

## EL Standards

Minnesota joined the World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Consortium in 2011. As a WIDA Consortium member, we share common English Language Development levels, English Language Development Standards and an annual English Language Proficiency assessment called the ACCESS for ELLs.

### The Five Standards

The WIDA English Language Development (ELD) Standards represent the social, instructional, and academic language that students need to engage with peers, educators, and the curriculum in schools.

Standard		Abbreviation
English Language Development Standard 1	English language learners <b>communicate</b> for <b>Social and Instructional</b> purposes within the school setting	Social and Instructional language
English Language Development Standard 2	English language learners <b>communicate</b> information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of <b>Language Arts</b>	The language of Language Arts
English Language Development Standard 3	English language learners <b>communicate</b> information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of <b>Mathematics</b>	The language of Mathematics
English Language Development Standard 4	English language learners <b>communicate</b> information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of <b>Science</b>	The language of Science
English Language Development Standard 5	English language learners <b>communicate</b> information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of <b>Social Studies</b>	The language of Social Studies

Source: 2012 Amplification of The English Language Development Standards Kindergarten-Grade 12, WIDA.

EL teachers work closely with grade-level and content-area teachers to provide academic language development support that enables students to interact with content area standards in language arts, math, science, and social studies. We hold English learners to the same high expectations established for all students and work to provide the language supports that allow students to advance their academic achievement and English language proficiency.