

**Oral Language Development Assessment: Focus on Academic Conversation Skills**

<b>Academic Conversation Skills</b>	<b>Below</b>	<b>Approaching</b>	<b>At or Above</b>
Think and Talk like Experts (Create) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Offer ideas that show deep thinking</li> <li>● Make connections</li> <li>● Use complex ideas/sentences</li> <li>● Academic terms</li> </ul>			
Paraphrase and Synthesize (Clarify) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Clarify confusion (for self or others)</li> <li>● Paraphrase to clarify, deepen and stay focused</li> <li>● Synthesize key points or steps at end</li> </ul>			
Support Ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Build on your own and others' ideas</li> <li>● Connect ideas to the topic</li> <li>● Give examples from text, life, previous lessons</li> <li>● Elaborate on ideas</li> </ul>			
Compare and Evaluate Ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Negotiate conflicting ideas/ word meanings</li> <li>● Compare opinions</li> <li>● Evaluate supports (examples, evidence)</li> </ul>			
Communication Behaviors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stay on topic/focused</li> <li>● Actively listen (eyes and body)</li> <li>● Take turns</li> <li>● Show "keep talking" cues</li> <li>● Value partner comments</li> <li>● Be respectful</li> </ul>			