## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER (ELL) PROFICIENCY STANDARDS

### LISTENING AND SPEAKING

#### Introduction

Research consistently indicates that all language learners pass through a "silent" stage before they begin speaking. This stage must be respected. Learners must not be threatened or forced to speak. Research also states that consistent and overt student engagement in the form of active speaking and listening is essential to student learning and language acquisition. Teaching strategies, including cognitive learning strategies, choral responses, group discussions, and other student engagement activities, must be incorporated frequently in order to build student skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Learning can be accelerated through the use of *comprehensible input*, *total physical response*, linguistic encoding (parallel talk describing the student's actions), and the creation of multiple, authentic opportunities for students to use the language.

#### Speaking Pre-Production: Primary

Before children are ready to speak, they should be encouraged to point, identify, act out, and illustrate to demonstrate their comprehension. As soon as children voluntarily begin to speak, the teacher needs to accept the children's attempts, and to scaffold and extend responses so that children are encouraged to develop more complicated speech. The teacher can encourage speech by:

- using total physical response, the natural approach, and linguistic encoding (narrating the children's actions and intents)<sup>1</sup>;
- grouping students of similar proficiency levels in groups of two to three students to facilitate instructional conversations;
- grouping English learners with English native speakers so they can hear English spoken regularly;
- beginning all lessons with pre-teaching vocabulary and a language objective;
- focusing on the language function that the students will need to use to carry out the lesson; and,
- focusing on meaningful activities that involve "hands on," choral readings, echo reading, shared reading and writing, and singing.

#### Speaking Pre-Production: Intermediate/Secondary

The above methods can also be used with intermediate and secondary students. In addition, the Preview/Review method can be effective. Under this method, students are grouped by their first language. The lesson is then previewed, taught in English, reviewed, and clarified. For at least part of the day, when possible, beginning students are also placed in small groups with native English speakers so that they are motivated to use their new language.

<sup>1</sup> Preparing for Success, 2001, Dr. Carolyn Weiner

**Performance Conditions:** Students at this stage comprehend simple statements and questions. They understand the general idea of basic messages and conversations that pertain to common, routine matters. Their interactions are short, face-to-face, informal, and with one person at a time or in small groups. Although students can initiate and respond to basic statements, their speech is largely guided by questions and feedback from the teacher. English learners rely heavily on repetition, gestures, and other nonverbal cues to sustain conversations. Their speech is slow. Communications that students listen to and comprehend are short and include familiar routine words. Context strongly supports their utterances.

Delivery of Oral Communications	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u>	<ul> <li>Respond to greetings with simple</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use common social greetings and simple</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Respond to and initiate greetings, courtesy, and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Respond appropriately to most</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participate in small group discussions,</li> </ul>
The student will	words, gestures, and	repetitive phrases using	leave-taking, and provide	social interactions,	including greeting
express orally his or	other nonverbal	isolated words or strings	basic personal information	including introducing	familiar and unfamiliar
her own thinking and ideas.	behavior.	of 2- to 3-word responses (e.g., <i>Hello. How are</i> <i>you? Thank you. You're</i> <i>welcome.</i> )	related to the context of the conversation with key words and short phrases (e.g., name, address, age).	self, asking about the other, and responding to questions about personal information, using phrases and some simple sentences.	people, responding appropriately to introductions by other people, and asking and responding to detailed questions regarding personal information, using phrases and simple sentences. (LS-R3, LS-R5)
	• Use gestures to communicate basic needs (e.g., points toward door when needing to go to the restroom).	• Use more utterances accompanied by gestures to indicate basic needs (e.g., says "bathroom" while pointing toward the door).	• Communicate in a limited way some basic immediate personal and survival needs without necessarily using purposeful, yet restricted, vocabulary (e.g., <i>I'm hungry.</i> )	• Communicate immediate personal and survival needs, using accurate and somewhat varied vocabulary.	<ul> <li>Communicate immediate and future personal and survival needs, using precise, descriptive, and varied vocabulary.</li> <li>* Correlated to the Readiness level for Kindergarten.</li> </ul>

Delivery of Oral Communications	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u> The student will express orally his or her own thinking and ideas.	• Identify by name a few familiar objects, people, and events (e.g., family members, body parts, clothing, pets, foods, common occupations, seasons, common school, classroom, and home objects).	• Identify by name some familiar objects, people, and events (e.g., family members, body parts, clothing, pets, foods, common occupations, seasons, common school, classroom, and home objects).	• Identify by name many familiar objects, people, and events (e.g., family members, body parts, clothing, pets, foods, common occupations, seasons, common school, classroom, and home objects).	• Describe immediate surroundings, such as classroom, school, or home.	• Describe familiar objects, people, and events with both general and more specific words and phrases.
		• Recite simple, familiar rhymes and songs with expressive phrasing and intonation.	• Recite familiar rhymes, songs, and stories with clear, audible, and expressive phrasing and intonation.	• Retell simple stories in a logical sequence, using key words, phrases, and simple sentences.	<ul> <li>Retell simple stories in a logical sequence, using expressive phrasing. (LS-R1)</li> <li>* Correlated to the Readiness level for Kindergarten.</li> </ul>

