

CELDT Blueprint for Kindergarten–Grade One

Listening — Total Number of Items: 20	
Strategies and Applications	
English Language Development (ELD) Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Respond to simple directions and questions by using physical actions and other means of non-verbal communication (e.g., matching objects, pointing to an answer, drawing pictures).	Beginning
Listen attentively to stories and information and identify important details and concepts by using both verbal and non-verbal responses.	Intermediate
Listen attentively to stories and information on new topics and identify both orally and in writing key details and concepts.	Advanced
Demonstrate an understanding of idiomatic expressions (e.g., “Give me a hand.”) by responding to such expressions and using them appropriately.	Advanced
Speaking — Total Number of Items: 20	
Strategies and Applications	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Begin to speak with a few words or sentences by using some English phonemes and rudimentary English grammatical forms (e.g., single words or phrases).	Beginning
Answer simple questions with one- to two-word responses.	Beginning
Begin to be understood when speaking, but may have some inconsistent use of standard English grammatical forms and sounds (e.g., plurals, simple past tense, pronouns such as <i>he</i> or <i>she</i>).	Early Intermediate
Ask and answer questions by using phrases or simple sentences.	Early Intermediate
Retell familiar stories and short conversations by using appropriate gestures, expressions and illustrative objects.	Early Intermediate
Orally communicate basic needs (e.g., “May I get a drink?”).	Early Intermediate
Recite familiar rhymes, songs, and simple stories.	Early Intermediate
Ask and answer instructional questions by using simple sentences.	Intermediate
Make oneself understood when speaking by using consistent standard English grammatical forms and sounds; however, some rules may not be followed (e.g., third person singular, male and female pronouns).	Intermediate

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ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Participate in social conversations with peers and adults on familiar topics by asking and answering questions and soliciting information.	Intermediate
Retell stories and talk about school related activities using expanded vocabulary, descriptive words, and paraphrasing.	Intermediate
Retell stories in greater detail including characters, setting, and plot.	Early Advanced
Make oneself understood when speaking by using consistent standard English grammatical forms, sounds, intonation, pitch, and modulation but may have random errors.	Early Advanced
Participate in and initiate more extended social conversations with peers and adults on unfamiliar topics by asking and answering questions and restating and soliciting information.	Early Advanced
Recognize appropriate ways of speaking that vary according to the purpose, audience, and subject matter.	Early Advanced
Ask and answer instructional questions with more extensive supporting elements (e.g., “What part of the story was most important?”).	Early Advanced
Consistently use appropriate ways of speaking and writing that vary based on purpose, audience, and subject matter.	Advanced
Narrate and paraphrase events in greater detail by using more extended vocabulary.	Advanced
Speak clearly and comprehensibly by using standard English grammatical forms, sounds, intonation, pitch, and modulation.	Advanced

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Reading — Total Number of Items: 20	
Word Analysis	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Recognize English phonemes that correspond to phonemes students already hear and produce in their primary language.	Beginning
Recognize English phonemes that do not correspond to sounds students already hear and produce (e.g., a as in cat and final consonants).	Early Intermediate
Recognize and name all uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet.	Intermediate
Recognize sound/symbol relationships and basic word-formation rules in phrases, simple sentences, or simple text.	Intermediate
Fluency and Systematic Vocabulary Development	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Read simple vocabulary, phrases, and sentences independently.	Early Intermediate
Use decoding skills to read more complex words independently.	Intermediate
Reading Comprehension	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
While reading aloud in a group, point out basic text features, such as the title, table of contents, and chapter headings.	Beginning

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Writing — Total Number of Items: 20	
Strategies and Applications	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Copy the English alphabet legibly.	Beginning
Copy words posted and commonly used in the classroom (e.g., labels, number names, days of the week).	Beginning
Write a few words or phrases about an event or character from a story read by the teacher.	Beginning
English Language Conventions	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Use capitalization to begin sentences and for proper nouns.	Early Intermediate
Use a period or question mark at the end of a sentence.	Early Intermediate

