ELL Matrix: Secondary (8-12) Reading

At the given level of language proficiency, this student can:

ASPECT	Beginning (1)	Developing (2)	Expanding (3)	Consolidating (4)	Bridging (5)
SNAPSHOT	The student can begin to recognize common words and phrases, and begin to make meaning of text.	strategies to read and understand simple text and	The student can use strategies to decode unfamiliar words and text, and make basic connections to the world from text.	The student can use a variety of strategies to read unfamiliar text and understand increasingly complex words and meaning.	The student can use a range of strategies and understand a wide range of words to make connections and access concepts in text.
Strategies • Word attack skills • Fluency	 Connect letters and words to print Recognize and identify some common words and sight words Use pictures to help make meaning Read word-by-word 	 Recognize some word families and word roots Use strategies such as rereading and predicting Begin to read in meaningful phrases 	 Use knowledge of root words to make meaning Make meaningful substitutions Read with some expression, paying attention to important words and common punctuation 	 Use context clues and knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to make meaning of long words Read some complex letter combinations Read with expression, and self-correct for meaning 	 Select from a wide range of strategies to successfully read unknown words Read long words and complex letter combinations Read smoothly with expression
Comprehension • Vocabulary • Main ideas • Genre • Retelling • Inferences • Interpretations	 Recognize words in everyday life Understand main idea of text with the support of visuals and background knowledge Understand literal meaning of short, simple text 	 Begin to understand a variety of common words and 'content' words Understand literal meaning of simple text Retell simple text to show understanding of main idea Begin to make inferences 	relevant information from text	 Understand a range of complex words, including words with several meanings Locate specific information in a text and take notes to demonstrate understanding Understand some cultural references in text Begin to distinguish the purpose and features of a variety of text 	 Understand a wide range of words, including academic language Understand both explicit and implicit information Understand a range of figurative language & cultural references in text Distinguish the purpose and features of a wide range of different text
Response & Analysis • Connections • Opinions & reactions	 Make some personal connections to text Offer simple opinions and reactions to text with support 	 Begin to give reasons for personal connections to text Make simple connections to back- ground knowledge 	 Make logical connections to self and other texts supported by some reasons Support key ideas with background knowledge 	Offer judgments and provide reasons for opinions about text Make logical connections with background knowledge	Make and support thoughtful connections with new texts, experiences, and the world