support (including context and visual aids), answer questions to help determine the meaning of some words and phrases in simple oral presentations and read-alouds about familiar topics, experiences, or events.	with prompting and support (including context and visual aids), answer and sometimes ask questions about the meaning of words and phrases in simple oral presentations and read-alouds about a variety of topics, experiences, or events.	with prompting and support (including context and visual aids), answer and ask questions about the meaning of words and phrases in simple oral presentations and read-alouds about a variety of topics, experiences, or events.

Kindergarten: Standards 9 and 10

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.K.9	An ELL can . . . create clear and coherent grade-appropriate speech and text.	[Standard introduced at Level 3.]	[Standard introduced at Level 3.]	retell several events from experience or a familiar story, with support (including visual aids, context), with developing control of some frequently occurring linking words (e.g., <i>and</i> , <i>then</i>).	retell a simple sequence of events from experience or a familiar story, with support (including visual aids, context), with increasingly independent control of frequently occurring linking words.	retell a short sequence of events from experience or a familiar story, with a beginning, middle, and end, with support (including visual aids), using frequently occurring linking words.
ELP.K.10	An ELL can . . . make accurate use of standard English to communicate in grade-appropriate speech and writing.	recognize and use a small number of frequently occurring nouns and verbs, and understand and respond to simple questions, with support (including context and visual aids).	recognize and use frequently occurring nouns and verbs and short phrases; respond to yes/no and wh- questions; and produce a few simple sentences in shared language activities, with support (including context, visual aids).	recognize and use frequently occurring regular plural nouns (-s, -es), verbs, and prepositions; use and respond to question words; and produce simple sentences in shared language activities, with support (including context, visual aids).	recognize and use frequently occurring regular plural nouns, verbs, and prepositions; use and respond to question words; and produce and expand simple sentences in shared language activities, with support (context, visual aids).	use frequently occurring regular plural nouns, verbs, prepositions, and question words; ask and answer questions using interrogatives; and produce and expand simple sentences, in shared language activities and with increasing independence.

Grades 1 ELP Standards

Standards 1 and 2

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.1.1	An ELL can . . . construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through grade-appropriate listening, reading, and viewing.	with prompting and support (including context and visual aids), use a very limited set of strategies to identify a few key words in read-alouds, picture books, and oral presentations.	use an emerging set of strategies to identify key words and phrases in read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral presentations.	use a developing set of strategies to identify main topics, answer questions about key details from read-aloud texts, simple written texts, and oral presentations, and retell some key details or events from stories.	use an increasing range of strategies to identify main topics; ask and answer questions about an increasing number of key details in read-alouds, written texts, and oral presentations; and retell familiar stories or episodes of stories.	use a wide range of strategies to identify main topics; ask and answer questions about key details in read-alouds, written texts, and oral presentations; and retell stories, including key details.
ELP.1.2	An ELL can . . . participate in grade-appropriate oral and written exchanges of information, ideas, and analyses, responding to peer, audience, or reader comments and questions.	participate by listening to short conversations about familiar topics, and respond to simple yes/no and some wh- questions.	participate in short conversations about familiar topics, take turns, and respond to simple and wh- questions.	participate in short discussions, conversations, and short written exchanges about familiar topics; follow rules for discussion; and ask and answer simple questions about the topic.	participate in discussions, conversations, and written exchanges about a variety of topics and texts; follow rules for discussion; respond to the comments of others and make comments of his or her own; and ask and answer questions.	participate in extended discussions, conversations, and written exchanges about a variety of topics and texts; follow rules for discussion; build on the comments of others and contribute his or her own; and ask and answer questions.

Grade 1: Standards 3, 4, and 5

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.1.3	An ELL can . . . speak and write about grade-appropriate complex literary and informational texts and topics.	communicate simple information or feelings about familiar topics or experiences.	communicate simple messages about familiar topics, experiences, events, or objects in the environment.	deliver short simple oral presentations and compose short written texts about familiar topics, stories, experiences, or events.	deliver short simple oral presentations and compose written texts about a variety of texts, topics, experiences, or events, using simple sentences and drawings or illustrations.	deliver oral presentations and compose written texts which include a few descriptive details about a variety of texts, topics, experiences, or events.
ELP.1.4	An ELL can . . . construct grade-appropriate oral and written claims and support them with reasoning and evidence.	express a preference or opinion about a familiar topic.	express an opinion about a familiar topic.	express an opinion about a familiar topic or story, and give a reason for the opinion.	express opinions about a variety of texts and topics, and give a reason for the opinion.	express opinions about a variety of texts and topics, introducing the topic and giving a reason for the opinion, and providing a sense of closure.
ELP.1.5	An ELL can . . . conduct research and evaluate and communicate findings to answer questions or solve problems.	with prompting and support from adults, participate in shared research projects, gathering information from provided sources and labeling information.	with prompting and support from adults, participate in shared research projects, gathering information from provided sources and summarizing some key information.	with prompting and support from adults, participate in shared research projects, gathering information from provided sources and summarizing information.	with prompting and support from adults, participate in shared research projects, gathering information from provided sources and answering a question or summarizing information.	with prompting and support from adults, participate in shared research projects, gathering information from provided sources and answering a question or summarizing information.