CELDT Blueprint for Grade Two

Listening — Total Number of Items: 20	
Strategies and Applications	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Respond to simple directions and questions by using physical actions and other means of non-verbal communication (e.g., matching objects, pointing to an answer, drawing pictures).	Beginning
Listen attentively to stories and information and identify important details and concepts by using both verbal and non-verbal responses.	Intermediate
Listen attentively to stories and information on new topics and identify both orally and in writing key details and concepts.	Advanced
Demonstrate an understanding of idiomatic expressions (e.g., “Give me a hand.”) by responding to such expressions and using them appropriately.	Advanced
Speaking — Total Number of Items: 20	
Strategies and Applications	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Begin to speak with a few words or sentences by using some English phonemes and rudimentary English grammatical forms (e.g., single words or phrases).	Beginning
Answer simple questions with one- to two-word responses.	Beginning
Begin to be understood when speaking, but may have some inconsistent use of standard English grammatical forms and sounds (e.g., plurals, simple past tense, pronouns such as <i>he</i> or <i>she</i>).	Early Intermediate
Ask and answer questions by using phrases or simple sentences.	Early Intermediate
Retell familiar stories and short conversations by using appropriate gestures, expressions and illustrative objects.	Early Intermediate
Orally communicate basic needs (e.g., “May I get a drink?”).	Early Intermediate
Recite familiar rhymes, songs, and simple stories.	Early Intermediate
Ask and answer instructional questions by using simple sentences.	Intermediate
Make oneself understood when speaking by using consistent standard English grammatical forms and sounds; however, some rules may not be followed (e.g., third person singular, male and female pronouns).	Intermediate

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ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Participate in social conversations with peers and adults on familiar topics by asking and answering questions and soliciting information.	Intermediate
Retell stories and talk about school related activities using expanded vocabulary, descriptive words, and paraphrasing.	Intermediate
Retell stories in greater detail including characters, setting, and plot.	Early Advanced
Make oneself understood when speaking by using consistent standard English grammatical forms, sounds, intonation, pitch, and modulation but may have random errors.	Early Advanced
Participate in and initiate more extended social conversations with peers and adults on unfamiliar topics by asking and answering questions and restating and soliciting information.	Early Advanced
Recognize appropriate ways of speaking that vary according to the purpose, audience, and subject matter.	Early Advanced
Ask and answer instructional questions with more extensive supporting elements (e.g., "What part of the story was most important?").	Early Advanced
Consistently use appropriate ways of speaking and writing that vary based on purpose, audience, and subject matter.	Advanced
Narrate and paraphrase events in greater detail by using more extended vocabulary.	Advanced
Speak clearly and comprehensibly by using standard English grammatical forms, sounds, intonation, pitch, and modulation.	Advanced

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Reading — Total Number of Items: 35	
Word Analysis	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Recognize English phonemes that correspond to phonemes students already hear and produce in their primary language.	Beginning
Recognize English phonemes that do not correspond to sounds students hear and produce (e.g., <i>a</i> in <i>cat</i> and final consonants).	Early Intermediate
Recognize sound/symbol relationships and basic word-formation rules in phrases, simple sentences, or simple text.	Intermediate
Recognize and name all uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet.	Intermediate
Use common English morphemes to derive meaning in oral and silent reading (e.g., basic syllabication rules, regular and irregular plurals, and basic phonics).	Early Advanced
Recognize sound/symbol relationship and basic word-formation rules in phrases, simple sentences, or simple text.	Early Advanced
Apply knowledge of common morphemes to derive meaning in oral and silent reading (e.g., basic syllabication rules, regular and irregular plurals, and basic phonics).	Advanced

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Fluency and Systematic Vocabulary Development	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Demonstrate comprehension of simple vocabulary with an appropriate action.	Beginning
Read simple vocabulary, phrases, and sentences independently.	Early Intermediate
Use decoding skills to read more complex words independently.	Intermediate
Apply knowledge of content-related vocabulary to discussions and reading.	Intermediate
Recognize simple prefixes and suffixes when they are attached to known vocabulary (e.g., <i>remove</i> , <i>jumping</i>).	Intermediate
Recognize simple antonyms and synonyms (e.g., <i>good</i> , <i>bad</i> ; <i>blend</i> , <i>mix</i>) in stories or games.	Early Advanced
Use simple prefixes and suffixes when they are attached to known vocabulary.	Early Advanced
Use decoding skills and knowledge of academic and social vocabulary to begin independent reading.	Early Advanced
Explain common antonyms and synonyms.	Advanced
Recognize words that have multiple meaning in texts.	Advanced
Apply knowledge of academic and social vocabulary to achieve independent reading.	Advanced
Reading Comprehension	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Understand and follow simple one-step directions for classroom activities.	Beginning
Draw and label pictures related to a story topic or one's own experience.	Early Intermediate
Understand and follow simple two-step directions of classroom activities.	Early Intermediate
Understand and follow some multiple-step directions for classroom-related activities.	Intermediate
Read and use basic text features, such as title, table of contents, and chapter headings.	Early Advanced
Locate and use basic text features, such as title, table of contents, chapter headings, diagrams and index.	Advanced

