The Bilingual Common Core Initiative

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Agenda

• **Topic 1:** Overview of the CCLS and introduction to the Bilingual Common Core Initiative

• **Topic 2:** Understanding the structure and purpose of the templates

• **Topic 3:** The forgotten ones: The Speaking and Listening Standards

• **Topic 4:** Presence of the home language in the new language

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Topic 1

OVERVIEW OF THE COMMON CORE LEARNING STANDARDS AND INTRODUCTION TO THE BCCI.
THE NYSED ELA CCLS

- Reading for Information (10 standards)
- Reading Literature (11 standards)
- Writing (11 standards)
- Speaking and Listening (6 standards)
- Language Standards (6 standards)
- Foundations of Reading (4 standards)

- The CCLS include content area literacy:
  - Reading History/Social Studies (9 standards)
  - Reading Science (10 standards)
  - Writing History/Science (9 standards)
What has changed in the CCLS?

• Mostly, conceptualizations about how to teach and embed academic language.

Reflection Point

What are the elements that conform academic language?
How the CCLS are presenting the concept of language for academic purposes from a more coherent and demanding perspective

Vocabulary (st. 4 in the RL and RI standards address word knowledge specifically)

Sentence structures (standard 4 and 5 address this aspect specifically)

The new element that the CCLS include is oral and written discourse (e.g. being able to present an argument, analyze a point of view, explain conflicting evidence)

Disciplinary content area language.
How does this affect multilingual learners/emergent bilinguals?

• Escamilla and her colleagues have studied over 4,000 children and 250 teachers in five different states (2014, p. 13). These researchers identified vocabulary, sentence structures and conversations as key elements that have to be part of every unit.

• Escamilla and her colleagues also point out to the importance of oral language development, a topic we will address later on.
From the perspective of the CCSS:

• ‘It is possible to meet the standards in reading, writing, speaking and listening without displaying native like control of conventions and vocabulary’.

The importance of scaffolding language and literacy development in the five levels of language proficiency in the NLAP and the HLAP

- The BCCI acknowledges that language development is progressive but not necessarily linear.
- There is always a need for scaffolding. Research by Saunders, Goldenberg and Marceletti (2013) found that language learners typically require four to six years to achieve what would be Expanding.

The new element that Saunders et al., found was that progress from beginning to middle levels of proficiency is fairly rapid (from level 1 to 2), but progress from middle to upper levels of proficiency (level 3 to 5) slows considerably.

Language Proficiency Levels in the BCCI:
Entering  Emerging  Transitioning  Expanding  Commanding
Activity: deciding the language proficiency of one of your students

- Use handout 2 which describes the language proficiency levels and think of one of your students.
- Try to think/imagine how s/he understands and expresses his/her understanding across the language proficiency levels. For example, when doing math, your student might perform better than when engaged with a text.
- Language development is a gradual process, but is not necessarily linear. You will probably find when you analyze your student’s performance, that s/he can not be ‘boxed’ into one category.
What the BCCP entails:

New Language Arts Progressions (NLAPs) for reading, writing and speaking and listening.

Home Language Arts Progressions (HLAPs) for reading, writing, speaking and listening.

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The purpose of the Bilingual Common Core Progressions

- The purpose of the Bilingual Common Core Progressions (BCCP) is to describe language and content scaffolds to support bilingual students at each of the five language proficiency levels.
- The BCCP is a tool that allows teachers to differentiate instruction in the common core classroom.
- The underlying assumption is that students can reach the demands described in the CCLS if appropriate support is given.
- The BCCP take a bilingual stance. The supports are not just described for students learning English but also and no less important, for students developing their home language.
- The standards presented in the BCCP are not a different set of standards as described in the CCLS.
UNDERSTANDING THE STRUCTURE AND PURPOSE OF THE TEMPLATES
The first two pages of each template

• Present receptive (listening and reading) and productive (speaking and writing) language skills.
**NEW LANGUAGE ARTS PROGRESSIONS (ESL/New Language)**

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**Common Core Grade 9–10 Standard (RL.9–10.3):** Analyze how the author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed and the connections that are drawn between them.

### 5 Levels of Language Development

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When acquiring a new language, using grade level texts and appropriate supports, students are able to:

- **In the new and/or the home language.**

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**Main Academic Demand**

- Analyze Cause/Effect and Interactions between Text Elements

**Grade Level Academic Demand**

- Analyze Author’s Sequence and Connections of Ideas or Events to Develop Points
## Receptive language skills

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The third (and in some cases, fourth page)

• Presents the linguistic demands. It refers to the language that students can develop in order to reach the demands of the standard.

