

The WIDA English Language Development Standards, 2020 Edition

Kindergarten – Grade 12

WIDA promotes equity for multilingual learners and in doing so, is taking a fresh look at the original five ELD standards. The 2020 Edition illuminates a vision where all students can develop language and learn content across educational settings.

The WIDA ELD Standards, 2020 Edition

- Builds on ideas and concepts from existing resources and prior editions
- Addresses the latest theory, policy and practice
- Incorporates ideas and feedback from educators around the world
- Complies with all federal requirements and serves as the foundation for systems that foster students' engaged interactive learning and collaborative educator practice



What's staying the same?

- The Can Do Philosophy emphasizes the assets and potential that multilingual learners bring to their classrooms and schools.
- The five WIDA ELD Standards are not changing. A new set of comprehensive resources will replace earlier publications from 2007 and 2012.
- The Performance Definitions articulate the linguistic expectations for each of WIDA's six English language proficiency levels.

What's new?

- Clear language expectations: The 2020 Edition replaces flexible model performance indicators (MPIs) with stable Language Expectations derived from state academic achievement standards.
- Short-hand reference codes: Educators can note which sections of the standards they are addressing in a lesson or unit (e.g., ELD.4-5.SS.E).
- Reorganized content: The 2020 Edition is organized by...
 - grade-level cluster (K, 1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12)
 - the original five standards
 - language domain (Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing)
 - Key Language Use (Explain, Argue, Narrate, Inform, Inquire, Discuss)

For the latest updates and information visit
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Envision a bright future for multilingual learners

We are ready to support your transition to the WIDA ELD Standards, 2020 Edition. Here are some key milestones for the journey ahead:



Fall 2019: Give input

- ✓ Review drafts of the WIDA ELD Standards, 2020 Edition at wida.wisc.edu/2020standards.
- ✓ Submit your response to the public input survey.
 - Join the discussion on social media #WIDAstandards.

Winter 2019–Spring 2020: Prepare

- Share with your colleagues that a 2020 Edition of the WIDA ELD Standards is coming!
- Promote this flyer and updated Guiding Principles available at wida.wisc.edu/2020standards.
- Build awareness by establishing a stakeholder group to build an action plan for implementation. Include administrators, professional learning facilitators, curriculum developers, educator team leads, and parent/family advocates.



Summer 2020 and beyond: Implement

- Learn about the WIDA ELD Standards, 2020 Edition with your colleagues.
- Refer to WIDA resources to help guide your process.
- Learn about possible impact to the ACCESS for ELLs assessment.

Updated Guiding Principles Available Now!

- Explore WIDA's foundational beliefs about language development and the supporting research.
- Advocate for multilingual learners and put the Can Do Philosophy into action.
- Engage in discussions within your school or district to prepare for the release of the 2020 Edition.

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