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Writing — Total Number of Items: 24	
Strategies and Applications	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Write a phrase or simple sentence about an experience generated from a group story.	Beginning
Write simple sentences by using key words posted and commonly used in the classroom (e.g., labels, numbers, names, days of the week, and months (e.g., “Today is Tuesday”).	Early Intermediate
Write one to two simple sentences (e.g., “I went to the park.”).	Early Intermediate
Write short narrative stories that include the elements of setting and character.	Intermediate
Produce independent writing that is understood when read but may include inconsistent use of standard grammatical forms.	Intermediate
Write a friendly letter of a few lines.	Intermediate
Following a model, proceed through the writing process to independently write short paragraphs of at least three lines.	Intermediate
Write short narratives that include elements of setting, characters and events.	Early Advanced
Proceed through the writing process to write short paragraphs that maintain a consistent focus.	Early Advanced
Write a formal letter.	Early Advanced
Produce independent writing with consistent use of standard grammatical forms. (Some rules may not be followed.)	Early Advanced
Write short narratives that describe the setting, characters, objects, and events.	Advanced
Produce independent writing by using correct grammatical forms.	Advanced
Proceed through the writing process to write clear and coherent sentences and paragraphs that maintain a consistent focus.	Advanced

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English Language Conventions	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Use capitalization to begin sentences and for proper nouns.	Early Intermediate
Use a period or a question mark at the end of a sentence.	Early Intermediate
Edit writing for basic conventions (e.g., capitalization and use of periods) and make some corrections.	Early Intermediate
Produce independent writing that may include some inconsistent use of capitalization, periods, and correct spelling.	Intermediate
Use standard word order but may have some inconsistent grammatical forms (e.g., subject/verb without inflections).	Intermediate
Produce independent writing that may include some periods, correct spelling, and inconsistent capitalization.	Early Advanced
Use standard word order with some inconsistent grammar forms (e.g., subject/verb agreement).	Early Advanced
Edit writing to check some of the mechanics of writing (e.g., capital letters and periods).	Early Advanced
Use complete sentences and correct word order.	Advanced
Use correct parts of speech, including correct subject/verb agreement.	Advanced
Edit writing for punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.	Advanced
Produce writing that demonstrates a command of the conventions of standard English.	Advanced

CELDT Blueprint for Grades Three–Five

Listening — Total Number of Items: 20	
Strategies and Applications	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Restate and execute multiple-step oral directions.	Early Intermediate
Listen attentively to stories and information and identify important details and concepts by using both verbal and non-verbal responses.	Intermediate
Listen attentively to more complex stories and information on new topics across content areas and identify the main points and supporting details.	Early Advanced
Listen attentively to stories and information on topics; identify the main points and supporting details.	Advanced
Demonstrate an understanding of idiomatic expressions (e.g., “It’s pouring outside.”) by responding to such expressions and using them appropriately.	Advanced
Identify the main ideas and points of view, and distinguish fact from fiction in broadcast and print media.	Advanced
Speaking — Total Number of Items: 20	
Strategies and Applications	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Begin to speak a few words or sentences by using some English phonemes and rudimentary English grammatical forms (e.g., single words or phrases).	Beginning
Answer simple questions with one- to two-word responses.	Beginning
Retell familiar stories and participate in short conversations by using appropriate gestures, expressions, and illustrative objects.	Beginning
Begin to be understood when speaking but may have some inconsistent use of standard English grammatical forms and sounds (e.g., plurals, simple past tense, pronouns such as he or she).	Early Intermediate
Ask and answer questions by using phrases or simple sentences.	Early Intermediate

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ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Orally communicate basic needs (e.g., “May I get a drink of water?”).	Early Intermediate
Recite familiar rhymes, songs, and simple stories.	Early Intermediate
Ask and answer instructional questions with some supporting elements (e.g., “Is it your turn to go to the computer lab?”).	Intermediate
Make oneself understood when speaking by using consistent standard English grammatical forms and sounds; however, some rules may not be followed (e.g., third person singular, male and female pronouns).	Intermediate
Participate in social conversations with peers and adults on familiar topics by asking and answering questions and soliciting information.	Intermediate
Retell stories and talk about school-related activities by using expanded vocabulary, descriptive words, and paraphrasing.	Intermediate
Summarize major ideas and retell stories in greater detail including the characters, setting, and plot.	Early Advanced
Make oneself understood when speaking by using consistent standard English grammatical forms, sounds, intonation, pitch, and modulation but may have random errors.	Early Advanced
Participate in and initiate more extended social conversations with peers and adults on unfamiliar topics by asking and answering questions and restating and soliciting information.	Early Advanced
Recognize appropriate ways of speaking that vary according to the purpose, audience, and subject matter.	Early Advanced
Ask and answer instructional questions with more extensive supporting elements (e.g., “What part of the story was most important?”).	Early Advanced
Use simple figurative language and idiomatic expressions (e.g., “It’s raining cats and dogs.”) to communicate ideas to a variety of audiences.	Early Advanced
Consistently use appropriate ways of speaking and writing that vary according to the purpose, audience, and subject matter.	Advanced
Speak clearly and comprehensibly by using standard English grammatical forms, sounds, intonation, pitch, and modulation.	Advanced