Grade 1: Standards 6, 7, and 8

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.1.6	An ELL can . . . analyze and critique the arguments of others orally and in writing.	[Standard introduced at Level 2.]	with prompting and support, identify a reason an author or a speaker gives to support a point.	identify one or two reasons an author or a speaker gives to support the main point.	identify reasons an author or a speaker gives to support the main point.	identify reasons an author or a speaker gives to support the main point.
ELP.1.7	An ELL can . . . adapt language choices to purpose, task, and audience when speaking and writing.	[Standard introduced at Level 3.]	[Standard introduced at Level 3.]	show a developing awareness of the difference between appropriate language for the playground and language for the classroom.	show awareness of differences between informal, 'playground speech' and language appropriate to the classroom; use some words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to.	shift appropriately between informal, 'playground speech' and language appropriate to the classroom most of the time; use words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to.
ELP.1.8	An ELL can . . . determine the meaning of words and phrases in oral presentations and literary and informational text.	with prompting and support (including context and visual aids), recognize the meaning of a few frequently occurring words and phrases in simple oral presentations and read-alouds about familiar topics, experiences, or events.	with prompting and support (including context and visual aids), answer and sometimes ask simple questions to help determine the meaning of frequently occurring words and phrases in simple oral presentations and read-alouds about familiar topics, experiences, or events.	answer and sometimes ask questions to help determine the meaning of some less frequently occurring words and phrases in oral presentations, read-alouds, and simple texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, using sentence-level context and visual aids.	answer and ask questions to help determine the meaning of less common words, phrases, and simple idiomatic expressions in oral presentations and written texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events, using sentence context, visual aids, and some knowledge of frequently occurring root words and their inflectional forms.	answer and ask questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words, phrases, and idiomatic expressions in oral presentations and written texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events, using context, some visual aids, and knowledge of morphology (e.g., simple inflectional endings such as <i>-ed</i> , <i>-ing</i> , and <i>some common prefixes</i>).

Grade 1: Standards 9 and 10

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.1.9	An ELL can . . . create clear and coherent grade-appropriate speech and text.	[Standard introduced at Level 2.]	retell an event, and present simple information, with support (including visual aids, modeled sentences) using, with emerging control, some frequently occurring linking words.	retell (in speech or writing) a simple sequence of events in the correct order, and present simple information, with support (including modeled sentences), using, with developing control, some frequently occurring linking words (e.g., <i>and, so</i>) and temporal words (e.g., <i>first, then</i>).	recount two or three events in sequence, and present simple information about a topic, using, with increasingly independent control, some temporal words (e.g., <i>next, after</i>) to signal event order and some frequently occurring linking words (<i>and, so</i>) to connect ideas.	recount a more complex sequence of events in the correct order, using temporal words to signal the event order, and introduce a topic and provide some facts about it, using frequently occurring conjunctions and connecting words.
ELP.1.10	An ELL can . . . make accurate use of standard English to communicate in grade-appropriate speech and writing.	understand and use a small number of frequently occurring nouns and verbs, and very simple sentences; and respond to simple questions, with support (including context and visual aids).	recognize and use frequently occurring nouns, verbs, prepositions, and conjunctions (e.g., <i>and, but, or</i>), and produce simple sentences, with support (including visual aids and sentences).	use some singular and plural nouns, verbs in the present and past tenses, frequently occurring prepositions and conjunctions, and produce and expand simple sentences in response to prompts, with support (including modeled sentences).	use an increasing number of singular and plural nouns with matching verbs, verb tenses (e.g., present, past), and frequently occurring prepositions and conjunctions, and produce and expand simple and some compound sentences in response to prompts.	use singular and plural nouns with matching verbs, verb tenses (e.g., present, past, future) and frequently occurring prepositions and conjunctions, and produce and expand simple and compound sentences in response to prompts.

Grades 2-3 ELP Standards

Standards 1 and 2

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.2-3.1	An ELL can . . . construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through grade-appropriate listening, reading, and viewing.	use a very limited set of strategies to identify a few key words and phrases in read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral presentations.	use an emerging set of strategies to identify the main topic or message/lesson (of a story) and some key words and phrases in read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral presentations.	use a developing set of strategies to identify the main topic or message, answer questions about and retell some key details in read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral presentations.	use an increasing range of strategies to determine the main idea or message, and identify or answer questions about some key details that support the main idea/message in read-alouds, written texts, and oral presentations; and retell a variety of stories.	use a wide range of strategies to determine the main idea or message, and tell how key details support the main idea in read-alouds, written texts, and oral communications; and retell a variety of stories.
ELP.2-3.2	An ELL can . . . participate in grade-appropriate oral and written exchanges of information, ideas, and analyses, responding to peer, audience, or reader comments and questions.	listen to and occasionally participate in short conversations about familiar topics, and respond to simple yes/no and some wh- questions.	participate in short conversations, discussions, and written exchanges about familiar topics; take turns; and respond to simple and wh- questions.	participate in short discussions and written exchanges about familiar topics and texts; follow the rules for discussion; respond to the comments of others and contribute his or her own; and ask questions to gain information or clarify understanding.	participate in discussions, conversations, and written exchanges about a variety of topics and texts; follow the rules for discussion; build on the ideas of others and contribute his or her own; and ask and answer questions about the topic or text.	participate in extended discussions, conversations, and written exchanges about a variety of texts and topics; follow the rules for discussion; build on the ideas of others, and express his or her own; and ask and answer questions about the topic or text.

