

# Appendix E: WIDA Interpretive Rubrics

Figure E-1: WIDA Speaking Interpretive Rubric

Speaking Rubric of the WIDA™ Consortium Grades 1-12			
	Discourse Level	Sentence Level	Word/Phrase Level
	Linguistic Complexity	Language Forms	Vocabulary Usage
<b>Level 6 Reaching</b>	<p>Response is fully comprehensible, fluent, and appropriate to purpose, situation and audience; comparable to the speech of English proficient students meeting college- and career-readiness standards; characterized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sustained, connected oral language characterized by confidence, coherence, and precision in the expression of ideas tailored to purpose, situation, and audience</li> <li>clear evidence of consistency in conveying an appropriate perspective and register</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a full range of oral phrase and sentence patterns and grammatical structures matched to content area topics</li> <li>controlled, skilled use of oral language to convey meaning, including for effect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>consistent usage of just the right word or expression in just the right context related to content area topics</li> <li>facility with precise vocabulary usage in general, specific, or technical language</li> </ul>
<b>Level 5 Bridging</b>	<p>Response is comprehensible, fluent, and generally related to purpose; generally comparable to the speech of English proficient peers; characterized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sustained, connected oral language that shows appropriate and coherent expression of ideas related to purpose, situation and audience</li> <li>clear evidence of conveying an appropriate perspective and register</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a broad range of oral phrase and sentence patterns and grammatical structures matched to the content area topic</li> <li>controlled, fluid use of oral language to convey meaning, including for effect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>usage of technical and abstract content-area words and expressions as appropriate</li> <li>usage of words and expressions with precise meaning related to content area topics as appropriate</li> <li>vocabulary usage that fulfills the speaking purpose</li> </ul>
<b>Level 4 Expanding</b>	<p>Response is generally comprehensible, fluent, and related to purpose; characterized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>connected oral language that supports the expression of expanded or related ideas through emerging coherence, detail and clarity</li> <li>some evidence of conveying an appropriate perspective and register</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a range of oral phrase and sentence patterns and grammatical structures characteristic of the content area</li> <li>generally controlled and fluid use of oral language to convey meaning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>usage of specific and some technical content-area words and expressions as appropriate</li> <li>usage of words and expressions with multiple meanings or common idioms across content areas as appropriate</li> <li>vocabulary usage that generally fulfills the speaking purpose</li> </ul>
<b>Level 3 Developing</b>	<p>Response is generally comprehensible (though comprehensibility and fluency may from time to time be compromised in more complex speech); characterized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>oral language that shows the development of connected language in the expression of an expanded idea or multiple related ideas</li> <li>evidence of a developing sense of perspective and register</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>developing range of oral phrase and sentence patterns and grammatical structures common to content areas</li> <li>developing control in use of oral language to convey meaning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>usage of some specific content words and expressions as appropriate</li> <li>usage of words or expressions used frequently in content areas, as appropriate</li> <li>vocabulary usage that attempts to fulfill the speaking purpose</li> </ul>
<b>Level 2 Emerging</b>	<p>Response is generally comprehensible (though comprehensibility and fluency may often be compromised in more complex speech); characterized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>oral language that shows emerging expression of ideas; some attempt at connecting ideas may at times be evident</li> <li>some amount of language that may be repeated from the prompt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>chunks of language, repetitive oral phrase patterns, and formulaic grammatical structures used in social and instructional situations or across content areas</li> <li>variable control in use of oral language to convey meaning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>usage of general content words and expressions</li> <li>usage of social and instructional words and expressions across content areas</li> <li>possible usage of general vocabulary where more specific language is needed</li> </ul>
<b>Level 1 Entering</b>	<p>Response is generally comprehensible (though comprehensibility and fluency may be significantly compromised in language beyond words, oral phrases, or memorized chunks); characterized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>words, oral phrases, or memorized chunks of oral language used to represent ideas</li> <li>varying amounts of language that may be repeated from the prompt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>words, chunks of language, or simple phrasal patterns associated with common social and instructional situations</li> <li>occasional control in use of oral language to convey meaning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>usage of highest frequency general content-related words</li> <li>usage of everyday social and instructional words and expressions</li> </ul>

**Figure E-2: WIDA Writing Interpretive Rubric**

Revised Writing Rubric of the WIDA™ Consortium Grades 1-12			
	Discourse Level	Sentence Level	Word/Phrase Level
	Linguistic Complexity	Language Forms and Conventions	Vocabulary Usage
<b>Level 6 Reaching</b>	<p>Text is fully comprehensible and appropriate to purpose, situation, and audience; comparable to the writing of English proficient students meeting college- and career-readiness standards; and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>extended connected text (single or multiple paragraphs) that is organized and shows tight cohesion in the precise expression of ideas</li> <li>clear evidence of consistency in conveying an appropriate perspective, register, and genre</li> </ul>		
<b>Level 5 Bridging</b>	<p>Text is comprehensible and related to purpose; generally comparable to the writing of English proficient peers; and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>extended connected text (single or multiple paragraphs) that is organized and shows a cohesive and coherent expression of ideas</li> <li>clear evidence of conveying an appropriate perspective, register, and genre</li> </ul>		
<b>Level 4 Expanding</b>	<p>Text is generally comprehensible at all times; approaches comparability to the writing of English proficient peers; and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>connected text (sentences or paragraphs) that shows an organized expression of ideas with emerging cohesion</li> <li>some evidence of conveying an appropriate perspective, register, and genre</li> </ul>		
<b>Level 3 Developing</b>	<p>Original text is generally comprehensible (though comprehensibility may from time to time be compromised in more complex original text) and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>text that shows developing organization in the expression of an expanded idea or multiple related ideas</li> <li>evidence of a developing sense of perspective, register, and genre</li> </ul>		
<b>Level 2 Emerging</b>	<p>Some original text and text adapted from model or source text is generally comprehensible (though comprehensibility may often be compromised in attempts at more complex original text) and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>text that shows emerging expression of an idea or ideas and may demonstrate some attempt at organization</li> <li>some amount of text that may be copied or adapted</li> </ul>		
<b>Level 1 Entering</b>	<p>Text that is copied or adapted from model or source text is generally comprehensible (though comprehensibility may be significantly compromised in original text) and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>language that represents an idea or ideas</li> <li>varying amounts of text that may be copied</li> <li>adapted text that may contain some original language</li> </ul>		