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Reading — Total Number of Items: 35	
Word Analysis	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Recognize English phonemes that correspond to phonemes students already hear and produce while reading aloud.	Beginning
Recognize common English morphemes in phrases and simple sentences (e.g., basic syllabication rules and phonics).	Early Intermediate
Use common English morphemes in oral and silent reading.	Intermediate
Apply knowledge of common English morphemes in oral and silent reading to derive meaning from literature and texts in content areas.	Early Advanced
Apply knowledge of word relationships, such as roots and affixes, to derive meaning from literature and texts in content areas.	Advanced
Fluency and Systematic Vocabulary Development	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Demonstrate comprehension of simple vocabulary with an appropriate action.	Beginning
Retell simple stories by using drawings, words, or phrases.	Beginning
Apply knowledge of content-related vocabulary to discussions and reading.	Early Intermediate
Read simple vocabulary, phrases, and sentences independently.	Early Intermediate
Use knowledge of English morphemes, phonics, and syntax to decode and interpret the meaning of unfamiliar words in simple sentences.	Early Intermediate
Use knowledge of English morphemes, phonics, and syntax to decode and interpret the meaning of unfamiliar words in written texts.	Intermediate
Use content-related vocabulary in discussions and reading.	Intermediate
Recognize some common root words and affixes when they are attached to known vocabulary (e.g., <i>speak</i> , <i>speaker</i>).	Intermediate
Use knowledge of English morphemes, phonics, and syntax to decode and interpret the meaning of unfamiliar words.	Early Advanced
Recognize that some words have multiple meanings (e.g., <i>present/gift</i> , <i>present/time</i>) in literature and texts in content areas.	Early Advanced
Use some common root words and affixes when they are attached to known vocabulary (e.g., <i>educate</i> , <i>education</i>).	Early Advanced

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ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Recognize simple analogies (e.g., “fly like a bird”) and metaphors in literature and texts in content areas.	Early Advanced
Use decoding skills and knowledge of academic and social vocabulary to achieve independent reading.	Early Advanced
Recognize some common idioms (e.g., “scared silly”) in discussions and reading.	Early Advanced
Apply knowledge of common root words and affixes when they are attached to known vocabulary.	Advanced
Recognize that some words have multiple meanings and apply this knowledge consistently.	Advanced
Apply knowledge of academic and social vocabulary to achieve independent reading.	Advanced
Use common idioms, some analogies, and metaphors in discussion and reading.	Advanced
Use a standard dictionary to determine the meaning of unknown words.	Advanced
Reading Comprehension	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Understand and follow simple one-step directions for classroom activities.	Beginning
Point out text features such as the title, table of contents, and chapter headings.	Beginning
Read and listen to simple stories and demonstrate understanding by using simple sentences to respond to explicit detailed questions (e.g., “The bear is brown”).	Early Intermediate
Understand and follow simple two-step directions for classroom activities.	Early Intermediate
Read and identify basic text features such as title, table of contents, and chapter headings.	Early Intermediate
Read text and identify features such as the title, table of contents, chapter headings, diagrams, charts, glossaries, and indexes in written texts.	Intermediate
Understand and follow some multiple-step directions for classroom-related activities.	Intermediate
Describe the main ideas and supporting details of a text.	Early Advanced

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ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Generate and respond to comprehension questions related to the text.	Early Advanced
Locate text features such as format, diagrams, charts, glossaries, and indexes, and identify the functions.	Early Advanced
Use the text (such as ideas presented, illustrations, titles) to draw conclusions and make inferences.	Early Advanced
Distinguish explicit examples of facts, opinions, inference, and cause and effect in texts.	Early Advanced
Identify some significant structural (organizational) patterns in text, such as sequential or chronological order and cause and effect.	Early Advanced
Use the text (such as the ideas, illustrations, titles) to draw inferences and conclusions and make generalizations.	Advanced
Describe main ideas and supporting details, including supporting evidence.	Advanced
Use text features such as format, diagrams, charts, glossaries, indexes, and the like, to locate and draw information from text.	Advanced
Identify significant structural (organizational) patterns in text, such as compare and contrast, sequential and chronological order, and cause and effect.	Advanced
Distinguish fact from opinion and inference and cause from effect in text.	Advanced