Standard English Conventions	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	Beginning The student will: • Speak in isolated words (usually a single noun or verb), depending heavily on gestures to express meaning.	Early Intermediate The student will: • Speak in isolated words or strings of 2 to 3 words, depending on gestures to express meaning.	Intermediate The student will: • Speak in short patterns of words and phrases using English grammatical structures and linguistic forms outlined in the Advanced Level with habitual errors that sometimes impede	Early Advanced The student will: • Speak in short phrases and simple sentences using English grammatical structures and linguistic forms outlined in the Advanced Level with some errors, although the errors do not	Advanced The student will: • Speak in short phrases and simple sentences, using the following English grammatical structures and linguistic forms with occasional errors: • verb tenses (present tense, including "to
			communication.	impede communication.	<ul> <li>be," present progressive, and future tenses, imperatives, modal auxiliaries);</li> <li>possessive adjectives and subject pronouns, including articles; and,</li> <li>prepositions of time and place; adverbs of time and frequency.</li> <li>* Correlated to the Readiness level for Kindergarten.</li> </ul>

Comprehension of Oral Communications	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u> The student will listen actively to the ideas of others in order to acquire new knowledge.	• Comprehend a limited number of common words and simple phrases in conversations held on topics of personal relevance (e.g., basic gractings and	• Comprehend a <b>few</b> common words and simple phrases in conversations on topics of personal relevance (e.g., social courtesies, basic needs), when anakon slowth with	• Comprehend <b>some</b> words, phrases, and short sentences in conversations on topics of personal relevance (e.g., social courtesies, personal information, basic paceda, abilitica)	• Comprehend <b>many</b> words, phrases, and sentences in sustained conversations on topics of personal relevance when spoken at a normal rate with some rophyracian	• Comprehend a wide- ranging number of words, phrases, and sentences in sustained conversations on topics of personal relevance when spoken at a normal rate with some
-	greetings and courtesies) when spoken slowly and with extensive rephrasing, repetitions, and contextual clues.	spoken slowly with frequent rephrasing, repetitions, and contextual clues.	basic needs, abilities) when spoken slowly with some rephrasing, repetitions, and contextual clues.	rephrasing, repetitions, and contextual clues.	normal rate with some rephrasing, repetitions, and contextual clues.
	• Comprehend and follow simple routine instructions for classroom activities that depend on gestures and other contextual clues (e.g., "Let's form a line for lunch.")	• Comprehend and follow short routine instructions (2- to 5- word phrases) for classroom activities in the presence of gestures and clear contextual clues.	• Comprehend and follow routine (2- to 3- step) instructions for classroom activities in the presence of gestures and clear contextual clues.	• Comprehend and follow multiple step instructions for classroom activities in the presence of gestures and clear contextual clues.	• Comprehend and follow common positive and negative commands and requests. (LS-R2)
				• Listen attentively to simple, short read- aloud stories and identify key details.	• Listen attentively to simple read-aloud stories, poems, and informational text and identify key details and specific facts. (LS-R4)
					* Correlated to the Readiness level for Kindergarten.

**Performance Conditions:** English learners at this stage of proficiency comprehend basic vocabulary and grammatical structures in face-to-face conversations with one person at a time or in a familiar supportive group. Topics are familiar and about common routine matters. Listening communications are short monologues and dialogues on familiar routine topics delivered at a slow-to-normal rate. Students rely on repetition, gestures, and other nonverbal cues to sustain conversations. Their speech is guided by specific questions when necessary. Students use word order accurately in simple sentences but make errors when using more complex patterns. They use the more common verb tense forms (present, past, and future) consistently but sometimes make errors in tense formation and proper selection of verbs. English learners are able to express some details and nuances by using appropriate modifiers. Their speech rate is slow to normal.

Delivery of Oral Communications	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u> The student will express orally his or her own thinking and ideas.	• Participate in short, routine social conversations with individuals in which he or she exchanges personal information and discusses personal needs using accurate but limited vocabulary.	• Participate in social conversations in pairs or in small groups in which he or she exchanges personal information and discusses personal experiences, abilities, and needs using accurate and somewhat limited vocabulary.	• Participate in social conversations held in pairs or in small groups in which he or she discusses personal likes, dislikes, wants, and feelings; and familiar events, problems, and situations using purposeful and somewhat varied vocabulary.	• Participate in expanded social conversations held in pairs or in small groups in which he or she discusses personal likes, dislikes, wants, and feelings; and familiar events, problems, and situations using accurate and varied vocabulary.	• Open, develop, and close social conversations with small groups in which he or she discusses personal likes, dislikes, wants, and feelings; familiar events, problems, and situations; and other familiar topics using precise and descriptive vocabulary.
	• Contribute to classroom and small group academic discussions by asking/answering simple questions with considerable hesitancy due to the need to rephrase and search for words.	• Contribute to classroom and small group academic discussions by asking/ answering simple questions and expressing his or her ability to do or not do something with some hesitancy because of the need to rephrase and search for words.	• Contribute to classroom and small group academic discussions by asking/ answering questions, agreeing/ disagreeing with others, and making comparisons with some hesitancy because of the need to rephrase and search for words.	• Contribute to classroom and small group academic discussions by asking/ answering questions, agreeing/ disagreeing with others, and making comparisons with occasional hesitancy because of the need to rephrase and search for words.	<ul> <li>Contribute to classroom and academic discussions by asking/answering questions, agreeing/ disagreeing with others, making comparisons, and expressing interests and preferences related to class projects and discussions. (LS-F3)</li> <li>* Correlated to the Foundations level for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.</li> </ul>

