

## **Language Proficiency**

Language proficiency is the ability to use the language for purposeful communication. Proficiency describes what students are able to do with language using the skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing and showing. Participating in class discussions, reading literature, playing educational games, giving oral presentations, or watching a video of a news report are examples of purposeful communication in an educational setting.

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