Grades 2-3: Standards 3, 4, and 5

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.2-3.3	An ELL can . . . speak and write about grade-appropriate complex literary and informational texts and topics.	communicate simple information about familiar texts, topics, experiences, or events.	deliver simple oral presentations and compose written texts about familiar texts, topics, experiences, or events.	deliver short oral presentations and compose written narratives or informational texts about familiar texts, topics, experiences, or events.	deliver short oral presentations and compose written narratives and informational texts about a variety of texts, topics, experiences, or events.	deliver oral presentations and compose written narratives and informational texts, with some details, about a variety of texts, topics, experiences, or events.
ELP.2-3.4	An ELL can . . . construct grade-appropriate oral and written claims and support them with reasoning and evidence.	express an opinion about a familiar topic.	express an opinion about a familiar topic or story.	express an opinion about a familiar topic or story, giving one or more reasons for the opinion.	express opinions about a variety of topics, introducing the topic and giving several reasons for the opinion.	express opinions about a variety of topics, introducing the topic, giving several reasons for the opinion, and providing a concluding statement.
ELP.2-3.5	An ELL can . . . conduct research and evaluate and communicate findings to answer questions or solve problems.	with prompting and support (at Grade 2), carry out short individual or shared research projects, gathering information from provided sources and labeling information.	with prompting and support (at Grade 2), carry out short individual or shared research projects, recalling information from experience or gathering information from provided sources, and recording some information/observations in simple notes.	with prompting and support (at Grade 2), carry out short individual or shared research projects, recalling information from experience or gathering information from provided sources, and recording information/observations in orderly notes.	with prompting and support (at Grade 2), carry out short individual or shared research projects, recalling information from experience or gathering information from multiple sources.	with prompting and support (at Grade 2), carry out short individual or shared research projects, recalling information from experience and/or gathering information from multiple sources.

Grades 2-3: Standards 6, 7, and 8

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.2-3.6	An ELL can . . . analyze and critique the arguments of others orally and in writing.	with prompting and support (at Grade 2), identify a point an author or a speaker makes, using a few frequently occurring words and phrases.	with prompting and support (at Grade 2), identify a reason an author or a speaker gives to support the main point.	tell how one or two reasons support the main point an author or a speaker makes.	tell how one or two reasons support the specific points an author or a speaker makes.	describe how reasons support the specific points an author or a speaker makes.
ELP.2-3.7	An ELL can . . . adapt language choices to purpose, task, and audience when speaking and writing.	recognize the meaning of some words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to.	show increasing awareness of differences between informal, ‘playground speech’ and language appropriate to the classroom; use some words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to.	compare examples of the formal and informal use of English, and (at Grade 3) use an increasing number of general academic and content-specific words in conversations and discussions.	adapt language choices, as appropriate, to formal and informal contexts, and (at Grade 3) use a wider range of general academic and content-specific words in conversations and discussions.	adapt language choices, as appropriate, to formal and informal contexts, and (at Grade 3), use a wide variety of general and content-specific academic words and phrases in conversations or in short written texts.
ELP.2-3.8	An ELL can . . . determine the meaning of words and phrases in oral presentations and literary and informational text.	recognize the meaning of a few frequently occurring words, simple phrases, and formulaic expressions in simple oral discourse, read-alouds, and written texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, relying heavily on visual aids, context, and knowledge of morphology in his or her native language.	ask and answer questions about the meaning of frequently occurring words, phrases, and expressions in simple oral discourse, read-alouds, and written texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, using context, visual aids, and knowledge of morphology in his or her native language.	determine the meaning of less-frequently occurring words and phrases, content-specific words, and some idiomatic expressions in oral discourse, read-alouds, and written texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, using context, some visual aids, reference materials, and a developing knowledge of English morphology.	determine the meaning of less-frequently occurring words and phrases, some idiomatic expressions, and (at Grade 3) some general academic and content-specific vocabulary in oral discourse, read-alouds, and written texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events, using context, some visual aids, reference materials, and an increasing knowledge of morphology (root words, some prefixes).	determine the meaning of less-frequently occurring words, phrases, some idiomatic expressions, and (at Grade 3) some general academic and content-specific vocabulary in oral presentations and written texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events, using context, reference materials, and morphology (e.g., root words, simple inflectional endings such as <i>-ed</i> , <i>-ing</i> , and some common prefixes).

Grades 2-3: Standards 9 and 10

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.2-3.9	An ELL can . . . create clear and coherent grade-appropriate speech and text.	communicate simple information about an event or topic, with support (including context and visual aids), using non-verbal communication and, with limited control, a narrow range of vocabulary and syntactically simple sentences.	recount two events in sequence, and communicate simple information about a topic, with support (including visual aids and modeled sentences), using, with emerging control, frequently occurring linking words (e.g., <i>and, then</i>).	recount a short sequence of events, and present a few pieces of information about a topic, with support (including modeled sentences), using, with developing control, common linking words (e.g., <i>and, but, next, after</i>) to connect ideas or events.	recount a sequence of events, using temporal words (<i>before, after, soon</i>), and introduce an informational topic and present facts about it, using, with increasingly independent control, linking words (e.g., <i>because, and, also</i>) to connect ideas or events.	recount a coherent sequence of events, using temporal words to signal event order clearly, and introduce an informational topic and present facts about it using linking words (e.g., <i>because, and, also</i>) to connect ideas and provide a concluding statement.
ELP.2-3.10	An ELL can . . . make accurate use of standard English to communicate in grade-appropriate speech and writing.	understand and use a small number of frequently occurring nouns and verbs, and respond to simple questions with support (including context and visual aids).	recognize and use some frequently occurring collective nouns (e.g., <i>group</i>), verbs, adjectives, adverbs, and conjunctions, and produce simple sentences in response to prompts, with support (including visual aids and modeled sentences).	use some collective nouns, frequently occurring adjectives, adverbs, and conjunctions, and the past tense of some frequently occurring irregular verbs, and produce and expand simple and some compound sentences, with support (including modeled sentences).	use collective nouns, an increasing number of adjectives, adverbs, and conjunctions, and the past tense of frequently occurring irregular verbs, and produce and expand simple, compound, and (at Grade 3) a few complex sentences.	use collective and commonly occurring abstract nouns (e.g., <i>childhood</i>), the past tense of frequently occurring irregular verbs, coordinating and commonly used subordinating conjunctions, adjectives, and adverbs, and produce and expand simple, compound, and (at Grade 3) some complex sentences.

