The Circles of Implementation
This figure appears in the English Language Arts/English Language Development Framework

The outer ring identifies the overarching goals of ELA/literacy and ELD instruction. By the time California's students complete high school, they have developed the readiness for college, careers, and civic life; attained the capacities of literate individuals; become broadly literate; and acquired the skills for living and learning in the 21st century.

The white field represents the context in which instruction occurs. This framework asserts that the context for learning should be integrated, motivating, engaging, respectful, and intellectually challenging for all students.

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Circling the standards are the key themes of the standards: Meaning Making, Language Development, Effective Expression, Content Knowledge, and Foundational Skills. These themes highlight the interconnections among the strands of CA CCSS for ELA/Literacy (Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening, and Language) and the parts of the CA ELD Standards (“Interacting in Meaningful Ways,” “Learning About How English Works,” and “Using Foundational Skills”). The themes are organizing components for the grade-level discussions.

In the center of the graphic are the CA CCSS for ELA/Literacy and the CA ELD Standards, which define year-end expectations for student knowledge and abilities and guide instructional planning and observation of student progress. The CA ELD Standards also identify proficiency level expectations (Emerging, Expanding, and Bridging) and ensure that EL students have full access to the CA CCSS for ELA/Literacy and other content standards. These standards are the pathway to achievement of the overarching goals.