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Writing — Total Number of Items: 24	
Strategies and Applications	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Write the English alphabet legibly.	Beginning
Label key parts of common objects.	Beginning
Use models to write short narratives.	Beginning
Write short narrative stories that include elements of setting and character.	Early Intermediate
Follow a model to write a friendly letter.	Early Intermediate
Produce independent writing that is understood when read but may include inconsistent use of standard grammatical forms.	Early Intermediate
Narrate with some detail a sequence of events.	Intermediate
Produce independent writing that is understood when read but may include inconsistent use of standard grammatical forms.	Intermediate
Independently create cohesive paragraphs that develop a central idea with consistent use of standard English grammatical forms. (Some rules may not be followed).	Intermediate
Write a letter by independently using detailed sentences.	Intermediate
Write a detailed summary of a story.	Early Advanced
Arrange compositions according to simple organizational patterns.	Early Advanced
Independently write a persuasive letter with relevant evidence.	Early Advanced
Write a persuasive composition using standard grammatical forms.	Advanced
Write narratives that describe the setting, characters, objects, and events.	Advanced
Independently use all the steps of the writing process.	Advanced

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English Language Conventions	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Use a period at the end of a sentence and question mark at the end of a question.	Beginning
Use capitalization to begin sentences and for proper nouns.	Early Intermediate
Use a period at the end of a sentence and use some commas appropriately.	Early Intermediate
Edit writing for basic conventions (e.g., punctuation, capitalization, and spelling) and make some corrections.	Early Intermediate
Produce independent writing that may include some inconsistent use of capitalization, periods, and correct spelling.	Intermediate
Use standard word order but may have inconsistent grammatical forms (e.g., subject/verb without inflections).	Intermediate
Produce independent writing with consistent use of correct capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	Early Advanced
Use standard word order but may have some consistent grammatical forms, including inflections.	Early Advanced
Edit writing to check the basic mechanics of writing (e.g., punctuation, capitalization and spelling).	Early Advanced
Use complete sentences and correct word order.	Advanced
Use correct parts of speech, including correct subject/verb agreement.	Advanced
Edit writing for punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.	Advanced
Produce writing that demonstrates a command of the conventions of standard English.	Advanced

CELDT Blueprint for Grades Six–Eight

Listening — Total Number of Items: 20	
Strategies and Applications	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Demonstrate comprehension of oral presentations and instructions through non-verbal responses (e.g., gestures, pointing, drawing).	Beginning
Restate and execute multi-step oral directions.	Early Intermediate
Listen attentively to stories and information and identify important details and concepts by using both verbal and non-verbal responses.	Intermediate
Identify the main idea and some supporting details of oral presentations, familiar literature, and key concepts of subject matter content.	Intermediate
Listen attentively to more complex stories and information on new topics across content areas and identify the main points and supporting details.	Early Advanced
Listen attentively to stories and information on topics; identify the main points and supporting details.	Advanced
Demonstrate an understanding of figurative language and idiomatic expressions by responding to such expressions and using them appropriately.	Advanced
Speaking — Total Number of Items: 20	
Strategies and Applications	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Begin to speak a few words or sentences by using some English phonemes and rudimentary English grammatical forms (e.g., single words or phrases).	Beginning
Ask and answer questions by using simple sentences or phrases.	Beginning
Begin to be understood when speaking but may have some inconsistent use of standard English grammatical forms and sounds (e.g., plurals, simple past tense, pronouns such as he or she).	Early Intermediate
Ask and answer questions by using phrases or simple sentences.	Early Intermediate
Orally communicate basic needs (e.g., “I need to borrow a pencil.”).	Early Intermediate

CELDT Blueprint for Grades Six–Eight (continued)

ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Respond to messages by asking simple questions or by briefly restating the message.	Intermediate
Make oneself understood when speaking by using consistent standard English grammatical forms and sounds; however, some rules may not be followed (e.g., third person singular, male and female pronouns).	Intermediate
Participate in social conversations with peers and adults on familiar topics by asking and answering questions and soliciting information.	Intermediate
Retell stories in greater detail by including the characters, setting, and plot.	Early Advanced
Make oneself understood when speaking by using consistent standard English grammatical forms, sounds, intonation, pitch, and modulation but may have random errors.	Early Advanced
Participate in and initiate more extended social conversations with peers and adults on unfamiliar topics by asking and answering questions and restating and soliciting information.	Early Advanced
Recognize appropriate ways of speaking that vary according to the purpose, audience, and subject matter.	Early Advanced
Respond to messages by asking questions, challenging statements, or offering examples that affirm the message.	Early Advanced
Use simple figurative language and idiomatic expressions (e.g., “heavy as a ton of bricks,” “soaking wet”) to communicate ideas to a variety of audiences.	Early Advanced
Consistently use appropriate ways of speaking and writing that vary according to the purpose, audience, and subject matter.	Advanced
Speak clearly and comprehensibly by using standard English grammatical forms, sounds, intonation, pitch, and modulation.	Advanced

CELDT Blueprint for Grades Six–Eight (continued)