Grades 4–5 ELP Standards

Standards 1 and 2

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.4-5.1	An ELL can . . . construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through grade-appropriate listening, reading, and viewing.	use a very limited set of strategies to identify a few key words and phrases in read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral presentations.	use an emerging set of strategies to identify the main topic and retell a few key details of read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral presentations.	use a developing set of strategies to determine the main idea or theme, and retell a few key details of read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral presentations; and retell familiar stories.	use an increasing range of strategies to determine the main idea or theme, and explain how some key details support the main idea or theme in read-alouds, written texts, and oral presentations; and summarize part of a text.	use a wide range of strategies to determine two or more main ideas or themes, and explain how key details support them in read-alouds, written texts, and oral presentations; and summarize a text.
ELP.4-5.2	An ELL can . . . participate in grade-appropriate oral and written exchanges of information, ideas, and analyses, responding to peer, audience, or reader comments and questions.	participate in short conversational and written exchanges about familiar topics, actively listening to others and responding to simple questions and some wh- questions.	participate in short conversational and written exchanges about familiar topics, actively listening to others and responding to simple questions and wh- questions.	participate in short conversations, discussions, and written exchanges about familiar topics and texts, responding to others' comments and adding some comments of his or her own, and asking and answering questions about the topic or text.	participate in conversations, discussions, and written exchanges about a variety of topics and texts, building on the ideas of others and expressing his or her own, asking and answering relevant questions, and adding relevant information and evidence.	participate in extended conversations, discussions, and written exchanges about a variety of topics and texts, building on the ideas of others and expressing his or her own ideas clearly, posing and responding to relevant questions, adding relevant and detailed information, using evidence, and summarizing the key ideas expressed.

Grades 4-5: Standards 3, 4, and 5

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.4-5.3	An ELL can . . . speak and write about grade-appropriate complex literary and informational texts and topics.	communicate simple information about familiar texts, topics, events, or objects in the environment.	deliver short oral presentations and compose written texts about familiar texts, topics, and experiences.	deliver short oral presentations and compose written narratives or informational texts about familiar texts, topics, and experiences, including a few details.	deliver short oral presentations and compose written narratives or informational texts about a variety of texts, topics, and experiences, including some details.	deliver oral presentations and compose written narrative or informational texts about a variety of texts, topics, and experiences, developing the topic with details and examples.
ELP.4-5.4	An ELL can . . . construct grade-appropriate oral and written claims and support them with reasoning and evidence.	express an opinion about a familiar topic.	construct a simple claim about a familiar topic, and give a reason to support the claim.	construct a claim about familiar topics, introducing the topic and providing a few reasons or facts to support the claim.	construct a claim about a variety of topics: introduce the topic, provide several reasons or facts to support the claim, and provide a concluding statement.	construct a claim about a variety of topics: introduce the topic, provide logically ordered reasons or facts to support the claim, and provide a concluding statement.
ELP.4-5.5	An ELL can . . . conduct research and evaluate and communicate findings to answer questions or solve problems.	recall information from experience and/or gather information from a few provided sources, and label some key information.	recall information from experience and/or gather information from provided sources, and record some information.	recall information from experience and/or gather information from print and digital sources to answer a question; and identify key information in orderly notes.	recall information from experience and/or gather information from print and digital sources to answer a question; record information in organized notes, with charts, tables, or other graphics, as appropriate; and provide a list of sources.	recall information from experience and/or gather information from print and digital sources; summarize key ideas and information in detailed and orderly notes, with graphics as appropriate; and provide a list of sources.

