Effective ELL Strategies
Understandings

O Understand Language Development and Language Proficiency
O Understand the importance of building Oracy and Background knowledge.
O Understand the concept of "Language Objectives".
O Learn various teaching strategies to support Language Learners.
The visual leads me to believe that Language Development is...

The visual leads me to believe that Language Proficiency is...
• **English Language Development (ELD)** articulates the language acquisition process as fluid, flexible, and ongoing.

• **Language proficiency** reflects on a student’s current level in the language acquisition process at a particular point in time.
Support vs. Intervention

**Intervention:**
Because our students are all on different places on the learning continuum, some require a change in instructional, social/emotional, or behavioral plan based on their needs in a particular area. The change is targeted and prescribed PROVIDING sufficient adjustments to time and/or intensity that leads to advancement on the learning continuum. *It does not refer specifically to a location or a person but rather refers to the instruction that is offered in addition to what the Tier 1 instruction provides for all.*

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Needs of Second Language Learners

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How do we promote “equal access” for second-language learners?
How?

Content Objectives  Language Objectives

- What is the language that students will need in order to communicate their learning?
Language Objectives

Unit Understandings:
- Innovations impact society.
- Necessity and/or creativity can drive innovation.
- Trial and error can result in continuous improvement or change.
- Perspective impacts views on innovation.

Content Specific Vocabulary
- innovation
- invention
- inventor
- society

Needed Language
- impacts
- necessity
- drive
- trial
- error
- result
- continuous
- perspective
- views
Building Oracy & Background Knowledge
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- Oracy is...
  - Oracy is the foundation of Literacy
  - **Reading**: Oracy makes text comprehensible
  - **Writing**: We are only able to put into writing, that which we can express verbally.
National Literacy Panel (August & Shanahan, 2006)

• ELLs are often highly skilled at word level skills:
  • Word recognition
  • Decoding
  • Spelling
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- ELLs lag behind their peers in **text level skills**
  - Reading comprehension
  - Inferencing
  - Predicting
  - Paraphrasing
Building Oracy & Background Knowledge

- Oracy strategies should...
  - meet different learning styles
  - allow students to hear the language using pictures and/or realia
  - allow students to speak the language (give sufficient time to practice)
  - allow ALL children to be actively and meaningfully engaged
Building Oracy & Background Knowledge

Videos

Experiments/Experiences

TPR
Total Physical Response
Effective Oracy Building Strategies
The instructional moment in teaching for biliteracy when teachers bring the two languages together, guiding students to actively engage in contrastive analysis (a.k.a. Metalinguistic Focus) of the two languages by visually placing them side by side and to transfer academic content they have learned in one language to the other language.
Bridge: 3 Critical Elements

1. Transfer of language
2. Metalinguistic Focus
   ○ (Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Grammar, and pragmatics)
3. Extension Activities
Bridge: #1 Transfer of language

- What does this look like?
- What is the teacher doing?
- What are the students doing?
Bridge Model
Bridge: #2 Metalinguistic Focus

- Phonology
  - Sound system

- Morphology
  - Word Formation (i.e. prefixes and suffixes)

- Syntax and Grammar
  - Sentence Structure: Rules for Punctuation, grammar, and word order

- Pragmatics
  - Language Use/Cultural Norms
Bridge Model
Bridge: #3 Extension Activities

- Extend Learning from one language to the other, embedding the four language domains.
- Students have the opportunity to use the new language.
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