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## The WIDA English Language Development Standards, 2020 Edition Kindergarten – Grade 12

### What's staying the same?

- The WIDA ELD Standards statements remain the same.
- The [Can Do Philosophy](#) emphasizes the assets and potential of multilingual learners.
- Six levels of English Language Proficiency.
- Six grade-level clusters (K, 1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12).

### What's new?

A new set of comprehensive resources will replace earlier publications from 2007 and 2012. The following materials represent and support the framework at each grade-level cluster:

- Updated Key Language Uses summarize prominent language across disciplines, helping educators organize and coordinate instruction.
- Language Expectations identify what students do with language to meet academic content standards.
- Language Functions and Features describe some specific ways to meet Language Expectations.
- Annotated Language Samples illustrate Language Expectations and Language Functions and Features in the context of a grade-level text.
- Proficiency Level Descriptors describe a continuum of language development for multilingual learners.

### BIG IDEAS

These four Big Ideas anchor the standards and are interwoven throughout the document.

Teach language and content together

Equity for multilingual learners

Collaboration among stakeholders

Functional approach to language development





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## Envision a bright future for multilingual learners

Explore some key resources for the journey ahead

### Download the updated [Guiding Principles of Language Development](#)

- Explore WIDA's foundational beliefs about language development and the supporting research.
- Advocate for multilingual learners and put the Can Do Philosophy into action.

### Refer to WIDA resources on [wida.wisc.edu/2020standards](http://wida.wisc.edu/2020standards) to learn about big ideas and new features of the 2020 Edition

- Share this flyer to spread the news.
- Use the [2020 Vision PowerPoint Slides](#) to inform others.

### Stay tuned for learning opportunities

- Attend the WIDA eSummit, a free virtual learning event, available to domestic Consortium members. October 12-30, 2020.
- View WIDA eSummit recorded webinars, available to domestic and international Consortium members. Beginning early November.
- Join the free 2020 Vision Q&A Webinar Series, to learn about features and changes to the 2020 Edition. Coming winter 2021.
- Learn about WIDA Professional Learning opportunities. Coming spring 2021.

### Learn about state-specific timelines for implementation of the 2020 Edition

- Navigate to your WIDA Member/State webpage using the dropdown menu in the top right corner of the [WIDA website](#).
- Refer to your State Department of Education's guidelines for your rollout and implementation of the 2020 Edition. Each WIDA member/state determines their own timeline.

## Key websites

- Visit [wida.wisc.edu/2020standards](http://wida.wisc.edu/2020standards) for the latest updates and information.
- Visit [wida.wisc.edu/teach/standards/eld](http://wida.wisc.edu/teach/standards/eld) to download the 2020 Edition in early winter.
- Visit the [WIDA Store](#) to order printed booklets in early winter.