Grades 4-5: Standards 6, 7, and 8

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.4-5.6	An ELL can . . . analyze and critique the arguments of others orally and in writing.	identify a point an author or speaker makes.	identify a reason an author or speaker gives to support a main point, and agree or disagree.	tell how one or two reasons support the specific points an author or speaker makes or fails to make.	describe how reasons support the specific points an author or speaker makes or fails to make.	explain how an author or speaker uses reasons and evidence to support or fail to support particular points, (and at grade 5) identifying which reasons and evidence support which points).
ELP.4-5.7	An ELL can . . . adapt language choices to purpose, task, and audience when speaking and writing.	recognize the meaning of some words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to.	adapt language choices to different social and academic contents, with emerging control, and use some words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to.	adapt language choices according to purpose, task, and audience, with developing control, and use an increasing number of general academic and content-specific words, phrases, and expressions in conversation, discussions, and short written text.	adapt language choices and style (includes register) according to purpose, task, and audience, with increasing ease, and use a wider range of general academic and content-specific words and phrases in speech and writing.	adapt language choices and style according to purpose, task, and audience, and use a wide variety of general academic and content-specific words and phrases in speech and writing.
ELP.4-5.8	An ELL can . . . determine the meaning of words and phrases in oral presentations and literary and informational text.	recognize the meaning of a few frequently occurring words, phrases, and formulaic expressions in simple oral discourse, read-alouds, and written texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, relying heavily on context, visual aids, and knowledge of morphology in his or her native language.	determine the meaning of some frequently occurring words, phrases, and expressions in simple oral discourse, read-alouds, and written texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, using context, some visual aids, reference materials, and knowledge of morphology in his or her native language.	determine the meaning of frequently occurring words and phrases and some idiomatic expressions in texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, using context, visual aids, reference materials, and a developing knowledge of English morphology (e.g., affixes, roots, and base words).	determine the meaning of general academic and content-specific words, phrases, and a growing number of idiomatic expressions in texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events, using context, reference materials, and an increasing knowledge of morphology.	determine the meaning of general academic and content-specific words and phrases and figurative language (e.g., metaphors, similes, adages, and proverbs) in texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events, using context, reference materials, and knowledge of morphology.

Grades 4-5: Standards 9 and 10

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.4-5.9	An ELL can . . . create clear and coherent grade-appropriate speech and text.	communicate simple information about an event or topic, with support (including context and visual aids), using non-verbal communication and, with limited control, a narrow range of vocabulary and syntactically simple sentences.	recount a simple sequence of events in order, and communicate simple information about a topic, with support (including visual aids and modeled sentences), using, with emerging control, frequently occurring linking words (e.g., <i>and</i> , <i>then</i>).	recount a short sequence of events in order, and introduce an informational topic, present one or two facts about it, and provide a concluding statement, with support (including modeled sentences), using, with developing control, an increasing range of temporal and other linking words (e.g., <i>next</i> , <i>because</i> , <i>and</i> , <i>also</i>).	recount a more detailed sequence of events, with a beginning, middle, and an end, and introduce and develop an informational topic with facts and details, and provide a conclusion, using, with increasingly independent control, transitional words and phrases to connect events, ideas and opinions (e.g., <i>after a while</i> , <i>for example</i> , <i>in order to</i> , <i>as a result</i>).	recount a more detailed sequence of events, with a beginning, middle, and an end, and introduce an informational topic, develop it with facts and details, and provide a concluding statement or section, using a variety of linking words and phrases to connect ideas, information, or events.
ELP.4-5.10	An ELL can . . . make accurate use of standard English to communicate in grade-appropriate speech and writing.	recognize and use a small number of frequently occurring nouns, noun phrases, and verbs; and understand and respond to simple questions with support (including context and visual aids).	recognize and use some frequently occurring nouns, pronouns, verbs, prepositions, adjectives, adverbs, and conjunctions; and produce simple sentences in response to prompts, with support (including visual aids and modeled sentences).	use some relative pronouns (e.g., <i>who</i> , <i>whom</i> , <i>which</i> , <i>that</i>), relative adverbs (e.g., <i>where</i> , <i>when</i> , <i>why</i>), and prepositional phrases; produce and expand simple and compound sentences, with support (including modeled sentences).	use relative pronouns (e.g., <i>who</i> , <i>whom</i> , <i>which</i> , <i>that</i>), relative adverbs (e.g., <i>where</i> , <i>when</i> , <i>why</i>), subordinating conjunctions, and prepositional phrases; and produce and expand simple, compound, and a few complex sentences.	use relative pronouns (e.g., <i>who</i> , <i>whom</i> , <i>which</i> , <i>that</i>), relative adverbs (e.g., <i>where</i> , <i>when</i> , <i>why</i>), prepositional phrases, subordinating conjunctions, and the progressive and perfect verb tenses; and produce and expand simple, compound, and complex sentences.

Grades 6–8 ELP Standards

Standards 1 and 2

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.6-8.1	An ELL can . . . construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through grade-appropriate listening, reading, and viewing.	use a very limited set of strategies to identify a few key words and phrases in oral communications and simple written texts.	use an emerging set of strategies to identify the main topic, and retell a few key details in oral communications and simple written texts.	use a developing set of strategies to determine the central idea or theme in simple oral presentations or written text, and explain how it is supported by specific details, and summarize part of the text.	use an increasing range of strategies to determine two or more central ideas or themes in oral presentations or written text, and explain how they are supported by specific textual details, and summarize a simple text.	use a wide range of strategies to determine central ideas or themes in oral presentations or written text, and explain how they are developed by supporting ideas or evidence, and summarize a text.
ELP.6-8.2	An ELL can . . . participate in grade-appropriate oral and written exchanges of information, ideas, and analyses, responding to peer, audience, or reader comments and questions.	participate in short conversational and written exchanges on familiar topics, presenting simple information and responding to simple questions and some wh-questions.	participate in short conversational and written exchanges on familiar topics and texts, presenting information and ideas and responding to simple questions and wh-questions.	participate in conversations, discussions, and written exchanges on familiar topics and texts; building on the ideas of others and express his or her own; asking and answering relevant questions; and adding relevant information.	participate in conversations, discussions, and written exchanges about a variety of topics, texts, and issues; building on the ideas of others and expressing his or her own; asking and answering relevant questions; adding relevant information and evidence; and paraphrasing the key ideas expressed.	participate in extended conversations, discussions, and written exchanges about a variety of topics, texts, and issues; building on the ideas of others and expressing his or her own clearly; posing and responding to relevant questions; adding relevant and specific evidence; and summarizing and reflecting on the key ideas expressed.

