

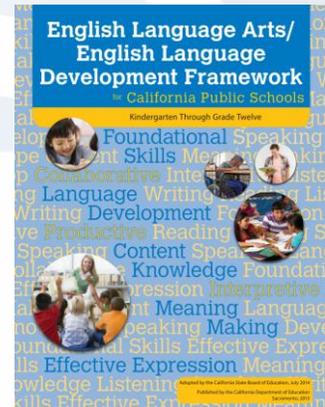
Helping California English Learners Achieve Standards

Need

California has been rebuilding its educational system to align curriculum, instruction, assessment, and accountability to support student achievement since the adoption of Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in 2010. The California Comprehensive Center (Center) has provided support to the California Department of Education (CDE) for the development and dissemination of the state's [English Language Arts \(ELA\)/English Language Development \(ELD\) Curriculum Framework \(ELA/ELD Framework\)](#), which provides instructional and leadership guidance on implementing and integrating the CCSS for ELA/Literacy and the ELD Standards in *all disciplines* in K-12 classrooms.

Center Support

- Co-developed state ELD Standards and the ELA/ELD Framework; convened and facilitated task forces and workgroups, ensuring the integration of committee and public feedback
- Co-developed a guide illustrating how to integrate ELD Standards into K-12 math and science teaching and learning
- Co-developed state science, history/social science, and health education curriculum frameworks, prioritizing equity and integrating ELA and ELD Standards
- Co-developed online professional learning modules to support local educators to implement standards and framework guidance
- Co-developed a practitioners' guide for educating English learner students with disabilities, integrating ELD Standards and ELA/ELD Framework guidance
- Co-developed and co-facilitated 12 statewide ELA/ELD Framework professional learning events
- Provided policy analysis and technical expertise on English learner accountability policy issues
- Provided technical expertise on the development and implementation of the state [EL Roadmap](#)



Outcomes and Impact

The ELA/ELD Framework and related efforts have shifted the state's implementation of ELD away from stand-alone courses to programmatic and instructional approaches that integrate high-quality content, language, and literacy learning – helping schools achieve standards implementation and close opportunity and achievement gaps for English learners.

- The ELA/ELD Framework and ELD Standards provide a consistent statewide approach to serving English learners over the course of its estimated 10-year lifetime.
- The ELA/ELD Framework was distributed to California's 1,025 school districts, 58 county offices of education, and 1,000 charter schools, and the statewide ELA/ELD Framework professional learning events were attended by 3,510 school, district, and county office of education personnel.
- The California State University, the largest generator of new California teachers, comprehensively updated teacher preparation programs at all 23 campuses to reflect the ELD Standards – better preparing the state's future educators to effectively [instruct English learners](#).
- Since 2012, online resources and training materials developed in collaboration with the California Department of Education were accessed over 1.3 million times.

“We are huge fans of the framework and infuse it in all the work we do. It is front and center in all of our professional learning.”

(Staff member, County Office of Education)