Reading — Total Number of Items: 35	
Word Analysis	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Recognize the most common English morphemes in phrases and simple sentences.	Beginning
Use common English morphemes in oral and silent reading.	Early Intermediate
Recognize obvious cognates (e.g., <i>education, educación; actually, actualmente</i>) in phrases, simple sentences, literature, and content area texts.	Early Intermediate
Apply knowledge of common English morphemes in oral and silent reading to derive meaning from literature and texts in content areas.	Intermediate
Identify cognates (e.g., <i>agonia, agony</i>) and false cognates (e.g., <i>-éxito, exit</i>) in literature and texts in content areas.	Intermediate
Apply knowledge of word relationships, such as roots and affixes, to derive meaning from literature and texts in content areas.	Early Advanced
Distinguish between cognates and false cognates in literature and texts in content areas.	Early Advanced
Apply knowledge of word relationships, such as roots and affixes, to derive meaning from literature and texts in content areas.	Advanced
Apply knowledge of cognates and false cognates to derive meaning from literature and texts in content areas.	Advanced

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Fluency and Systematic Vocabulary Development	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Read simple paragraphs and passages independently.	Early Intermediate
Use a standard dictionary to determine meanings of unknown words.	Intermediate
Use knowledge of English morphemes, phonics, and syntax to decode text.	Intermediate
Recognize simple idioms, analogies, figures of speech (e.g., to take a fall), and metaphors in literature and texts in content areas.	Intermediate
Use decoding skills and knowledge of both academic and social vocabulary to read independently.	Intermediate
Recognize that some words have multiple meanings.	Intermediate
Use knowledge of English morphemes, phonics, and syntax to decode and interpret the meaning of unfamiliar words.	Early Advanced
Recognize that some words have multiple meanings and apply this knowledge to read literature and texts in content areas.	Early Advanced
Use a standard dictionary to determine the meaning of unknown words (e.g., idioms and words with multiple meanings).	Early Advanced
Use decoding skills and knowledge of academic and social vocabulary to achieve independent reading.	Early Advanced
Recognize idioms, analogies and metaphors used in literature and texts in content areas.	Early Advanced
Recognize that some words have multiple meanings and apply this knowledge consistently in reading literature and texts in content areas.	Advanced
Apply knowledge of academic and social vocabulary to achieve independent reading.	Advanced
Use common idioms and some analogies (e.g., “shine like a star,” “let the cat out of the bag”) and metaphors.	Advanced
Use a standard dictionary to determine meaning of unknown words.	Advanced

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Reading Comprehension	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Recognize categories of common informational materials (e.g., newspapers, brochures).	Beginning
Point out text features, such as title, table of contents, and chapter headings.	Beginning
Identify and follow some multiple-step directions for using simple mechanical devices and filling out basic forms.	Early Intermediate
Identify and explain main ideas and critical details of informational materials, literary texts, and texts in content areas.	Early Advanced
Identify and explain the main ideas and critical details of informational materials, literary text, and text in content areas.	Advanced

CELDT Blueprint for Grades Six–Eight (continued)

Writing — Total Number of Items: 24	
Strategies and Applications	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Write a brief narrative using a few simple sentences that include the setting and some details.	Beginning
Use the writing process to write brief narratives and stories with a few standard grammatical forms.	Beginning
Write simple compositions, such as descriptions and comparison and contrast, have a main idea and some detail.	Beginning
Use common verbs, nouns, and high-frequency modifiers in writing simple sentences.	Early Intermediate
Write expository compositions, such as descriptions, comparison and contrast, and problem and solution, that include a main idea and some details in simple sentences.	Early Intermediate
Proceed through the writing process to write short paragraphs that contain supporting details about a given topic. There may be some inconsistent use of standard grammatical forms.	Early Intermediate
Narrate a sequence of events and communicate their significance to the audience.	Intermediate
Write brief expository compositions (e.g., description, compare and contrast, cause and effect, and problem and solution) that include a thesis and some points of support.	Intermediate
Write persuasive and expository compositions that include a clear thesis, describe organized points of support, and address a counterargument.	Early Advanced
Write persuasive expository compositions that include a clear thesis, describe organized points of support, and address counter-arguments.	Advanced

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English Language Conventions	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Edit writing for basic conventions (e.g., punctuation, capitalization, and spelling).	Early Intermediate
Use clauses, phrases, and mechanics of writing with consistent variations in grammatical forms.	Early Intermediate
Revise writing for appropriate word choice and organization with variation in grammatical forms and spelling.	Intermediate
Edit and correct basic grammatical structures and usage of the conventions of writing.	Intermediate
Create coherent paragraphs through effective transitions.	Early Advanced
Revise writing for appropriate word choice, organization, consistent point of view, and transitions, with some variation in grammatical forms and spelling.	Early Advanced
Edit writing for grammatical structures and mechanics of writing.	Early Advanced
Revise writing for appropriate word choice and organization, consistent point of view, and transitions, using approximately standard grammatical forms and spelling.	Advanced
Create coherent paragraphs through effective transitions and parallel constructions.	Advanced
Edit writing for the mechanics to approximate standard grammatical forms.	Advanced

