



# Competency: ACADEMIC DISCOURSE

Core Competencies and Associated Attainments

**Definition:** Academic discourse encompasses the idea of dialogue and a format that facilitates a high level of communication in the classroom. The discourse can range from peer-to-peer discussion to whole-class discussion and can take on many forms: metacognition, developing shared understandings of a text, debate, listening, writing, and critiquing others' work.

**Synonyms:** discuss, process, relate, converse, debate

ATTAINMENT	DEFINITION
I can actively listen.	Effective engagement in discourse is predicated on attention to the ideas of others
I can contribute to discussion.	Contributing in a way that helps us achieve the purpose and vision of the discussion