

Essentials for EL Excellence



Essential	Reflection Questions
1. Value	Does every student feel a sense of belonging and connection in my class? How am I connecting my teaching to students' background knowledge, home language(s), and experiences?
2. Expect	What are my goals for student learning? What does success look like? What are my success criteria?
3. Engage	How will students demonstrate success? What academic conversations and tasks will I structure for this goal?
4. Observe	What do students say and do as they engage? What do their words and actions reveal about their understandings, strengths, confusions, and/or language use related to our goal?
5. Support	What instruction and supports will I provide to help students build from current understandings to succeed with the goal?
6. Reflect/Adapt	How did my instruction impact student learning? How will I adapt my approach to ensure every learner thrives?