



SEAL (Sobrato Early Academic Language) is a model that builds the capacity of preschools and elementary schools to powerfully develop the language and literacy skills of English Learner children within the context of integrated, standards-based, joyful learning. It was designed by [Dr. Laurie Olsen](#), a national expert in English language learner education and is now replicated in over 100 schools throughout California.

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*The SEAL model centralized the needs of Dual Language Learners (DLLs), building teachers' capacity to support their language development throughout integrated, engaging, content-rich, **JOYFUL** learning.*

*The **SEAL Early Childhood Deep Dive** training (modules I-IV) series unfolds over a 12-14-month period beginning this spring 2019. Each cohort can serve a designated group of up to 30 preschool teachers and aides across multiple programs and classrooms, and will also provide professional development support to Program Directors and district/county administrators. Multiple teachers within a program/district are expected to participate to build alignment and coherence across classrooms.*

Module I: Oral Language 2 days	Module II: Intentional, Academic & Complex Language 2 day	Module III: The World in the Classroom & Authentic Writing 2 days	Module IV: Collaboration, Arts Integration, & Literacy 1 day
Key content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Research on oral language, related to early literacy ● Learning through play ● Strategies to support oral language development and discourse: 	Key content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Graphic organizers ● Language functions ● Strategies to engage analytic language, and to differentiate scaffolds for English Learners 	Key content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identity, diversity, student voice ● Anti-bias goals, creating affirming and compassionate classrooms ● Stages of writing development 	Key content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Skills and language for working together ● The whole body, whole person ● From speaking to writing ● Arranging and designing activities for centers

*SEAL will also be running **One-day Professional Development Institutes** for interested preschool educators to build greater awareness (not for people participating in the above deep dive implementation). The institute will cover the following topics: 1) oral language and vocabulary - chants; 2) making it visual and comprehensible - draw and tell; 3) making it tangible and real - inquiry centers and physical environment; 4) the role of choice; 5) imagination and play - dramatic play areas linked to themes; 6) engagement with text and narrative - narrative retell; 7) complex language development - teacher as model and multiple exchange, and super-duper sentence builder; 8) affirming language and culture/affirming language diversity. Each institute can serve up to 50 participants, and participants will also be a part of subsequent 'communities of practice' which will meet every 6-8 weeks for 4 sessions following the institute. These 'communities of practice' will help participants deepen their understanding of the key concepts and share experiences putting them into practice.*



SEAL Videos

(<http://bit.ly/SEALVideos>)

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Intro to SEAL

Video produced to provide a brief overview of the Sobrato Early Academic Language model. (4 minutes)

(http://bit.ly/SEALVideos_IntroToSEAL)

SEAL Pedagogy Across Preschool Through 5th Grade

Illuminates alignment of SEAL pedagogy and principles from preschool through 5th grade to deepen the understanding of the SEAL model. The video demonstrates a key principle of the EL Roadmap, Alignment and Articulation, as a crucial pillar and element of powerful education – for all students, and, particularly for English Learners. (9 minutes)

(http://bit.ly/SEALVideos_PedagogyAcrossPK-5th)

Preschool

(http://bit.ly/SEALVideos_PK)

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Preschool Environment and Family

A preschool classroom implementing an “Insects” theme integrating language development with science content in a bilingual 90:10 program, focusing on the use of the outdoor environment, language and content-infused learning and play centers indoors, and family connections.

(http://bit.ly/SEALVideos_PreschoolEnvironmentandFamily)

Preschool Thematic Unit

An integrated thematic “Farm” unit implemented in a bilingual preschool classroom.

(http://bit.ly/SEALVideos_PreschoolThematicUnit)

A Dual Language Preschool Classroom

An integrated thematic “Pumpkins and Harvest” unit implemented in a “balanced” dual language preschool classroom.

(http://bit.ly/SEALVideos_ADualLanguagePreschoolClassroom)