Grades 6-8: Standards 3, 4, and 5

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.6-8.3	An ELL can . . . speak and write about grade-appropriate complex literary and informational texts and topics.	communicate simple information about familiar texts, topics, and experiences.	deliver short oral presentations and compose written narratives or informational texts about familiar texts, topics, experiences, or events.	deliver short oral presentations and compose written narratives or informational texts about familiar texts, topics, and experiences, developed with some details.	deliver oral presentations and compose written narratives or informational texts about a variety of texts, topics, and experiences, developed with some specific details.	deliver oral presentations and compose written narratives or informational texts about a variety of texts, topics, and experiences, developed with relevant details, ideas, or information.
ELP.6-8.4	An ELL can . . . construct grade-appropriate oral and written claims and support them with reasoning and evidence.	express an opinion about familiar topics.	construct a claim about familiar topics and give a reason to support the claim.	construct a claim about a familiar topic: introduce the topic and provide several supporting reasons or facts in a logical order, and provide a concluding statement.	construct a claim about a variety of topics: introduce the topic, provide sufficient reasons or facts to support the claim, and provide a concluding statement.	construct a claim about a variety of topics: introduce the topic, provide compelling and logically ordered reasons or facts that effectively support the claim, and provide a concluding statement.
ELP.6-8.5	An ELL can . . . conduct research and evaluate and communicate findings to answer questions or solve problems.	gather information from a few provided sources and label collected information.	gather information from provided sources and record some data and information.	gather information from multiple provided print and digital sources and summarize or paraphrase observations, ideas, and information, with labeled illustrations, diagrams, or other graphics, as appropriate, and cite sources.	gather information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others, using charts, diagrams, or other graphics, as appropriate; and cite sources, using a standard format for citation.	gather information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; and (at Grade 8) evaluate the credibility of each source; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others, using charts, diagrams, or other graphics, as appropriate; and cite sources, using a standard format for citation.

Grades 6-8: Standards 6, 7, and 8

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.6-8.6	An ELL can . . . analyze and critique the arguments of others orally and in writing.	identify a point an author or a speaker makes.	identify the main argument and one reason an author or a speaker gives to support the argument.	explain the argument an author or a speaker makes and distinguish between claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from those that are not.	analyze the argument and specific claims in texts or speech, determining whether the evidence is sufficient to support the claims, and cite textual evidence to support the analysis.	analyze and evaluate the argument and specific claims in texts or speech/presentations, determining whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims; and cite textual evidence to support the analysis.
ELP.6-8.7	An ELL can . . . adapt language choices to purpose, task, and audience when speaking and writing.	recognize the meaning of some words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to.	adapt language choices according to task and audience with emerging control, and begin to use frequently occurring general academic and content-specific words and phrases in conversations and discussions.	adapt language choices and style according to purpose, task, and audience, with developing ease; use an increasing number of general academic and content-specific words and phrases in speech and short written texts, and show developing control of style and tone in oral or written text.	adapt language choices and style according to purpose, task, and audience, with increasing ease; use a wider range of general academic and content-specific academic words and phrases, and maintain consistency in style and tone throughout most of oral or written text.	adapt language choices and style according to purpose, task, and audience, with ease; use a wide variety of complex general academic and content-specific academic words to express ideas precisely, and maintain an appropriate and consistent style and tone throughout an oral or written text.
ELP.6-8.8	An ELL can . . . determine the meaning of words and phrases in oral presentations and literary and informational text.	recognize the meaning of a few frequently occurring words and simple phrases in texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, relying heavily on context, visual aids, and knowledge of morphology in their native language.	determine the meaning of frequently occurring words, phrases, and expressions in texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, using context, visual aids, reference materials, and knowledge of morphology in their native language.	determine the meaning of general academic and content-specific words and phrases and frequently occurring expressions in texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, using context, visual aids, reference materials, and a developing knowledge of English morphology (e.g., affixes, roots, base words).	determine the meaning of general academic and content-specific words and phrases, and a growing number of idiomatic expressions in texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events, using context, reference materials, and an increasing knowledge of morphology.	determine the meaning (including the figurative and connotative meanings) of general academic and content-specific words and phrases, idiomatic expressions, and figurative language (e.g., metaphor, personification) in texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events, using context, reference materials, and knowledge of morphology.

