

Grades 6–8 Alternate Can Do Descriptors

Expressive Language Grades 6–8

By the end of each of the given levels of English language development, multilingual learners with significant cognitive disabilities can...

Social and Instructional Language Alternate Can Do Descriptors				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
State needs and wants	Ask a peer to clarify an idea	State personal goals or accomplishments	Describe decisions that impact a community	Adapt formal and informal language to the appropriate context

English Language Arts Alternate Can Do Descriptors				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Retell explicitly stated information from a text	Retell plot using sentence starters	Compare two or more elements of a text	Summarize information from a text	Compare and contrast themes across two or more related texts or media

Mathematics Alternate Can Do Descriptors				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
State a prediction	Describe "equal share" in relation to a division problem	Make a prediction based on evidence	Summarize data from a graph or table	Construct a graph using data the student collected

Science Alternate Can Do Descriptors				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Communicate ideas through drawing, gesture, and/or text	Answer questions based upon a data set	Identify a problem and possible solution	Explain how an organ or system of organs helps keep an animal alive	Explain with detail the results of an experiment

Social Studies Alternate Can Do Descriptors				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
List public goods or services that taxes provide	State facts and opinions about a historical event	Describe geographical data represented in maps and other geographical tools	Explain how countries solve problems	Support opinions or explanations with evidence

Interpretive Language Grades 6–8

By the end of each of the given levels of English language development, multilingual learners with significant cognitive disabilities exhibit behaviors indicating that they can...

Social and Instructional Language Alternate Can Do Descriptors				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Identify one resource to help reduce asocial or emotional health risks	Identify information in charts or tables when given an oral, written, or visual prompt	Respond to others' comments on a topic to further the discussion	Change steps in a plan to meet a personal goal based on new information	Identify unfamiliar words when reading or listening and seek support for understanding
English Language Arts Alternate Can Do Descriptors				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Match picture, icon, or realia to related text or multimedia	Answer who, what, where, when questions about a text or multimedia	Sequence events from a narrative text	Identify details in a text including central ideas, characters, and setting	Associate a specific meaning of multi-meaning words or phrases in text and/or multimedia
Mathematics Alternate Can Do Descriptors				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Identify words/phrases that can be used to compare relationships between numbers	Locate key words to solve real-world problems using math manipulatives	Match real-world problems to mathematical representations	Indicate type of operation for a given word problem	Demonstrate comprehension of oral, textual, or visual information using a graph
Science Alternate Can Do Descriptors				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Use a model of the Earth, Sun, and Moon to demonstrate a month/year	Classify planets and non-planets based on clues	Match cause to effect of events or phenomena	Follow instructions to conduct a simple experiment	Connect a data set with results of an experiment that shows changes in the properties of substances before and after changes have occurred
Social Studies Alternate Can Do Descriptors				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Identify directionality on a map or diagram (e.g., above, below, north, south)	Follow one-step directions to find an object on a map	Identify the timeframe of a text (e.g., past, present, future)	Follow multi-step directions to find an object on a map or diagram	Demonstrate the impact of human activities on the natural environment based on an informational text or other media