Academic Language
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- Agenda
  - Define academic language
  - Examine academic language in the edTPA
  - Discuss ways to support the candidates

Language is the primary vehicle for learning, instruction, and overall intellectual development. It is not only a means for communicating information, it is also a vehicle for deepening their understanding of important ideas. (Kersaint, Thomspn, & Petkova, 2009, p. 46.)

**Academic Language**

- the language of the discipline that students need
  - to learn and use to **participate** and engage in meaningful ways in the content area
- the oral and written language used for **academic purposes**
  - the means by which students develop and express content understandings.

**Academic language** is the oral and written language that students need in order to
- understand
- communicate
- perform

**Academic Language** is necessary to participate in the content
- think
- question
- talk
- learn