• We are going to analyze this section in more detail.
Understanding the structure of a Template. Page 3: Linguistic Demand Section

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**Linguistic Demands:** The following examples are in English but may vary based on the language of instruction. In the first three levels (entering, emerging and transitioning), students can approach these linguistic demands in the new and/or home language.

- Identify words and phrases (e.g., nouns and associated pronouns) that appear throughout the text to analyze ideas or events.
- Identify related verbs that signal how events evolve.
- Identify/use words that signal cause-and-effect connections (e.g., though, while, but, because, so, as a result).

**Example to Address the Linguistic Demands**

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| When the Beagle set sail, **Darwin** was fully **convinced** that species were immutable. Indeed, it was **not until** two or three years after his return that he began to consider seriously the possibility that they could change. Nevertheless, during his five years on the ship, **Darwin observed** a number of phenomena that were of central importance to him in reaching his ultimate conclusion. For example, in the rich fossil beds of southern South America, **he observed** fossils of extinct armadillos **similar** to the armadillos that still lived in the same area. | In a mini lesson and small group/whole class conversations, analyze how an author unfolds and develops an idea:
- Identify words and phrases (bold) that appear throughout the text that indicate ideas or events (e.g., Darwin, him, immutable, ultimate conclusion).
- Identify related verbs (italics) that signal how events evolve (e.g., convinced, return, observed, reaching).
- Identify words (underline) that signal cause and effect connections (e.g., Indeed, nevertheless).
- Identify words and word endings (wavy underline) that signal comparison (e.g., similar to).
- Use words and phrases that signal temporal markers (e.g., when, after, during, still) to provide analysis of how the author develops an idea. |

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Vocabulary. Target word: phenomena

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- Phenomena: An event that can have bad consequences
- Development: An event not seen or noticed before
- Accident: An event that has changed over time
Vocabulary. Which of these conjunctions work; which don’t?

- **Nevertheless**, during his five years on the ship, Darwin observed a number of phenomena that were of central importance to him.
- **All the same**, during his five years on the ship, Darwin observed a number of phenomena that were of central importance to him.
- **However**, during his five years on the ship, Darwin observed a number of phenomena that were of central importance to him.
- **But**, during his five years on the ship, Darwin observed a number of phenomena that were of central importance to him.
- **Because**, during his five years on the ship, Darwin observed a number of phenomena that were of central importance to him.
- **In spite of that**, during his five years on the ship, Darwin observed a number of phenomena that were of central importance to him.
- **Perhaps**, during his five years on the ship, Darwin observed a number of phenomena that were of central importance to him.
Vocabulary: morphology: im and able

- TARGET WORD: IMMUTABLE

- **Mutarate**: means that it changes over time
  The prefix *Im*, means opposite.

The suffix *able*, means capable of, susceptible of

**Immutable** therefore means not capable of change
Syntax: relative clauses

• During his five years on the ship, Darwin observed a number of phenomena that were of central importance to him.

• Relative clauses have two sentences linked by that, which, who, what that can be very confusing two multilingual learners.

• We can divide them into two:
  • During his five years on the ship, Darwin observed a number of phenomena that
  • The phenomena were of central importance to him.

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Conversations

1. What adjectives do you associate with Darwin?
   Patient, intelligent, observant, impatient, impulsive?
2. What kind of a man do you think Darwin was?
3. Why do you think it is important to know about Darwin?
The forgotten ones: the speaking and listening standards

Topic 3
The importance of speaking and listening for literacy development

- Given that the speaking and listening standards are not part of the testing obsession, they are not prioritized as the reading and writing standards are.

- This has resulted in a distortion of the implementation of the standards themselves.

- The listening and speaking standards allows students to improve their reading comprehension as well as their writing and their public speaking skills.
What we know about oral language and language learners/emergent bilinguals

• The work of emergent bilinguals/multilingual learners improves when they are allowed to be able to work in small groups. This has a positive impact on their comprehension and engagement.

• According to Escamilla and her colleagues, 25% of instructional time should be devoted to oral language development.
**Anchor standard, grade level standard, receptive language skills**

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**When acquiring a new language, using grade level texts and appropriate supports, students are able to:**

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- **Reading-Centered Activity:** Organize pretaught words and phrases on a T-chart that targets how complex characters develop over the course of a text.

- **Writing-Centered Activity:** Organize information on a partially completed T-chart that targets how complex characters develop over the course of a text, after teacher modeling.

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### Presence of small group work in the productive standards

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PRESENCE OF THE HOME LANGUAGE IN THE NEW LANGUAGE
Portraying a dynamic view of bilingualism in the New and Home Language Arts Progressions

Each standard is presented twice.

New Language Arts (NLAPs)
Formerly known as the English as a Second Language Learning Standards.
Targets students who are developing oral and literacy skills simultaneously.