Delivery of Oral Communications	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u> The student will express orally his or her own thinking and ideas. (continued)	• Greet and take leave in socially and culturally appropriate ways.	• Role-play a telephone conversation with others, using English in socially and culturally appropriate ways.	• Interact with adults and peers in formal and informal settings, using English in socially and culturally appropriate ways	• Use English and his or her native language appropriately in a multilingual social situation (e.g., cooperative games and activities).	• Give and receive compliments, show gratitude, and express apologies in socially and culturally appropriate ways through verbal and nonverbal means.
()	• Describe a person, object, or situation in some detail.	• Ask and respond to questions about the size, color, shape, physical characteristics, and number of familiar objects, using accurate and somewhat limited vocabulary.	• Ask and respond to questions about various attributes of people, objects, events, and situations, using purposeful and somewhat varied vocabulary.	• Ask and respond to questions about the similarities and differences in people, objects, events, and situations in some detail, using natural and varied vocabulary.	• Describe people, objects, events, and situations in detail (e.g., location, appearance, function, actions), using precise and descriptive vocabulary.
	• Issue 2- to 3-word basic, routine directions and commands in a manner that the listener can follow, although meaning may be conveyed by gestures.	• Issue single-step directions and commands in a manner that the listener can follow, with less reliance on gestures to convey meaning.	• Issue 1- to 2-step routine directions in a manner that the listener can follow.	• Issue 2- to 3-step routine directions in a manner that the listener can follow.	• Issue multiple-step routine directions and instructions in a manner that the listener can follow, including basic references to time, location, and movement. (LS-F2)
	<ul> <li>Answer basic questions about read- aloud stories with 1- or 2-word responses.</li> </ul>	• Retell simple stories in a logical sequence, using key words, phrases, and simple sentences.	• Relate simple stories or events about personal experiences, using logical organization and some descriptive words.	<ul> <li>Relate simple stories or events about routine activities, using logical organization and natural and varied vocabulary.</li> </ul>	• Present coherent personal narrative about ideas, events, or activities of interest that include an introduction, development, and conclusion that listeners can follow. (LS-F3)

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	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u> The student will identify, describe, and apply conventions of standard English in his or her communications.	• Speak, with satisfactory control over English grammatical structures and linguistic forms outlined in the earlier stage of proficiency (ELL I); however, errors and pronunciation difficulties still may impede communication.	• Speak, using English grammatical structures and linguistic forms outlined in the Advanced Level (and in ELL I); however, <b>many</b> errors or irregular forms <b>often</b> impede communication.	• Speak, using English grammatical structures and linguistic forms outlined in the Advanced Level (and in ELL I); however, habitual errors sometimes impede communication.	• Speak, using English grammatical structures and linguistic forms outlined in the Advanced Level (and in ELL I); however, <b>some</b> errors occur, although they <b>do not</b> impede communication.	<ul> <li>Speak in phrases and sentences, using the following English grammatical structures and linguistic forms with occasional errors:</li> <li>verb tenses (past and past progressive tenses, modal auxiliaries);</li> <li>subject-verb agreement;</li> <li>complete sentences;</li> <li>complete sentences;</li> <li>comparative and superlative structures;</li> <li>pronouns, antecedents, pronouns in the possessive, objective, and demonstrative forms; and,</li> <li>prepositions of direction and motion; adverbs of manner and sequence (quickly, finally).</li> <li>* Correlated to the Foundations level for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.</li> </ul>

Comprehension of Oral Communications	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u> The student will listen actively to the ideas of others in order to acquire new knowledge.	• Comprehend key words, <i>formulaic</i> phrases, and most short sentences in simple predictable conversations on topics of immediate personal relevance (e.g., basic social interactions, needs, warnings) when spoken slowly with frequent rephrasing, repetitions, and contextual clues.	• Comprehend a range of expressions used to request personal details, direct classroom activities, identify people, objects, and events, and ask for/grant permission when spoken slowly with some rephrasing, repetitions, and contextual clues.	• Comprehend and follow short predictable discourse on familiar matters, including familiar events, routines, objects, and people; likes, dislikes, wants, and feelings; and, invitations and apologies when spoken slowly with some rephrasing, repetitions, and contextual clues.	• Comprehend and follow short predictable discourse on familiar matters, including familiar events, routines, objects, and people; likes, dislikes, wants, and feelings; and, invitations and apologies when spoken at a normal rate with some rephrasing, repetitions, and contextual clues.	• Comprehend and follow short predictable discourse on familiar matters, including familiar events, routines, objects, and people; likes, dislikes, wants, and feelings; and, invitations and apologies when spoker at a normal rate.
	• Comprehend and follow 1-step directions related to the position of one's movement in space, accompanied by contextual cues and gestures.	• Comprehend and follow 2- to 3-step directions related to the position of one's movement in space, accompanied by contextual cues and gestures.	• Comprehend and follow 3- to 4-step directions related to the position of one's movement in space.	• Comprehend and follow 3- to 4-step directions related the position, frequency, and duration of one's movements in space.	<ul> <li>Comprehend and follow multiple-step directions related to the position, frequency, and duration of one's movements in space. (LS-F2)</li> <li>* Correlated to the Foundations level for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.</li> </ul>

