



This document is designed to help North Carolina educators teach the Common Core and Essential Standards (Standard Course of Study). NCDPI staff are continually updating and improving these tools to better serve teachers.

English as a Second Language • Unpacked Content

For the new Essential Standards that came into effect for ESL in all North Carolina schools in the 2008-09 School Year.

What is the purpose of this document?

To increase student achievement by ensuring educators understand what a student must know and be able to do, as expressed in the Essential Standards and their Clarifying Objectives.

What is in the document?

Descriptions of what each standard means a student will know and be able to do. The “unpacking” of the standards done in this document is an effort to answer a simple question “What does this mean that a student must know and be able to do?” and to ensure the description is helpful to educators. Specific program and language notes are included in this document, but additional information, such as a detailed description of each program’s exit proficiency expectations and Assessment Prototypes for various programs and languages, will be shared in future documents.

How do I send Feedback?

We intend the explanations and examples in this document to be helpful and specific. That said, we believe that as this document is used, teachers and educators will find ways in which the unpacking can be improved and made ever more useful. Please send feedback to us at feedback@dpi.state.nc.us and we will use your input to refine our unpacking of the standards. Thank You!