

- 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, Thomsson, & 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