**Performance Conditions:** Students at this stage of proficiency comprehend short conversations and interactions that are face-to-face with one person at a time or in small groups. The context of the conversations is familiar or clear and predictable. English learners at this stage initiate and sustain conversations, although they often speak with hesitation and rely on known vocabulary. Extended communications typically consist of a series of short, familiar structures. They rely on repetition, gestures, and other nonverbal cues to sustain conversations. Their speech rate is slow to normal. Circumstances of the oral communications range from informal to more formal occasions, and audiences consist of small, familiar groups. Listening communications consist of moderately short monologues and dialogues on familiar, routine topics that are face-to-face, or video-or audio-mediated at a slow-to-normal rate.

Delivery of Oral Communications	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u>	<ul> <li>Participate in social conversations held in</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participate in social conversations held in</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participate in social conversations held in</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participate in social conversations held in</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Open, develop, and close extended social</li> </ul>
The student will	pairs or in groups on	pairs or in groups on	pairs or in groups by	pairs or in groups by	conversations held in
express orally his or	his or her basic needs,	immediate and future	asking and responding	asking and responding	pairs or in groups by
her own thinking and	wants, feelings, and	needs, wants, and plans;	to questions, providing	to questions, providing	asking and responding
ideas.	plans; and familiar events, using accurate but limited vocabulary.	and familiar topics of personal reference, using accurate but somewhat limited vocabulary.	advice, granting permission, describing past events, and posing hypotheticals, using purposeful and somewhat varied vocabulary.	advice, granting permission, describing past events, and posing hypotheticals, using accurate and varied vocabulary.	to questions, providing advice, granting permission, describing past events, and posing hypotheticals, using precise and descriptive vocabulary.
	• Contribute to classroom and small group academic discussions by asking/answering questions and making comparisons with considerable hesitancy because of the need to rephrase and search for words.	• Contribute to classroom and small group academic discussions by asking/answering questions, agreeing/ disagreeing with others, and making comparisons with some hesitancy because of the need to rephrase and search for words.	• Contribute to classroom and academic discussions by giving suggestions, describing past and proposing hypothetical events, and expressing intentions and possibilities with some hesitancy because of the need to rephrase and search for words.	• Contribute to classroom and academic discussions by giving suggestions, describing past and proposing hypothetical events, and expressing intentions and possibilities with occasional hesitancy because of the need to rephrase and search for words.	• Contribute to classroom and academic discussions by giving suggestions, describing past and proposing hypothetical events, and expressing intentions and possibilities, exhibiting some ability to employ circumlocution (i.e., the ability to find another way to say something).
					* Correlated to the Essentials level for 5 <sup>th</sup> grade.

Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
• Greet and take leave appropriately in a variety of settings.	• Give and receive compliments, show gratitude, and express apologies in socially and culturally appropriate ways through verbal and nonverbal means.	• Give and receive compliments, show gratitude, apologize, and express anger or impatience in socially and culturally appropriate ways through verbal and nonverbal means.	• Determine appropriate topics for interaction given audience and setting, including when it is appropriate to tell a joke.	• Advise peers on appropriate verbal and nonverbal behavior given the audience and setting.
• Ask and respond to basic instructional questions on the content presented (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how), using words and phrases.	• Ask and respond to basic instructional questions on the content presented (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how), using phrases and simple sentences.	• Ask and respond to instructional questions on the content presented (e.g., What part of the story was more important?) using phrases and sentences.	• Ask and respond to instructional questions on the content presented (e.g., What part of the story was more important?) with more extensive descriptive comments.	• Ask and respond to instructional questions on the content presented (e.g., How do the events of this story relate to your experiences?) with extended explanation.
<ul> <li>Relate stories or events about routine activities, using logical organization and accurate but limited vocabulary.</li> </ul>	• Relate stories or events about personal experiences, using logical organization and some descriptive vocabulary.	• Present coherent personal narratives about ideas, events, or activities of interest, using logical organization and purposeful and somewhat varied vocabulary.	• Prepare and deliver a short oral report in a content area and effectively convey the information in connected discourse with natural and varied vocabulary.	<ul> <li>Prepare and deliver a short oral report in a content area and effectively convey the information through verbal and nonverbal communications in connected discourse with accurate and precise vocabulary. (LS-E1, LS-E2)</li> <li>* Correlated to the Essentials level for</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The student will:</li> <li>Greet and take leave appropriately in a variety of settings.</li> <li>Ask and respond to basic instructional questions on the content presented (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how), using words and phrases.</li> <li>Relate stories or events about routine activities, using logical organization and accurate but limited</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The student will:</li> <li>Greet and take leave appropriately in a variety of settings.</li> <li>Give and receive compliments, show gratitude, and express apologies in socially and culturally appropriate ways through verbal and nonverbal means.</li> <li>Ask and respond to basic instructional questions on the content presented (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how), using words and phrases.</li> <li>Relate stories or events about routine activities, using logical organization and accurate but limited</li> <li>Give and receive compliments, show gratitude, and express apologies in socially and culturally appropriate ways through verbal and nonverbal means.</li> <li>Ask and respond to basic instructional questions on the content presented (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how), using phrases and simple sentences.</li> <li>Relate stories or events about personal experiences, using logical organization and some descriptive</li> </ul>	The student will:The student will:The student will:• Greet and take leave appropriately in a variety of settings.• Give and receive compliments, show gratitude, and express apologies in socially and culturally appropriate ways through verbal and nonverbal means.• Give and receive compliments, show gratitude, and express and express anger or impatience in socially and culturally appropriate ways through verbal and nonverbal means.• Ask and respond to basic instructional questions on the content presented (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how), using words and phrases.• Ask and respond to basic instructional questions on the content presented (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how), using phrases and simple sentences.• Ask and respond to instructional questions on the content presented (e.g., What part of the story was more important?) using phrases and sentences.• Relate stories or events about routine activities, using logical organization and accurate but limited vocabulary.• Relate stories or events about personal experiences, using logical organization and some descriptive vocabulary.• Present coherent personal narratives about ideas, events, or activities of interest, using logical organization and purposeful and somewhat varied	The student will:The student will:The student will:The student will:• Greet and take leave appropriately in a variety of settings.• Give and receive compliments, show gratitude, and express apologies in socially and culturally appropriate ways through verbal and nonverbal means.• Give and receive compliments, show gratitude, apologiez, and express anger or impatience in socially and culturally appropriate ways through verbal and nonverbal means.• Determine appropriate topics for interaction given audience and setting, including when it is appropriate to tell a joke.• Ask and respond to basic instructional questions on the content presented (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how), using words and phrases.• Ask and respond to basic instructional questions on the content presented (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how), using phrases and simple sentences.• Ask and respond to instructional questions on the content presented (e.g., What part of the story was more important?) using phrases and sentences.• Ask and respond to instructional questions on the content presented (e.g., What part of the story was more important?) using phrases and sentences.• Ask and respond to instructional questions on the content presented (e.g., What part of the story was more important?) with more extensive descriptive comments.• Relate stories or events about personal accurate but limited vocabulary.• Relate stories or events about personal some descriptive vocabulary.• Prepare and deliver a short oral report in a cultively convey the information in connected discourse with natural and varied <br< td=""></br<>

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Standard English Conventions	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u> The student will identify, describe, and apply conventions of standard English in his or her communications.	• Speak with satisfactory control over the English grammatical structures and linguistic forms defined in earlier stages of proficiency (ELL I-II); however, errors and pronunciation difficulties still may impede communication.	• Speak using English grammatical structures and linguistic forms outlined in the Advanced Level (and in the earlier stages of proficiency ELL I-II); however, <b>many</b> errors or irregular forms <b>often</b> impede communication.	• Speak using English grammatical structures and linguistic forms outlined in the Advanced Level (and in the earlier stages of proficiency ELL I-II); however, <b>habitual</b> errors <b>sometimes</b> impede communication.	• Speak using English grammatical structures and linguistic forms outlined in the Advanced Level (and in the earlier stages of proficiency ELL I-II); however, <b>some</b> errors occur, although they <b>do not</b> impede communication.	<ul> <li>Speak using the following English grammatical structures and linguistic forms, with occasional errors:</li> <li>verb tenses (present perfect, present perfect progressive tenses, present real conditional, habitual past);</li> <li>various types of pronouns, including reflexive pronouns; and,</li> <li>simple/compound sentences.</li> </ul>
			• Use phrases and simple sentences, showing some evidence of connected discourse (e.g., the use of words such as and, but, first, next, then, because, however, therefore.)	• Arrange phrases, clauses, and sentences into correct and meaningful patterns.	<ul> <li>Present information in coherent connected discourse.</li> <li>* Correlated to the Essentials level for</li> </ul>

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Comprehension of Oral Communications	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u> The student will listen actively to the ideas of others in order to acquire new knowledge.	• Recognize topics in read-aloud stories when spoken slowly and with repetitions, rephrasing, and clarifications.	• Restate basic facts from read-aloud stories and content area presentations with contextual support (e.g., graphic organizers, posters, diagrams), repetitions, rephrasing, and clarifications.	• Restate the factual details, key words and expressions, and overall gist of read-aloud stories and content area presentations with contextual support, repetitions, rephrasing, and clarifications.	• Identify the purpose, main ideas, supporting details, and key words and expressions of read-aloud stories and content area presentations with contextual support, repetitions, rephrasing, and clarifications.	• Distinguish fact from opinion from read-aloud stories and content are presentations with contextual support, repetitions, rephrasing, and clarifications.
	• Comprehend and follow 3- to 4-step directions related to the position of one's movements in space.	• Comprehend and follow 3- to 4-step directions related to the position, frequency, and duration of one's movements in space.	• Sometimes comprehend and follow multiple-step instructions (4 or more steps) for familiar processes or procedures.	• Often comprehend and follow multiple-step instructions (4 or more steps) for familiar processes or procedures.	Consistently comprehend and follow multiple-step instructions (4 or more steps) for familiar processes or procedures.     * Correlated to the Essentials level for 5 <sup>th</sup> grade.