Grades 6-8: Standards 9 and 10

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.6-8.9	An ELL can . . . create clear and coherent grade-appropriate speech and text.	communicate simple information about an event or topic, with support (including context and visual aids) using non-verbal communication and, with limited control, a narrow range of vocabulary and syntactically simple sentences.	recount a brief sequence of events in order, and introduce an informational topic, present one or two facts about it, and provide a concluding statement, with support (including sentences), using, with emerging control, some commonly occurring linking words (e.g., <i>next, because, and, also</i>).	recount a short sequence of events, with a beginning, middle, and an end, and introduce and develop an informational topic with a few facts and details, and provide a conclusion, using, with developing control, common transitional words and phrases to connect events, ideas, and opinions (e.g., <i>after a while, for example, in order to, as a result</i>).	recount a more detailed sequence of events or steps in a process, with a beginning, middle, and an end, and introduce and develop an informational topic with facts and details, and provide a concluding section or statement, using, with increasingly independent control, a variety of transitional words and phrases to connect events, ideas, and opinions (e.g., <i>however, on the other hand, from that moment on</i>).	recount a complex sequence of events or steps in a process, with a beginning, middle, and an end, and introduce and effectively develop an informational topic with facts and details, and provide a concluding section or statement, using a wide variety of transitional words and phrases to show logical relationships between events and ideas.
ELP.6-8.10	An ELL can . . . make accurate use of standard English to communicate in grade-appropriate speech and writing.	recognize and use a small number of frequently occurring nouns, noun phrases, and verbs, and understand and respond to simple questions.	use nouns, pronouns, verbs, prepositions, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, and prepositional phrases, and produce simple and compound sentences, with support (including visual aids and sentences).	use relative pronouns (e.g., <i>who, whom, which, that</i>), relative adverbs (e.g., <i>where, when, why</i>), subordinating conjunctions, and prepositional phrases, and produce and expand simple, compound, and a few complex sentences, with support (including modeled sentences).	use an increasing number of intensive pronouns (e.g., <i>myself, ourselves</i>) and verbs in the active and passive voices; place phrases and clauses within a sentence, recognizing and correcting most misplaced and dangling modifiers; and produce and expand simple, compound, and complex sentences.	use intensive pronouns and verbs in the active and passive voices; place phrases and clauses within a sentence, recognizing and correcting misplaced and dangling modifiers; and produce and expand simple, compound, and complex sentences.

Grades 9–12 ELP Standards

Standards 1 and 2

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELP.9-12.1	An ELL can . . . construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through grade-appropriate listening, reading, and viewing.	use a very limited set of strategies to identify a few key words and phrases in oral communications and simple oral and written texts.	use an emerging set of strategies to identify the main topic, and retell a few key details in oral presentations and simple oral and written texts.	use a developing set of strategies to determine the central idea or theme in oral presentations and written texts, and explain how it is developed by specific details in the texts; and summarize part of the text.	use an increasing range of strategies to determine two central ideas or themes, and analyze their development in oral presentations and written texts, citing specific details and evidence from the texts to support the analysis; and summarize a simple text.	use a wide range of strategies to determine central ideas or themes in presentations and written texts, and analyze their development, citing specific details and evidence from the texts to support the analysis; and summarize a text.
ELP.9-12.2	An ELL can . . . participate in grade-appropriate oral and written exchanges of information, ideas, and analyses, responding to peer, audience, or reader comments and questions.	participate in short conversational and written exchanges on familiar topics, presenting information and responding to simple yes/no questions and some wh- questions.	participate in short conversational and written exchanges on familiar topics and texts, presenting information and ideas, and responding to simple questions and wh- questions.	participate in conversations, discussions, and written exchanges on familiar topics, texts, and issues: building on the ideas of others and expressing his or her own; asking and answering relevant questions; adding relevant information and evidence; and restate some of the key ideas expressed.	participate in conversations, discussions, and written exchanges on a range of topics, texts, and issues: build on the ideas of others and express his or her own clearly, supporting points with specific and relevant evidence; ask and answer questions to clarify ideas and conclusions; and summarize the key points expressed.	participate in extended conversations, discussions, and written exchanges on a range of substantive topics, texts, and issues: build on the ideas of others and express his or her own clearly and persuasively, referring to specific and relevant evidence from texts or research to support his or her ideas; ask and answer questions that probe reasoning and claims; and summarize the key points and evidence discussed.

Grades 9-12: Standards 3, 4, and 5

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
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ELP.9-12.3	An ELL can . . . speak and write about grade-appropriate complex literary and informational texts and topics.	communicate information about familiar texts, topics, and experiences.	deliver short oral presentations and compose written narratives or informational texts about familiar texts, topics, experiences, or events.	deliver short oral presentations and compose written informational texts about familiar texts, topics, or events, developing the topic with a few details, with support (including modeled sentences).	deliver oral presentations and compose written informational texts about a variety of texts, topics, or events; developing the topic with some relevant details, concepts, examples, and information, integrating graphics or multimedia when useful.	deliver oral presentations and compose written informational texts about a variety of texts, topics, or events; fully developing the topic with relevant details, concepts, examples, and information, integrating graphics or multimedia when useful.
ELP.9-12.4	An ELL can . . . construct grade-appropriate oral and written claims and support them with reasoning and evidence.	express an opinion about a familiar topic.	construct a claim about familiar topics: introduce the topic and give a reason to support the claim, and provide a concluding statement.	construct a claim about familiar topics: introduce the topic, provide sufficient reasons or facts to support the claim, and provide a concluding statement.	construct a claim about a variety of topics: introduce the topic, provide logically ordered reasons or facts that effectively support the claim, and provide a concluding statement.	construct a substantive claim about a variety of topics: introduce the claim and distinguish it from a counter-claim, provide logically ordered and relevant reasons and evidence to support the claim and to refute the counter-claim, and provide a conclusion that summarizes the argument presented.
ELP.9-12.5	An ELL can . . . conduct research and evaluate and communicate findings to answer questions or solve problems.	gather information from a few provided print and digital sources, and label collected information, experiences, or events.	gather information from provided print and digital sources, and summarize data and information.	carry out short research projects to answer a question; gather information from multiple provided print and digital sources, and evaluate the reliability of each source; paraphrase key information in a short written or oral report, using illustrations, diagrams, or other graphics; and provide a list of sources.	carry out both short and more sustained research projects to answer a question; gather and synthesize information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; evaluate the reliability of each source and integrate information into an organized oral or written report, citing sources appropriately.	carry out both short and more sustained research projects to answer a question or solve a problem; gather and synthesize information from multiple print and digital sources, using advanced search terms effectively; evaluate the reliability of each source, and analyze and integrate information into a clearly organized oral or written text, citing sources appropriately.

