SEI ENDORSEMENT COURSE FRAMEWORK

Elementary

The Office of English Language Acquisition Services
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SEI FOUNDATIONS

Legal and Historical Foundations (2 hours)

- Explain how the following legal cases impacted the policies and laws governing language instruction in Arizona: Lau v. Nichols, Castaneda v. Pickard, Flores v. Arizona, and Plyler v. Doe.
- Explain how federal laws and requirements, including the Every Student Succeeds Acts (ESSA), Title III, Title VI, and Office for Civil Rights/Department of Justice resolutions, impact accountability, assessment, funding, and identification in EL education in Arizona.
- Explain how state laws and policies, including Proposition 203, House Bill 2010, House Bill 2064, SB1014 and Move On When Reading (for elementary only) impact language acquisition methodology, student grouping, and the time frame to achieve language proficiency.
- Explain the demographic and home-language composition of the K-12 EL population in Arizona.

Arizona's Language Development Approach (10 hours)

Terminology Used in Arizona

- Define English Learner (EL).
- Define and explain SEI as it is used in Arizona, including the distinctions between Structured English Immersion and Sheltered English Instruction.

Four Principles of AZ LDA

- Define and Discuss Arizona's Language Development Approach.
- Discuss the synthesis of the research around Els.
- Define and Discuss Student Agency.
- Define and Discuss each principle of AZ LDA.
    - Principle One - Asset Based Behaviors and Expectations
    - Principle Two - Integrated Instruction in Disciplinary Language and Content
    - Principle Three - Targeted and Explicit Language Instruction
    - Principle Four - Assessment, Monitoring and Feedback

Arizona's SEI Models

- Discuss components of Arizona's approved Research-Based SEI Models:
    - Newcomer
    - Pull-Out
    - Two Hour
    - 50-50 Dual Language Immersion

Program Placement of ELs (2 hours)

Identification and Assessment

- Explain the process used to determine EL program eligibility including the use of the Home Language Survey and Arizona's English language proficiency assessment.
- Differentiate the uses of Arizona's English language proficiency assessment for placement and reassessment.
- Identify the standard accommodations available to ELs for assessment.
- Recognize that students may qualify for other services (ESS, Gifted) in addition to being identified as an EL.

Population of ELs

- Explain who long term ELs (LTEL) are and various factors influencing their English language acquisition.
- Explain who Recent Arrivals (RAEL) are and various factors influencing their language acquisition.
- Explain who Students with Interrupted Formal Education (SIFE) are and various factors influencing their language acquisition.
- Define populations and subgroups of ELs and various factors influencing their language acquisition.

Elements of Language Development (15 hours)

Language Acquisition Theories

- Explain current and historical theories of language acquisition as they apply to English learners (Behaviorist Theory, Nativist Theory, Social Interactionist Theory, Cognitive Theory, etc.).

English Language Proficiency (ELP) Standards

- Explain the design of the ELP Standards, the alignment of the ELP Standards to English Language Arts Standards, and connections to other academic content.
- Study the format of the ELP Standards with respect to Stages, Proficiency Level Descriptors, Standards, Concepts, Sub-Concepts, Proficiency Levels, Performance Indicators, and the Glossary.
- Identify and discuss the functions and possible forms of language in the ELP standards.
- Alignment to ELA Standards.
- Lesson planning for Integrated and Targeted ELD.
- Language Domains (reading, writing, listening and speaking)

Foundations of Language Part 1

- Define each element of language: phonetics, phonology, morphology, lexicon, semantics, syntax, and pragmatics.
- Describe relationships between the elements of language within verbal and written expressions.
- Define form and function of language.

Instructional Practices for Academic English Language and Literacy Development (Elementary only) (16 hours)

Foundations of Language Part 2

- Explore reading foundational skills as they apply to elementary ELs (concepts of print, phonological awareness, phonics and fluency).
- Define and discuss the five features of effective reading instruction, and language and literacy instruction.
    - Explicit Instruction
    - Systematic Instruction with Scaffolds
    - Multiple Opportunities for Student Practice
    - Assessment and Progress Monitoring
    - Feedback
- Define and discuss stages of second language acquisition
- Define and discuss strategies for vocabulary development and student practice
- Define and discuss stages of writing development.
- Define and discuss Response to Intervention (RTI) or Multitiered Systems of Support (MTSS) for Els.
    - Tier I
    - Tier II
    - Tier III

Asset Based Behaviors and Expectations: Principle One Cont.