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**Performance Conditions:** English learners at this stage of proficiency comprehend standard speech (with some repetition and rewording) delivered in most settings, including small and large academic groups. They are able to comprehend the main ideas and relevant details of extended discussions or presentations on a broad variety of general interest topics and technical discourse, including those discourses that require some level of inference. Students can comprehend subtleties and detect affective undertones in spoken language. They draw on a wide range of language forms, vocabulary, and idioms, and they can engage in extended conversations on a broad range of topics. English learners have mastered basic sentence structure and verb tenses but may have some difficulty with more complex structures. Their rate of speech is at a normal-to-fast rate.

Delivery of Oral Communications	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u>	<ul> <li>Participate in social conversations held in</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participate in social conversations held in</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participate in social conversations held in</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participate in social conversations held in</li> </ul>	• Open, develop, and close extended social
The student will express orally his or her own thinking and ideas.	pairs or in groups by asking/responding to questions, describing past events, and posing hypotheticals, using <b>accurate but</b> <b>limited</b> vocabulary.	pairs or in groups by asking/responding to questions, describing past events, and posing hypotheticals, using accurate but somewhat limited vocabulary.	pairs or in groups by asking/responding to questions, expressing feelings, and summarizing/reporting on events, using <b>purposeful and</b> <b>somewhat varied</b> vocabulary.	pairs or in groups by asking/responding to questions, expressing feelings, and summarizing/reporting on events, <b>using</b> <b>accurate and varied</b> vocabulary.	conversations by asking and responding to questions, expressing feelings, and summarizing/reporting on events, <b>using</b> <b>precise and</b> <b>descriptive</b> vocabulary.
	• Contribute to classroom and academic discussions by making suggestions, describing past events, and proposing hypotheticals, with <b>considerable hesitancy</b> because of the need to rephrase and search for words.	• Contribute to classroom and academic discussions by making suggestions, describing past events, proposing hypotheticals, and expressing intentions and possibilities with <b>some hesitancy</b> because of the need to rephrase and search for words.	• Contribute to classroom and academic discussions by making predictions, summarizing/reporting on situations, and drawing inferences with <b>some hesitancy</b> because of the need to rephrase and search for words.	• Contribute to classroom and academic discussions by making predictions, summarizing/reporting on situations, and drawing inferences with <b>occasional</b> <b>hesitancy</b> because of the need to rephrase and search for words.	• Initiate and sustain classroom and academic discussions by making predictions, summarizing/reporting on situations, and drawing inferences, using a variety of strategies to keep the discussion on track and on topic.
	<ul> <li>Ask others to give, confirm, and clarify information, as needed.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Initiate questions in order to analyze and compare information needed for decision- making.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Respond to questions to clarify and confirm accuracy of information.</li> </ul>	Respond to some complex, open-ended questions about newly- learned information.	<ul> <li>Question, solicit, and restate information about newly-learned information. (LS-E4)</li> <li>* Correlated to the</li> </ul>
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Listening and Speaking

Delivery of Oral Communications	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u> The student will express orally his or her own thinking and ideas.	• Use the appropriate degree of formality with different audiences and settings.	• Recognize and use standard English and <i>vernacular dialects</i> appropriately given the audience and setting.	• Express sympathy, empathy, and gratitude in socially and culturally appropriate ways through verbal and nonverbal means.	• Respond to and express humor in socially and culturally appropriate ways through verbal and nonverbal means.	• Respond to and use idiomatic speech appropriately.
(continued)	• Prepare and deliver oral narratives, using an introduction, development, and conclusion.	• Speak on familiar academic topics, using an introduction, development, and conclusion with accurate and somewhat limited vocabulary.	• Prepare and deliver oral reports using a logical organization and explicit connectors (e.g., <i>first, next, finally</i> ) when making presentations in a content area with purposeful and somewhat varied vocabulary.	• Prepare and deliver oral reports in a content area that express main ideas and provide detailed descriptions and explanations, using natural and varied vocabulary.	• Prepare and deliver oral reports in a content area and effectively convey the information and ideas through verbal and nonverbal communications in connected discourse with precise and descriptive vocabulary. (LS-E1, LS-E2)
			• Briefly interview another student about his or her experiences, interests, and preferences, and take appropriate notes.	• Interview another student or adult about his or her interests, experiences, and preferences, and summarize the responses.	<ul> <li>Interview another student or adult about his or her interests, experiences, preferences, and opinions; evaluate responses both as interviewer and interviewee. (LS-E3)</li> <li>* Correlated to the Essentials level for</li> </ul>