CELDT Blueprint for Grades Nine –Twelve

Listening — Total Number of Items: 20	
Strategies and Applications	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Demonstrate comprehension of oral presentations and instructions through non-verbal responses.	Beginning
Restate and execute multiple-step oral directions.	Early Intermediate
Listen attentively to stories and information and identify important details and concepts by using both verbal and non-verbal responses.	Intermediate
Identify the main idea and some supporting details of oral presentations, familiar literature, and key concepts of subject matter content.	Intermediate
Demonstrate an understanding of figurative language and idiomatic expressions by responding to such expressions and using them appropriately.	Advanced
Speaking — Total Number of Items: 20	
Strategies and Applications	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Begin to speak with a few words or sentences by using some English phonemes and rudimentary English grammatical forms (e.g., single words or phrases).	Beginning
Ask and answer questions by using simple sentences or phrases.	Beginning
Begin to be understood when speaking but may have some inconsistent use of standard English grammatical forms and sounds (e.g., plurals, simple past tense, pronouns such as <i>he</i> or <i>she</i>).	Early Intermediate
Ask and answer questions using phrases or simple sentences.	Early Intermediate
Orally communicate basic needs (e.g., “Do we have to _____?”).	Early Intermediate

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ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Respond to messages by asking simple questions or by briefly restating the message.	Intermediate
Make oneself understood when speaking by using consistent standard English grammatical forms and sounds; however, some rules may not be in evidence (e.g., third person singular, male and female pronouns).	Intermediate
Participate in social conversations with peers and adults on familiar topics by asking and answering questions and soliciting information.	Intermediate
Make oneself understood when speaking by using consistent standard English grammatical forms, sounds, intonation, pitch, and modulation but may make random errors.	Early Advanced
Participate in and initiate more extended social conversations with peers and adults on unfamiliar topics by asking and answering questions and restating and soliciting information.	Early Advanced
Recognize appropriate ways of speaking that vary according to the purpose, audience, and subject matter.	Early Advanced
Respond to messages by asking questions, challenging statements, or offering examples that affirm the message.	Early Advanced
Use simple figurative language and idiomatic expressions (e.g., “heavy as a ton of bricks,” “soaking wet”) to communicate ideas to a variety of audiences.	Early Advanced
Demonstrate an understanding of figurative language and idiomatic expressions by responding to such expressions and using them appropriately.	Advanced
Consistently use appropriate ways of speaking and writing that vary according to the purpose, audience, and subject matter.	Advanced
Speak clearly and comprehensibly by using standard English grammatical forms, sounds, intonation, pitch, and modulation.	Advanced

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Reading — Total Number of Items: 35	
Word Analysis	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Recognize the most common English morphemes in phrases and simple sentences (e.g., basic syllabication rules, phonics, regular and irregular plurals).	Beginning
Use common English morphemes in oral and silent reading.	Early Intermediate
Recognize obvious cognates (e.g., <i>education, educación; actually, actualmente</i>) in phrases, simple sentences, literature, and content area texts.	Early Intermediate
Apply knowledge of common English morphemes in oral and silent reading to derive meaning from literature and texts in content areas.	Intermediate
Identify cognates (e.g., <i>agonia, agony</i>) and false cognates (e.g., <i>éxito, exit</i>) in literature and texts in content areas.	Intermediate
Apply knowledge of word relationships, such as roots and affixes, to derive meaning from literature and texts in content areas (e.g., <i>remove, extend</i>).	Early Advanced
Distinguish between cognates and false cognates in literature and texts in content areas.	Early Advanced
Apply knowledge of word relationships, such as roots and affixes, to derive meaning from literature and texts in content areas.	Advanced
Apply knowledge of cognates and false cognates to derive meaning from literature and texts in content areas.	Advanced