Home Language Arts Progressions (HLAPs)
Formerly known as Native Language Arts Standards.
Targets students who have developed oral language skills but are lagging behind in their literacy development (e.g., SIFE and heritage language users).
Bilinguals can process information in one language and express the concept in the other.

The home or new language can act as a scaffold to facilitate language development.

This practice can also act as a motivational mechanism for auto-regulation whereby students use what they know in order to accomplish what they don’t.
Presence of the home language in the new language templates

In the first three levels, students can use their home language.
Common Core Anchor Standard (W.10): Writing routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes and audiences. (Starts in Grade 3)

Common Core Grade Level Standard: Same as the Common Core Anchor Standard

Main Academic Demand: Write for a range of tasks, purposes and audiences

Grade Level Academic Demand: Write for a range of tasks, purposes and audiences

Allowing students to use their home language will emphasize that writing is process-driven and not a product-driven approach.

Students are: composing texts in their new and/or home languages. Some texts can be written independently, some with a partner and some within a small group. Writing makes bilingual students aware of language in a way that reading and oral language do not. When writing, students can slow down and analyze the way the sentence patterns, word choices and organization affect the writing and reading of the text. By comparing and contrasting the similarities and differences of texts produced in both languages, students will develop meta-linguistic knowledge of how the language(s) work.

Connecting reading and writing in both languages and across texts:
Writing is a cyclical process that is enriched by conversations around ideas, organization, and linguistic decisions (e.g. word and sentence choices), as well as decisions pertaining to the presentation of information (e.g. how is the text going to be organized, who is the audience). Analyzing texts through a reader’s or a writer’s eyes contributes to the success of both reading and writing. Students can read a text in the home language and discuss in the new language; or conversely, read in the new language and discuss in the home language.

Brainstorming can take place in the home and/or new language in order to:
- Clarify meaning and expands the ideas. This stage involves pre-writing or taking notes and analyzing texts that present similar topics that a student wants to explore.
- Stimulate and enlarges the writer’s thoughts
- Move writers from the stage of thinking about a writing task to the act of writing

Revising can take place in the home and/or new language in order to:
- Improve the composition so that the product is more interesting and understandable to the reader. It can also involve comparing and contrasting the writer’s text to another published text.
- Clarify meaning and expands ideas using more complex sentences and more sophisticated vocabulary..
- Provide time for practice, response, and reflection

Editing can take place in the home or new language:
Spelling and grammar knowledge are contextualized in the task, purpose and audience. It can also involve comparing and contrasting the writer’s text to another published text. Comparisons across languages (e.g. one piece written in the new language and the other in the home language) can strengthen the understanding of the editing process. Using rubrics in the home and/or new language that are appropriate for the grade level and specific background knowledge of the student can support the bilingual student in the application of editing rules and conventions.
- Peer editing efforts support the bilingual student in gaining further understanding of the conventions of written language. These conversations can take place in the home and/or new language while focusing on a piece written in either the home or new language.
BCCI-WRITING- STANDARD 10 IN ACTION.
SAMPLE 1: PLANNING IN THE HOME LANGUAGE, WRITING IN THE NEW LANGUAGE.

• Writing is by nature a recursive process in which there are stages (planning, drafting, finalizing sections; then re-planning sections; re-writing, finalizing).

During the Summer, I played with a new toy.
Sample 3

Los otros días yo vi a tres niños y a 3 niñas jugando en la nieve y los tres niños empujaron a tres niña en la nieve y las tres niñas se calleron en la nieve donde había poca caca mucho susio.

[The other days I saw three boys and 3 girls playing in the snow and the three boys pushed three girls in the snow and the three girls fell on the snow where there was poo very dirty.]

I said to my self is she going to yell then I said it out loud to my friend.
There are 4 butterflies in our class.


Let me speak in English for a second. First, it is an egg. Then larvae. Then a caterpillar.
The importance of background knowledge in reading comprehension

Topic 5
Reflection point

• What is background knowledge? Why do you think it is important?
• Do you think that everything that we know is useful?
• Do we have gaps in information?

• Did you know that our previous knowledge and the motivation that a topic might inspire in us, affects how well we read and how well we learn?
### NEW LANGUAGE ARTS PROGRESSIONS and HOME LANGUAGE ARTS PROGRESSIONS

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#### Common Core Reading for Information Standard 10:

**Grades 9-10** — By the end of grade 9, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 9–10 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at the high end of the grades 9–10 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

**Grade 11-12** — By the end of grade 11, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 11–CCR text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. By the end of grade 12, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at the high end of the grades 11–CCR text complexity band independently and proficiently.

