

# WIDA DIGGING DEEPER SERIES

## Academic Language – The Critical Role It Plays

Academic Language builds on a foundation that helps our students define terms, form concepts, and construct knowledge (Eli Johnson, 2009). This workshop will focus on both general and subject specific vocabulary building in the classroom. In addition, educators will learn more about the language functions and the importance that these functions play in literacy development and comprehension.

Teachers will learn strategies for embedding academic vocabulary into the classroom instruction. Special strategies for supporting English Learners will also be addressed including Brick and Mortar words for ELs.

Teachers who attend this workshop will:

- Learn more about the critical role that academic language plays in knowledge development
- Learn instructional strategies for embedding Tier I and Tier II Vocabulary into your classroom
- Learn what brick and mortar words are and how to identify these in texts you use, as well as strategies for supporting ELs with these kinds of words
- Learn how to use the WIDA Key Uses of Academic Language for planning and differentiating your instruction
- Learn how to embed academic language into your classroom assessments, thus better preparing them for state assessments



**Date:** November 14, 2018  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. Registration  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Workshop Hours  
**Location:** Wilson Education Center  
**Cost:** \$125 ESC Members  
\$250 Non-ESC Members  
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