



Bringing Language into Focus: Expectations, Functions and Features

Two 90-minute webinars + Online Self-Paced Module
February 26, 2024, 4:00 & March 11, 2024, 4:00

Audience: Designed for K-12 educators and focuses on intentional language instruction in the classroom using the WIDA English Language Development Standards Framework (2020 edition).

Description: This workshop gives K-12 educators an opportunity to take a closer look at the Key Language Uses (genre families) by engaging in a deeper exploration of Language Expectations, Language Functions, and Language Features. Participants will learn the importance and purpose of mentor text to make language visible to students. Participants will engage in exploration of materials and additional resources to support their classroom implementation.

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Identify Language Expectations: Language Functions and Language Features aligned to a Key Language Use in a content unit
- Connect the linguistic resources students bring to this learning context
- Leverage Language Functions and Language Features with students in instructional practice

Participation Requirements:

- Obtain a WIDA Secure Portal account (if necessary)
- Engage in
 - Two 90-minute webinars
 - Self-paced module: 2 hours
- Spend an estimated total of 5 hours completing webinars and tasks