

English Proficiency Standards

Agenda

- What are the Standards?
- Why are we using them?
- What does this mean for your teaching?
- How do we use them?

What are the Standards?

What are they not

- Standards are NOT the evil monster they've been portrayed as on Facebook.
- They are NOT a curriculum.
- They are NOT telling you how to teach anything.
- They are NOT controlling what you teach in each lesson.

What are they

- A list of what you should be working on
- A checklist to keep you on track when planning lessons
- A set of skills a student should be able to do by the END of each level.

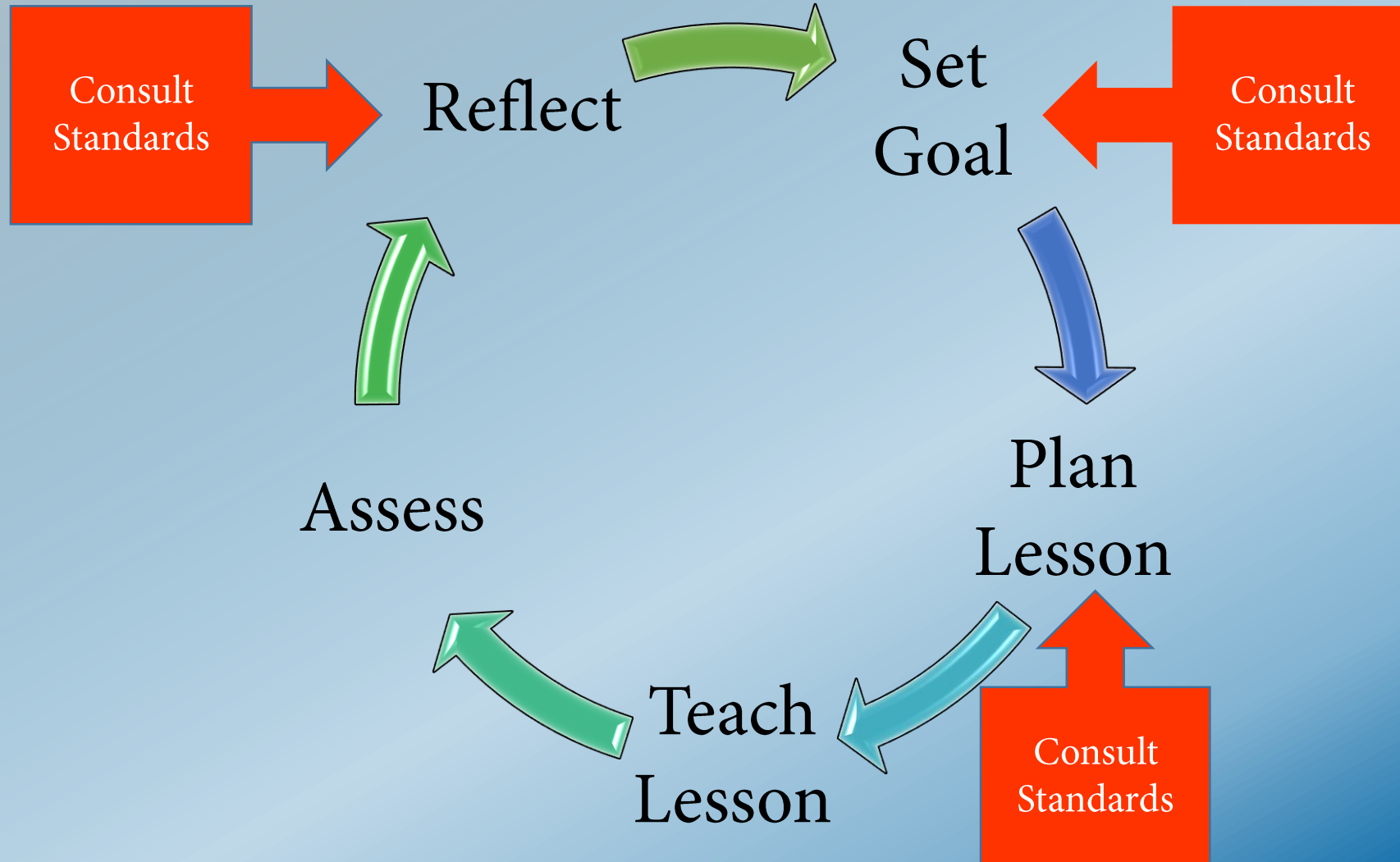
Why are we using them?

- To provide a list of what my student needs to learn in the current level
- To keep track of what my student has worked on
- To provide a sequence for what needs to be learned from one level to the next
- To aid in lesson planning

What does this mean for my teaching?

- For the most part, not a lot.
- Most tutors are already covering most the items on this list.
- They are a tool to help you stay focused on what your student needs.
- They can be used as an assessment tool to help the tutor gauge the students progress throughout their time together.

How do we use them?



How do we use them?

- By the END of the level, your students should be able to do most of these things, with varying levels of support.
- We are not expecting 100% mastery.
- We are not expecting you to do all of these every month.

Exploring the Standards

English Proficiency Standards for Adult Education vs. LVCA's Standards

ELP Standards

- Technical document, full of academic language
- Somewhat vague, with general ideas

LVCA's Standards

- Simplified for ease of use by volunteers
- Broken into smaller pieces, with more precise examples

Exploring the Standards

- Standard 3: An ELL can speak and write about level-appropriate complex literary and informational texts and topics.
- ELL = English Language Learners

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- Texts should be challenging but not hard

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- Standard 3: An ELL can speak and write about level-appropriate complex literary and informational texts and topics.
- Literary = fiction, poetry, film, tv
- Informational = non-fiction, food labels, ID cards,

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- This standard applies to both texts and topics.

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- Standard 5: An ELL can conduct research and evaluate and communicate findings to answer questions and solve problems.
- What are the key words here?

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Give it a try

- Working in groups, using the ELP Checklist and the activity provided consider:
 - Which activities would you normally do with this type of project?
 - Which Standards would be covered in that type of lesson?
 - Is this lesson appropriate for your student's level?
 - If not, how could you adapt it to work for your student's level?