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#### When acquiring a new language, using grade level texts and appropriate supports, students are able to:

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#### When developing home language literacy, using grade level texts and appropriate supports, students are able to:

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**Building Background Knowledge:** Background knowledge (or prior knowledge) is a frame of reference that encompasses the information and concepts that the learner brings to the learning task. Background knowledge reflects the learner's prior experiences and both formal and informal learning. It provides the foundation for approaching, processing, interpreting, and retaining new learning, and is indispensable to the learner's making sense and understanding how the world works. When children are reading nonfiction they need to have some background knowledge in order to understand the text. The more a student knows about a topic, the more difficult the texts a student can approach. Students' background knowledge, including developmental, experiential, and cognitive factors, influences their ability to understand the explicit and inferential qualities of a text.

The following are some strategies to build background knowledge:

- Developing background knowledge in the high school years can be achieved by reviewing or introducing concepts that form the baseline for understanding more complex ones. Conversations around topics that the student knows little about can be supported by carefully selected short video clips and illustrations that are connected to the background knowledge and content need to enrich reading comprehension.
- Background knowledge can be enriched by providing students with texts they can read independently that match their reading level and that are aligned with the grade-level text/topic being developed in class.
- Students who are developing a new language and can read and comprehend grade level text in their home language can build background knowledge by independently reading higher level text aligned with the text/topic being developed in class.
- Pairing fiction and nonfiction books that address the same topic.

**Note:** Text structures and oral language development also play an important role in building a student’s ability to comprehend grade appropriate texts. See RI Standards 5, 6 and 7 for standards that target text structures and Standards 1 and 2, which addresses comprehension strategies. Also, in order to engage in grade appropriate texts students must have mastered the phonemic and phonological characteristics of the home and/or new language as well as fluency. See Foundations of Reading, which address these skills development.
Examples of Text to Build Background Knowledge in P-2 Informational Text: The following books develop and expand knowledge of the human body. The sequence from K to 5th grade is recommended in the Common Core State Standards (p.33).

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- **Taking care of your body: Healthy eating and nutrition**
  - *Good Enough to Eat* by Lizzy Rockwell (1999)
  - *Showdown at the Food Pyramid* by Rex Barron (2004)

- **Muscular, skeletal, and nervous systems**
  - *Bones* by Seymour Simon (1998)
  - *The Nervous System* by Joelle Riley

- **Creative Media Applications (2007)**
  - *The Remarkable Respiratory System* by John Burstein (2009)
exclusively) presented in the grade sequence as in the books presented for English and Spanish samples. Below are sample texts about the human body that are inclusive of sub-topics.

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Multilingual book distributors in New York (in alphabetical order):

**Attanasio Publishers** ([www.attanasio-edu.com](http://www.attanasio-edu.com))

**Hexagramm** ([http://hexagrammbooks.com](http://hexagrammbooks.com))

**Lectorum** ([http://www.librarielectorum.com](http://www.librarielectorum.com))

**Rosen Publishers** ([http://www.rosenpublishing.com](http://www.rosenpublishing.com))

**Scholastic** ([http://www.scholastic.com/aboutscholastic/espanol.htm](http://www.scholastic.com/aboutscholastic/espanol.htm))

Useful websites for books in Arabic and Haitian Creole:

**Arabic** ([http://www.alkitab.com](http://www.alkitab.com))

**Haitian Creole** ([http://www.haitianbookcentre.com](http://www.haitianbookcentre.com))

**Unite for Literacy** ([http://uniteforliteracy.com](http://uniteforliteracy.com)) is a website that presents nonfiction books written in English but read in 15 different languages.
For Haitian materials:

Please consult the following websites:

https://www.educavision.com

editions.universitecaraibe.com
SUMMARY

What did we cover today

• Overall summary of the CCLS
• Overview of the structure of the templates for the BCCP
• The importance of oracy development and the need to foster conversations by grouping students in small groups (and less time with independent work)
• New conceptualizations of bilingualism: the home language doesn’t always impact the new language, but both impact each other. For instance, students can plan in one language and write in the other.
• We need ways to specifically address vocabulary, sentence structures and conversations in our classrooms.
• Reading comprehension depends to a large extent on the background knowledge and motivation a student has.
• WHAT DID YOU LEARN? WHAT CAN YOU APPLY IN YOUR CLASSROOM?
The NYSED Bilingual common core initiative

- The BCCI is a tool to help us our best as bilingual teachers.
- The BCCI embeds new conceptualizations about bilingualism and language development.
- The creation of the BCCI allowed us to acknowledge the role that background knowledge has on learning and understanding.

The templates for the BCCI can be found in NYSED website:
https://www.engageny.org/resource/new-york-state-bilingual-common-core-initiative
Thank you!

Questions?

The way it made me feel was smart because I was asking good questions and giving good answers.