Standard English Conventions	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u> The student will identify, describe, and apply conventions of standard English in his or her communications.	<ul> <li>Speak, demonstrating satisfactory control over the English grammatical structures and linguistic forms defined in earlier stages of proficiency.</li> </ul>	• Speak, using English grammatical structures and linguistic forms outlined in the Advanced Level (and in the earlier stages of proficiency ELL I-III); however, <b>many</b> errors or irregular forms <b>often</b> impede communication.	• Speak, using English grammatical structures and linguistic forms outlined in the Advanced Level (and in the earlier stages of proficiency ELL I-III); however, <b>habitual</b> errors <b>sometimes</b> impede communication.	<ul> <li>Speak, using English grammatical structures and linguistic forms outlined in the Advanced Level (and in the earlier stages of proficiency ELL I-III);</li> <li>some errors occur, although they do not impede communication.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Speak, using the following English grammatical structures and linguistic forms, with occasional errors:</li> <li>verb tenses (past perfect, future perfect, future perfect progressive, present unreal conditional, three-part phrasal verbs);</li> <li>subject-verb agreement;</li> <li>compound/complex sentences; and,</li> <li>various modifiers and transitional devices.</li> <li>* Correlated to the Essentials level for 8<sup>th</sup> grade.</li> </ul>

Comprehension of Oral Communications	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u>	<ul> <li>Restate the gist of oral discourse on personal,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Paraphrase main ideas and most important</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Summarize main ideas and supporting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Respond to requests for facts and explain</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Respond to requests for facts and</li> </ul>
The student will listen actively to the ideas of others in order to acquire new knowledge.	social, or grade-level academic topics when working in pairs, small groups, or whole-class discussions, although repetition, rephrasing, and contextual support is required.	details in oral discourse on personal, social, or grade-level academic topics when working in pairs, small groups, or whole-class discussions,	details in oral discourse on personal, social, or academic topics when working in pairs, small groups, or whole-class discussions, with little	some inferred meanings of a range of descriptive and narrative oral discourse on personal, social, and academic topics when working in pairs, small groups, or during whole-class discussions.	evaluate opinions, attitudes, and point of view of speakers in a broad range of persuasive and expressive personal, social, and academic topics when working in pairs, small groups, or during whole-class discussions. (LS-E4)
	• Comprehend sets of instructions related to tasks on familiar processes or procedures.	• Integrate a few pieces of oral information to complete a task on familiar processes or procedures.	• Integrate several detailed pieces of oral information to complete a task on familiar processes or procedures.	• Follow an extended set of multi-step instructions on tasks for familiar processes or procedures.	<ul> <li>Follow an extended set of multi-step instructions on tasks for less familiar processes or procedures.</li> <li>* Correlated to the</li> </ul>
		procedures.	procedures.		

**Performance Conditions:** English learners at this stage of proficiency understand most standard speech. They understand and identify the main ideas and relevant details of discussions or presentations on a wide range of topics, including unfamiliar and technical ones. Listening communications come in the form of lectures, debates, discussions, and critiques. Students are able to comprehend nuanced meaning represented by speech variations in stress, intonation, pace, and rhythm. They engage in most communications with minimal errors. Students have a high degree of fluency and accuracy when speaking on topics that are abstract and not personal. Although students may make errors with some language forms, the errors do not interfere with meaning.

Delivery of Oral Communications	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u> The student will express orally his or her own thinking and ideas.	• Obtain, provide, and exchange basic but key information to complete many practical, social, or academic tasks.	• Communicate with sustained and connected discourse in most social, practical, and academic settings, including expressing feelings and summarizing, explaining, and extending information.	• Communicate with adequate fluency and intelligibility in most social, practical, and academic settings, including obtaining, exchanging, and presenting feelings, observations, information, feedback, ideas, and opinions.	• Communicate effectively and confidently in most practical, social, and academic settings, including obtaining, exchanging, and presenting feelings, observations, information, feedback, ideas, and opinions.	• Communicate with elaboration and proper documentation in practical, social, and academic settings, including obtaining, exchanging, and presenting feelings, observations, information, feedback, ideas, and opinions.
	• Contribute to classroom and academic discussions by summarizing/ reporting on events; expressing opinions, feelings, and reservations; and drawing inferences with considerable hesitancy because of the need to rephrase and search for words.	• Contribute to classroom and academic discussions by summarizing/ reporting on events; expressing opinions, feelings, and reservations; and drawing inferences with some hesitancy because of the need to rephrase and search for words.	• Contribute to classroom and academic discussions by asking/answering questions, giving/ responding to feedback, supporting/refuting opinions, and analyzing points of view with some hesitancy because of the need to rephrase and search for words.	• Contribute to classroom and academic discussions by asking/answering questions, giving/ responding to feedback, supporting/refuting opinions, and analyzing points of view with occasional hesitancy because of the need to rephrase and search for words.	<ul> <li>Interact with others to coordinate academic tasks, including asking/ answering questions, giving/ responding to feedback, supporting/ refuting opinions, and analyzing points of view, using a variety of strategies to keep the discussion on track and on topic.</li> <li>* Correlated to the Proficient level for 12<sup>th</sup> grade.</li> </ul>

