## What is the WIDA Framework?



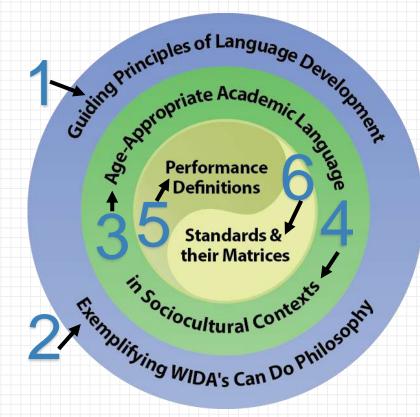


# What is WIDA?

- X WIDA is a consortium of 39 State Education Agencies
- X This is Florida's second year as a member of the WIDA Consortium.
- ✗ "WIDA advances academic language development and academic achievement for children and youth who are culturally and linguistically diverse through high quality standards, assessments, research, and professional learning for educators" (Mission & the WIDA story).



# **The WIDA Framework**





# **Guiding Principles**

Ten research-based principles guide all of the work that WIDA does. These principles are:

- Students' languages and cultures are valuable resources to be tapped and incorporated into schooling.
- Students' home, school, and community experiences influence their language development.
- Students draw on their metacognitive, metalinguistic, and metacultural awareness to develop proficiency in additional languages.
- Students' academic language development in their native language facilitates their academic language development in English. Conversely, students' academic language development in English informs their academic language development in their native language.
- Students learn language and culture through meaningful use and interaction.



# Guiding Principles cont.

- Students use language in functional and communicative ways that vary according to context.
- Students develop language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing interdependently, but at different rates and in different ways.
- Students' development of academic language and academic content knowledge are inter-related processes.
- Students' development of social, instructional, and academic language, a complex and long-term process, is the foundation for their success in school.
- Students' access to instructional tasks requiring complex thinking is enhanced when linguistic complexity and instructional support match their levels of language proficiency.



# The WIDA Can Do Philosophy

WIDA operates within the "Can Do" philosophy. WIDA firmly believes that English Language Learners can do anything native English speakers can do. The Can Do Philosophy is below.

At WIDA, we believe that everyone brings valuable resources to the education community. Linguistically and culturally diverse learners, in particular, bring a unique set of assets that have the potential to enrich the experiences of all learners and educators. As these young children and students learn additional languages, educators can draw on these assets for the benefit of both the learners themselves and for everyone in the community. By focusing on what language learners can do, we send a powerful message that students from diverse linguistic, cultural, and experiential backgrounds contribute to the vibrancy of our early childhood programs and K–12 schools.

The efforts of every stakeholder in the school community, from home care providers to superintendents, can enhance the education of language learners. The more we know about their cultural backgrounds, home environments and formative experiences, and the positive contributions these experiences afford our school communities, the more effective standards-based instruction will be. We believe practitioners and educators have the power to recognize and unleash the potential that language learners bring to their learning communities.

Everything WIDA does is supported by the Can Do Philosophy. Our work begins with articulating examples of language learners' assets, and continues with how we support education systems, how we design our products, and how we conduct our research.

### Age-Appropriate Academic Language in Sociocultural Contexts

WIDA breaks language into three levels. Additionally, the sociocultural contexts in which an English language learner is operating determines how the language is used. See the chart below for more information.

	Performance Criteria	Features
Discourse Level	Linguistic Complexity (Quantity and variety of oral and written test)	Amount of speech/written text Structure of speech/written text Density of speech/written text Organization and cohesion of ideas Variety of sentence types
Sentence Level	Language Forms and Conventions (Types, array, and use of Language structures)	Types and variety of grammatical structures Conventions, mechanics, and fluency Match of language forms to purpose/perspective
Word/Phrase Level	Vocabulary Usage (Specificity of word or phrase choice)	General, specific, and technical language Multiple meanings of words and phrases Formulaic and idiomatic expressions Nuances and shades of meaning Collocations

The Features of Academic Language operate within a sociocultural contexts for language use.

The sociocultural contexts for language use involve the interaction between the student and the language environment, encompassing the ...

- Register
- Genre/Text type
- Topic
- Task/Situation

Sociocultural Contexts

Participants' identities and social roles

## **Performance Definitions**

WIDA breaks language domains into two levels: productive (speaking and writing) and receptive: (listening and reading). WIDA provides performance definitions based on the three language levels previously discussed. WIDA provides six language proficiency levels in these definitions at each level which can help teachers determine what English Language Learners can do in the different domains and levels. Below are the productive performance definitions.

#### WIDA Performance Definitions - Speaking and Writing Grades K-12

At each grade, toward the end of a given level of English language proficiency, and with instructional support, English language learners will produce ...

	Discourse Level	Sentence Level	Word/Phrase Level	
Language Proficiency Level Linguistic Complexity		Language Forms and Conventions	Vocabulary Usage	
	Level 6 - Reaching	Language that meets all criteria through Level 5, Br	idging	
Level 5 Bridging	Multiple, complex sentences     Organized, coherine, and coherent     expression of ideas	A variety of grammatical structures matched to purpose     A broad range of sentence patterns characteristic of particular content areas	<ul> <li>Technical and abstract content-area language including content-specific collocations</li> <li>Words and expressions with shades of meaning across content areas</li> </ul>	
Level 4 Expanding	Short, expanded, and some complex sentences     Organized expression of ideas with emerging cohesion	A variety of grammatical structures     Sentence patterns characteristic of particular     content areas	Specific and some technical content-area language     Words and expressions with expressive meaning through use of collocations and idioms	
Level 3 Developing	Short and some expanded sentences with emerging complexity     Expanded expression of one idea or emerging expression of multiple related ideas	Repetitive grammatical structures with occasional variation     Sentence patterns across content areas and social/instructional situations	Specific content language, including cognate and expressions     Words or expressions with multiple meaning used across content areas	
Level 2 Emerging	Phrases or short sentences     Emerging expression of ideas	Formulaic grammatical structures     Repetitive phrasal and sentence patterns	General content words and expressions     Social and instructional words and     expressions across the content areas	
Level 1 Entering	Words, phrases, or chunks of language     Single words used to represent ideas	Phrase-level grammatical structures     Phrasal patterns associated with common     social/instructional situations	General content-related words     Everyday social and instructional words and expressions	