Grades 9-12: Standards 6, 7, and 8

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
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ELP.9-12.6	An ELL can . . . analyze and critique the arguments of others orally and in writing.	identify a point an author or a speaker makes.	identify the main argument and one reason an author or a speaker gives to support the argument.	explain the reasons an author or a speaker gives to support a claim, and cite textual evidence to support the analysis.	analyze the reasoning and use of rhetoric in persuasive texts or speeches, including documents of historical and literary significance, determining whether the evidence is sufficient to support the claim, and cite textual evidence to support the analysis.	analyze and evaluate the reasoning and use of rhetoric in persuasive texts, including documents of historical and literary significance, and cite specific textual evidence to thoroughly support the analysis.
ELP.9-12.7	An ELL can . . . adapt language choices to purpose, task, and audience when speaking and writing.	recognize the meaning of some words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to.	adapt language choices to task and audience with emerging control, and use some frequently occurring general academic and content-specific words in conversation and discussion.	adapt language choices and style according to purpose, task, and audience, with developing ease, use an increasing number of general academic and content-specific words and expressions in speech and written text, and show developing control of style and tone in oral or written text.	adapt language choices and style according to purpose, task, and audience, use a wider range of complex general academic and content-specific words and phrases, and adopt and maintain a formal style in speech and writing, as appropriate.	adapt language choices and style according to purpose, task, and audience with ease, use a wide variety of complex general academic and content-specific words and phrases, and employ both formal and more informal styles effectively, as appropriate.
ELP.9-12.8	An ELL can . . . determine the meaning of words and phrases in oral presentations and literary and informational text.	recognize the meaning of a few frequently occurring words, simple phrases, and formulaic expressions in texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, relying heavily on context, visual aids, and knowledge of morphology in their native language.	determine the meaning of frequently occurring words, phrases, and expressions in texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, using context, visual aids, reference materials, and knowledge of morphology in their native language.	determine the meaning of general academic and content-specific words and phrases and frequently occurring expressions in texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, using context, some visual aids, reference materials, and a developing knowledge of English morphology (e.g., affixes, roots, and base words).	determine the meaning of general academic and content-specific words and phrases, figurative language, and a growing number of idiomatic expressions in texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events, using context, increasingly complex visual aids, reference materials, and an increasing knowledge of morphology.	determine the meaning (including the figurative and connotative meanings) of general academic and content-specific words and phrases, figurative language (e.g., irony, hyperbole), and idiomatic expressions in texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events, using context, complex visual aids, reference materials, and consistent knowledge of morphology.

Grades 9-12: Standards 9 and 10

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
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ELP.9-152.9	An ELL can . . . create clear and coherent grade-appropriate speech and text.	communicate basic information about an event or topic, with support (including context and visual aids) using non-verbal communication and, with limited control, a narrow range of vocabulary and syntactically simple sentences.	recount a short sequence of events in order, and introduce an informational topic and provide one or two facts about it, with support (including modeled sentences), using, with emerging control, common linking words to connect events and ideas (e.g., <i>first, next, because</i>).	recount a sequence of events, with a beginning, middle, and an end, and introduce and develop an informational topic with facts and details, and provide a conclusion, using, with developing control, common transitional words and phrases to connect events, ideas, and opinions (e.g., <i>after a while, for example, as a result</i>).	recount a longer, more detailed sequence of events or steps in a process, with a clear sequential or chronological structure, and introduce and develop an informational topic with facts, details, and evidence, and provide a concluding section or statement, using, with increasingly independent control, a variety of more complex transitions to link the major sections of text and speech and to clarify relationships among events and ideas.	recount a complex and detailed sequence of events or steps in a process, with an effective sequential or chronological order, and introduce and effectively develop an informational topic with facts, details, and evidence, and provide a concluding section or statement, using complex and varied transitions to link the major sections of text and speech and to clarify relationships among events and ideas.
ELP.9-12.10	An ELL can . . . make accurate use of standard English to communicate in grade-appropriate speech and writing.	recognize and use a small number of frequently occurring nouns, noun phrases, verbs, conjunctions (but, or, and), and prepositions, and understand and respond to simple questions.	use frequently occurring verbs, nouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, and conjunctions, and produce simple and compound sentences, with support (including modeled sentences).	use simple phrases (e.g., noun, verb, adjectival, adverbial, prepositional) and clauses (e.g., independent, dependent, relative, adverbial), and produce and expand simple compound and a few complex sentences, with support (including modeled sentences).	use increasingly complex phrases (e.g., noun, verb, adjectival, adverbial and participial, prepositional, absolute) and clauses, and produce and expand simple, compound, and complex sentences.	use complex phrases and clauses, and produce and expand simple, compound, and complex sentences.