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Fluency and Systematic Vocabulary Development	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Recognize simple affixes (e.g., <i>educate, education</i>), prefixes (e.g., <i>dislike</i>), synonyms (e.g., <i>big, large</i>), and antonyms (e.g., <i>hot, cold</i>).	Beginning
Begin to use knowledge of simple affixes, prefixes, synonyms, and antonyms to interpret the meaning of unknown words.	Early Intermediate
Recognize simple idioms, analogies, and figures of speech (e.g., “the last word”) in literature and subject-matter texts.	Early Intermediate
Read simple paragraphs and passages independently.	Early Intermediate
Use a standard dictionary to find the meaning of unknown vocabulary.	Early Intermediate
Use appropriate connectors (e.g., <i>first, then, after that, finally</i>) to sequence written text.	Early Intermediate
Recognize that some words have multiple meanings and apply this knowledge to written texts.	Early Intermediate
Use a standard dictionary to derive meaning of unknown vocabulary.	Intermediate
Identify variations of the same word that are found in a text and know with some accuracy how affixes change the meaning of these words.	Intermediate
Demonstrate sufficient knowledge of English syntax to interpret the meaning of idioms, analogies, and metaphors.	Intermediate
Use decoding skills and knowledge of both academic and social vocabulary to read independently.	Intermediate
Apply knowledge of text connectors to make inferences.	Intermediate
Use knowledge of English morphemes, phonics, and syntax to decode and interpret the meaning of unfamiliar words.	Early Advanced
Recognize that some words have multiple meanings, and apply this knowledge to understand texts.	Early Advanced
Use knowledge of affixes, root words, and increased vocabulary to interpret the meaning of words in literature and content area texts.	Early Advanced
Use a standard dictionary to determine the meaning of unknown words (e.g., idioms and words with multiple meanings).	Early Advanced
Use decoding skills and knowledge of academic and social vocabulary to achieve independent reading.	Early Advanced
Recognize idioms, analogies, and metaphors used in literature and texts in content areas.	Early Advanced

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ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Recognize that some words have multiple meanings and apply this knowledge consistently in reading literature and texts in content areas.	Advanced
Apply knowledge of academic and social vocabulary to achieve independent reading.	Advanced
Use common idioms and some analogies (e.g., “shine like a star,” “let the cat out of the bag”) and metaphors.	Advanced
Use a standard dictionary to determine meaning of unknown words.	Advanced
Reading Comprehension	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Recognize a few specific facts in familiar expository texts, such as consumer publications, workplace documents, and content area texts.	Beginning
Point out text features, such as title, table of contents, and chapter headings.	Beginning
Identify and follow some multiple-step directions for using simple mechanical devices and filling out basic forms.	Early Intermediate
Apply knowledge of language to achieve comprehension of informational materials, literary text, and texts in content areas.	Early Advanced
Apply knowledge of language to achieve comprehension of informational materials, literary text, and text in content areas.	Advanced

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Writing — Total Number of Items: 24	
Strategies and Applications	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Write a brief narrative by using a few simple sentences that include setting and some details.	Beginning
Use the writing process to write brief narratives with a few standard grammatical forms.	Beginning
Write simple compositions, such as descriptions and comparison and contrast, that have a main idea and some detail.	Beginning
Use common verbs, nouns, and high-frequency modifiers in simple sentences.	Early Intermediate
Write expository compositions, such as descriptions, comparisons and contrast, and problem and solution, that include a main idea and some details using simple sentences.	Early Intermediate
Proceed through the writing process to write short paragraphs that contain supporting details about a given topic. There may be some inconsistent use of standard grammatical forms.	Early Intermediate
Narrate a sequence of events and communicate their significance to the audience.	Intermediate
Write brief expository compositions and reports that: a) include a thesis and some supporting details; b) provide information from primary sources; and c) include charts and graphs.	Intermediate
Write persuasive compositions that structure ideas and arguments in a logical way with consistent use of standard grammatical forms.	Early Advanced
Write reflective compositions that explore the significance of events.	Early Advanced
Write persuasive and expository compositions that include a clear thesis, describe organized points of support, and address counterarguments.	Advanced
Structure ideas and arguments in a given context by giving supporting and relevant examples.	Advanced

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English Language Conventions	
ELD Standard	ELD Proficiency Level
Identify basic vocabulary, mechanics, and sentence structures in a piece of writing.	Beginning
Edit writing for basic conventions (e.g., punctuation, capitalization, and spelling).	Early Intermediate
Use clauses, phrases, and mechanics of writing with consistent variations in grammatical forms.	Early Intermediate
Revise writing for appropriate word choice and organization with variation in grammatical forms and spelling.	Intermediate
Edit and correct basic grammatical structures and usage of the conventions of writing.	Intermediate
Create coherent paragraphs through effective transitions.	Early Advanced
Revise writing for appropriate word choice, organization, consistent point of view, and transitions, with some variation in grammatical forms and spelling.	Early Advanced
Edit writing for grammatical structures and the mechanics of writing.	Early Advanced
Revise writing for appropriate word choice and organization, consistent point of view, and transitions, using approximately standard grammatical forms and spelling.	Advanced
Create coherent paragraphs through effective transitions and parallel constructions.	Advanced
Edit writing for the mechanics to approximate standard grammatical forms.	Advanced