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#### WIDA Performance Definitions - Listening and Reading Grades K-12

**Discourse Level** Word/Phrase Level Sentence Level Language Proficiency Linguistic Complexity Language Forms and Conventions Vocabulary Usage Level Level 6 - Reaching Language that meets all criteria through Level 5 - Bridging Technical and abstract content-area Rich descriptive discourse with complex Compound, complex grammatical constructions (e.e., multiple phrases and language, including content-specific sentences Level 5 Cohesive and oreanized related ideas clauses) collocations Bridging A broad range of sentence patterns Words and expressions with shades of characteristic of particular content areas meaning across content areas · Connected discourse with a variety of Specific and some technical content-area A variety of complex grammatical Level 4 sentences constructions language Expanded related ideas Words or expressions with multiple Expanding Sentence patterns characteristic of particular content areas meanings across content areas Discourse with a series of extended Compound and some complex (e.g., noun Specific content language, including sentences phrase, verb phrase, prepositional phrase) expressions Level 3 Words and expressions with common · Related ideas grammatical constructions Developing Sentence patterns across content areas and collocations and idioms social/instructional situations Multiple related simple sentences Compound grammatical constructions General content words and expressions, Level 2 An idea with details Repetitive phrasal and sentence patterns including cognates Emerging within content areas and social/instructional Social and instructional words and situations expressions across the content areas Single statements or questions Simple grammatical constructions (e.g., General content-related words Level 1 · An idea within words, phrases, or chunks of commands, Wh- questions, declaratives) Everyday social and instructional words and Entering language Common social and instructional patterns/ expressions forms

At each grade, toward the end of a given level of English language proficiency, and with instructional support, English language learners will process...

... within sociocultural contexts for language use.

# **Standards & their Matrices**

WIDA provides five English Language Development standards which should guide instruction for English Language Learners. These standards are K-12 standards which are available on cPalms. The remaining slides provide examples of each of these standards.

Standard		Abbreviation	Code	
English Language Development Standard 1	English language learners communicate for Social and Instructional purposes within the school setting	Social and Instructional Language	ELD.K12.ELL.SI.1	
English Language Development Standard 2	English language learners communicate information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of Language Arts	The language of Language Arts	ELD.K12.ELL.LA.1	
English Language Development Standard 3	English language learners communicate information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of Mathematics	The language of Mathematics	ELD.K12.ELL.MA.	
English Language Development Standard 4	English language learners communicate information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of Science	The language of Science	ELD.K12.ELL.SC.1	
English Language Development Standard 5	English language learners communicate information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area	The language of Social Studies	ELD.K12.ELL.SS.1	

## Standard 1: Social & Instructional Language

ELLs communicate for SOCIAL & INSTRUCTIONAL purposes within the school setting.



- Today is Monday. Where is the book? I work after school.
- Label the map.
- Describe the correct procedure.
- Write your answers in detail to explain the process you used.

## Standard 2: Language Arts

ELLs communicate information, ideas, and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of LANGUAGE ARTS.



- Identify and describe the elements of plot, setting, and character(s) in a story, as well as the story's beginning, middle and ending.
  - Identify and use past, present, and future verb tenses properly in writing and speaking.
  - Support all statements and claims with anecdotes, descriptions, facts and statistics, and specific examples.
- Critique the logic of functional documents by examining the sequence of information and procedures in anticipation of possible reader misunderstandings.

### Standard 3: Math

ELLs communicate information, ideas, and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of MATHEMATICS.



- Which expression is not equivalent
   to (a + b)(x + y)?
- If (x+2)<sup>n</sup> (x-2)=(x+2)(x<sup>2</sup>-4) for all values of x, what is the value of n?
- Use the cubes to solve the word problem. Choose the number sentence that shows the equation.
- Graph the following function on the grid.

*f*(2)=-4 *f*(5)=-3

#### **Standard 4: Science**

ELLs communicate information, ideas, and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of SCIENCE.



- Make a statement of probability that predicts what the frequency of traits would be in the bacterial population at Time 4, if none of these traits provided a reproductive advantage to the bacteria over the other traits within the environment of the petri dish.
- Create a scatterplot showing the change in the frequency of the two traits over many generations.
- Make a claim for which antibiotic you think the antibiotic resistance traits provides protection from.

#### **Standard 5: Social Studies**

ELLs communicate information, ideas, and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of SOCIAL STUDIES.



- Compare the lives and contributions of Native Americans, such as the Iroquois in the Northeast, the Blackfeet of the Plains, and the Pueblo of the Southwest.
- Demonstrate understanding of the rise and influence of two political parties in the 1800s.
- Compare and contrast the goals and actions of the Allied and Axis powers during World War II.
- Demonstrate knowledge of economics by explaining the importance of barter, credit, trade, supply and demand.