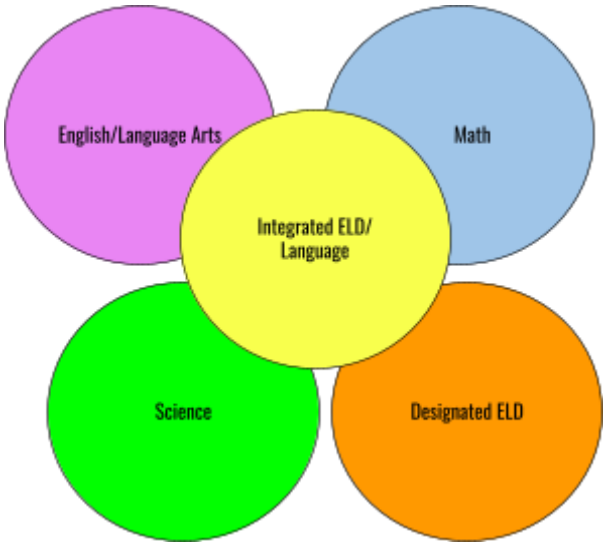
Best Practices and Considerations

for English Learners

Driving Question: How are we providing multiple opportunities for English Learners to experience success through interacting in meaningful and intellectually challenging ways?



ELD Standards are used ***in tandem*** with the CA State Standards.

ELs need full access to high quality curriculum and instruction, learning content through English, while receiving specialized instructional support focused on English Language Development. This support ensures that ELs maintain steady academic and linguistic progress across disciplines and varies based on individual ELs' language learning needs. (***ELA/ELD Framework Ch 1***)

Where to Start

There is not a perfect "one size fits all" strategy. In order to know which strategies to apply when, consideration needs to be given to where the student is currently in their path of English Language acquisition.

Checklist of Considerations for Supporting ELLs

Stages of Language Acquisition

What is Scaffolding?

Short List of Planned and In the Moment Scaffolds

Planned Scaffolds by Phases of a Project

Master Plan for Student Placement

New CA ELD Standards Proficiency Level Descriptors

Goal: *Students will gain one year's growth (at minimum) on the CELDT. Any student not making this growth should be closely monitored*

Native Language	**Emerging 1–2**	**Expanding 2–3**	**Bridging 3–4**	**Lifelong Language Learning**
Students come with a wide range of home language resources to be tapped.				Students reaching "English proficient" must continue to build breadth, depth, and complexity in comprehending and communicating in English in a wide variety of contexts.

Resources and Strategies to Support English Learners

Collection of High Leverage Practices for ELD from CA ELA/ELD Framework
ELD Learning Walks
Considerations for Designated ELD in Elementary School
Tips for Supporting Newcomers during Integrated ELD (in Content)
ELD Standards Planning and Reflection
What do Teachers Need to Know About Academic Language?
BootCamp Resources