Delivery of Oral Communications	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u> The student will express orally his or her own thinking and	• Use appropriate register for business and friendly transactions.	• Select topics appropriate to discuss in an interview.	• Recognize and apply the style of speech used in an interview and in formal and informal meetings.	• Interpret humor in a political cartoon, situation comedy, or a joke.	• Recognize and interpret irony, sarcasm, and humor in a variety of interactions.
<i>ideas.</i> (continued)	• Prepare and deliver a short oral report in a content area and effectively convey the information with connected discourse.	• Deliver an impromptu speech on a particular subject that is organized and tailored to the audience, using accurate but somewhat limited vocabulary.	• Deliver an impromptu speech on a particular subject that is organized and tailored to the audience, using purposeful and somewhat varied vocabulary.	• Prepare and deliver a speech analyzing a point of view or supporting/refuting an opinion that is organized, suited to the audience, and employs resource materials to clarify and defend positions, using natural and varied vocabulary.	• Prepare and deliver a speech defending a point of view or presenting a specific proposal that is organized, suited to the audience, and employs resource materials to clarify and defend positions, using precise and descriptive vocabulary. (LS-P1, LS-P2)
	• Give clear multi-step instructions to carry out a familiar process.	• Give clear, detailed multi-step instructions to carry out a familiar process.	• Give clear, detailed multi-step instructions to carry out a familiar process.	• Convey the sequence of steps in spoken directions, using clear reference and precise vocabulary.	<ul> <li>Convey the sequence of steps in an extended set of spoken directions, using clear reference and precise vocabulary.</li> <li>* Correlated to the Proficient level for 12<sup>th</sup> grade.</li> </ul>

Standard English Conventions	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u> The student will identify, describe, and apply conventions of standard English in his or her communications.	The student will: • Speak with satisfactory control over English grammatical structures and linguistic forms defined in earlier stages of proficiency (ELL I-IV), with some lapses and code- switching into his or her first language.	The student will: • Speak with some fluency, intelligibility, and mastery of a variety of English grammatical structures and linguistic forms outlined in the Advanced Level (and in the earlier stages of proficiency ELL I-IV); however, <b>many</b> errors <b>often</b> impede communication	The student will: • Speak with adequate fluency, intelligibility, and mastery of a variety of English grammatical structures and linguistic forms outlined in the Advanced Level (and in the earlier stages of proficiency ELL I-IV); however, habitual errors sometimes impede communication.		The student will: • Speak, using near native-like fluency, with flexibility and the mastery of a variety of English grammatical structures and linguistic forms with occasional errors, including: • verb tenses (past perfect progressive and future perfect progressive tenses, past unreal conditionals, modals in past tense);
					<ul> <li>transitional devices; and,</li> <li>varied sentence structures.</li> </ul>
				• Use appropriate rhetorical discourse markers, phrases, and sentences to help the listener follow (e.g., definitions,	• Demonstrate linguistic control and adjust language for clarity and accuracy.
Correlations to Arizona's Ass				generalizations, summary).	* Correlated to the Proficient level for 12 <sup>th</sup> grade.

Comprehension of Oral Communications	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced
	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:	The student will:
<u>Standard:</u>	<ul> <li>Paraphrase main ideas of a range of</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Summarize main ideas and supporting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Draw valid conclusions about a</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Compare and contrast central ideas</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Evaluate the logic in a range of extended</li> </ul>
The student will listen actively to the ideas of others in order to acquire new knowledge.	general interest conversations and academic presentations on familiar topics delivered at a normal rate of speech.	details of a range of general interest conversations and academic presentations on familiar and unfamiliar topics delivered at a normal rate of speech.	range of general interest conversations and academic presentations on familiar and unfamiliar topics, live or recorded, delivered at a normal rate of speech.	and concepts from multiple general interest conversations and academic presentations on familiar and unfamiliar topics, in a broad variety of contexts, live or recorded, delivered at a normal rate of speech.	general interest conversations and academic presentations on familiar and unfamiliar topics, in a broad variety of contexts, live or recorded, delivered at a normal or fast rate of speech. (LS-P5)
	• Identify something about the emotional state of the speaker from the tone and intonation of the discourse.	• Identify the emotional tone and register of oral discourse.	• Interpret some of "unspoken" attitudinal nuance, emotional tone, and register of oral discourse.	• Interpret the "unspoken" attitudinal nuance, emotional tone, and register of oral discourse, and infer speaker's bias.	• Interpret the situation relationship, attitudes, and mood of participar in a discourse or an interview; take appropriate notes and summarize the information learned. (LS-P4)
		• Identify the component parts of a presentation (e.g., introduction, topic development, topic shift, and conclusion).	• Identify <i>rhetorical</i> <i>signals</i> of chronological order, comparison and contrast, and cause and effect in formal and informal presentations.	• Evaluate spoken discourse for appropriateness of purpose with a variety of audiences such as formal, <i>consultative</i> , <i>casual</i> , and intimate.	• Evaluate the overall effectiveness of informal and formal presentations that use illustrations, statistics, comparisons, and analogies. (LS-P5)
					* Correlated to the Proficient level for 12 <sup>th</sup> grade.