

# HOW FLIPGRID\* CAN EMPOWER ENGLISH LEARNERS

\*and the teachers who use it



## 1 GIVES EVERYONE A VOICE

Not every English learner feels comfortable interjecting into class discussions. Flipgrid gives each student the space to compose their thoughts and contribute to the conversation. Students can focus on the content of the discussion rather than the anxiety of trying to remember their idea and jump into the conversation.

[ISTE Standards for Students: 6d, 7d](#)



## 2 MODELS RISK TAKING

If you want your students to take risks and be vulnerable in class, create an introductory video to model that behavior. Be loud and silly! Show that it's normal to make mistakes and correct them!



## 3 BUILDS COMMUNITY

When students have the opportunity to communicate with each other, it strengthens the classroom community. Flipgrid provides a platform for your English learners to learn about their peers, share their experiences, and become part of the classroom community.

[ISTE Standards for Students: 1b, 2b, 7a, 7b](#)



## 4 PROVIDES BACKGROUND

Use the prompt and intro video to build background for English learners. Define complex vocabulary, explain background information, or prime students' prior knowledge. Use that opportunity to give all students an equitable starting point.

[ISTE Standards for Students: 3b](#)



## 5 SUPPORTS LANGUAGE

Introductory videos or prompts are a great place to remind English learners of sentence frames that will support their oral language.

"After I watched the video, I thought that..."

"I disagree with...because I think..."



## 6 CONNECTS STUDENTS TO THE WORLD

Forget pen pals! Have your English learners develop their English oral language skills with #GridPals. Connect with classrooms and students around the world who want to talk with your students! English learners will develop language and confidence with continued language practice. Get started at <http://blog.flipgrid.com/news/gridpals>

[ISTE Standards for Students: 2a, 3b, 6d, 7a, 7b, 7d](#)