**Rubric for Academic Conversation Skills - LA example**

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|  | Meeting or exceeding expectations | Approaching expectations  | Below expectations |
| **Thinking and Talking like ExpertsTeacher, Silhouette, Black, Isolated, Classroom** | Interprets themes & applies to life; Connects to characters & other texts; Critiques texts and author’s techniques; Uses with ease appropriate literature terms & academic expressions | Provide some interpretations and applications to life; Uses some literature terms & academic expressions; Shows some deep thinking. | Remains at retell level;Gives few or no interpretation; Fails to extend conversation;Avoids or uses minimal literature terms & academic expressions |
| **Building On &/ Challenging IdeasImage result for build clipart** | Generates logical theme(s); Stays on topic; Builds on one another’s comments. | Mostly stays on topic with a few tangents; Demonstrates some building of an idea. | Rarely connects or builds on ideas; Uses disconnected, random ideas; Goes off on many tangents. |
| **Supporting Ideas** **Image result for strength clipart** | Supports ideas and opinions with examples from text, life, and/or previous discussions; Clearly explains and elaborates on ideas. | Provides some support of ideas with examples and/or clarifications; Uses some prompts to encourage support. | Provides little or no support of ideas and themes; Fails to use appropriate prompting. |
| **ParaphrasingImage result for paraphrase clipart** | Paraphrases partner ideas to clarify, deepen, and stay focused; Synthesizes key points. | Offers some paraphrasing and synthesizing of key ideas. | Offers little or no paraphrasing and synthesizing. |
| **Communication****Behaviors****Image result for talking clipart** | Actively listens, take turns, values and respects partner comments. | Uses some appropriate listening and turn-taking behaviors. | Fails to focus on partner; interrupts; Dominates conversation or does not contribute at all. |

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**Rubric for Academic Conversation Skills - Science example**

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|  | Meeting or exceeding expectations | Approaching expectations  | Below expectations |
| **Thinking and Talking like ExpertsTeacher, Silhouette, Black, Isolated, Classroom** | Makes a claim supported by strong evidence collected and clear reasoning as to how genetics and/or environment affect the growth of a tree.Uses with ease appropriate scientific vocabulary & academic expressions to present and argue the claim. | Attempts to make a claim with some evidence collected and provides somewhat clear reasoning as to how genetics and/or environment affect the growth of a tree.Uses some scientific vocabulary & academic expressions to present and/or argue the claim. | Unsure of a claim, and/or minimal evidence collected, and/or minimal or unclear reasoning as to how genetics and/or environment affect the growth of a tree.Avoids or uses minimal scientific vocabulary & academic expressions to present and/or argue the claim. |
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**Rubric for Academic Conversation Skills - Generic content template**

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|  | Meeting or exceeding expectations | Approaching expectations  | Below expectations |
| **Thinking and Talking like ExpertsTeacher, Silhouette, Black, Isolated, Classroom** | (insert relevant learning standards/benchmarks being assessed)Uses with ease appropriate content-related terms & academic expressions | (insert relevant learning standards/benchmarks being assessed)Uses some content-related terms & academic expressions | (insert relevant learning standards/benchmarks being assessed)Avoids or uses minimal content-related terms & academic expressions |
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