- Explore strategies for leveraging home language and experiential assets within instruction.
- Discuss strategies for responsiveness to the different strengths and academic needs of all EL students.
- Describe how school and classroom environment influences language acquisition and the steps necessary to develop a supportive learning environment.
- Discuss the importance of understanding the strengths and needs of students when establishing classroom routines and procedures.

Home and School Connections

- Describe how family and community practices (funds of knowledge) may influence language learning.
- Describe effective family and community engagement practices that support and highlight the assets of home languages, including communication, family involvement, and providing intentional strategies for families of ELs.
- Describe parents' rights in regard to EL services (i.e. program placement, assessment, etc.)
- Explore strategies to build and foster strong family, community and school partnerships.

Integrated and Targeted Instruction: Principle Two and Three Cont.

- **Instruction Aligned to Receptive Communication: ELP and Content Area Standards**
    - Define and discuss ELP Standards 1-2.
    - Explore reading comprehension skills as they apply to elementary ELs.
    - Explore reading strategies that help elementary ELs access grade level content area text.
    - Explore the development of Integrated ELD lessons aligned to grade level/age appropriate content area standards, and expectations and includes differentiated instruction for students with different levels of proficiency.
    - Explore the development of Targeted ELD lessons aligned to ELP Standards and language proficiency level and connects to content area standards.
    - Explore appropriate strategies to differentiate instruction-based on English language proficiency levels and standards.
    - Explore ELP Standard 9: Vocabulary (content specific and general academic) development across content areas.
    - Explore ELP Standard 10: Grammatical Structures

- **Instruction Aligned to Productive Communication: ELP and Content Area Standards**
    - Define and discuss ELP Standards 3-5.
    - Explore strategies for embedding foundational writing skills as they apply to elementary ELs.
    - Explore writing strategies that help elementary ELs develop proficiency in writing across the curriculum.
    - Explore strategies or oral language development as they apply to elementary ELs.
    - Explore the development of Integrated ELD lessons aligned to grade level/age appropriate content area standards and expectations and includes differentiated instruction for students with different levels of proficiency.
    - Explore the development of Targeted ELD lessons aligned to ELP Standards and language proficiency level and connects to content area standards.
    - Explore appropriate strategies to differentiate instruction based on English language proficiency.
    - Explore ELP Standard 9: Vocabulary (content specific and general academic) development across content areas.
    - Explore ELP Standard 10: Grammatical Structures

- **Instruction Aligned to Interactive Communication: ELP and Content Area Standards**
    - Define and discuss ELP Standards 6-8.
    - Explore productive oral language skills as they apply to elementary ELs.
    - Explore receptive and productive strategies that help elementary ELs to engage in academic discourse.
    - Explore the development of Integrated ELD lessons aligned to grade level/age appropriate content area standards and expectations and includes differentiated instruction for students with different levels of proficiency.
    - Explore the development of Targeted ELD lessons aligned to ELP Standards and language proficiency level and connects to content area standards.
    - Explore appropriate strategies to differentiate instruction based on English language proficiency.
    - Explore ELP Standard 9: Vocabulary (content specific and general academic) development across content areas.
    - Explore ELP Standard 10: Grammatical Structures

Assessment, Monitoring and Feedback: Principle Four Cont.

- Differentiate between types of assessments (e.g., diagnostic, formative, and summative).
- Explore how and when to use types of assessments (e.g., diagnostic, formative, and summative).
- Explore how to design teacher assessments aligned to English Language Proficiency and Content Standards.
- Discuss how to use types of assessment to drive instructional decisions (i.e. teacher language use and modeling) and planning, including enrichment and interventions.
- Explore strategies to provide timely and meaningful feedback (teacher and student).
- Discuss how to use Arizona state assessment data to determine student progress in both language and content.
- Explore methods to help students develop strategies for self-reflection.
- Identify appropriate testing accommodations for Arizona ELs.