



Seeking Educator Input on the ISASP Performance Level Descriptors

What are Performance Level Descriptors?

For a criterion-referenced standards-based assessment such as the ISASP, performance on the assessment is referenced to the Iowa Core Standards. A significant task is operationalizing the standards to describe the specific knowledge and skills necessary for classification into each of the performance levels.

Performance levels are used to classify student performance into three categories (Advanced, Proficient, and Not-Yet-Proficient). The Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs) communicate the knowledge and skills associated with these categories. The PLDs are domain-specific and indicate the specific knowledge and skills within content-areas that students achieving at each performance level are expected to demonstrate on the respective tests.

How can I review the PLDs?

Draft PLDs can be found on the ISASP Portal (<http://iowa.pearsonaccessnext.com/performance-levels/>). After reviewing the appropriate PLD, provide feedback using the Public Comment Documents (see links below).

Please note that the draft PLDs include descriptions of Advanced and Proficient performance. Descriptions for Not-Yet-Proficient will be created after the first two categories are finalized.

	Public Comment Document
English Language Arts	https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d5QLncmyzMUMqYI
Mathematics	https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bNoRdxwwNUB3xAh
Science	https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eqFw9AptGA41T

How does my input contribute?

The table below captures the overall process of reviewing and finalizing the PLDs. Your review and input are valuable as the descriptions are finalized.

Activity	Timeline
PLDs posted for review by Iowa educators	April 2019
PLDs and comments reviewed by committees of education stakeholders from across Iowa	April 27, 2019
PLDs reviewed and finalized by Iowa Testing Program staff and the Iowa Department of Education	May-June 2019
PLDs used in standard setting process	July 2019
Comprehensive review and analysis of the PLDs and standard setting results by the ISASP Technical Advisory Committee	August 2019
PLDs and corresponding threshold scores submitted for approval by the Iowa Board of Education	September 2019
PLDs and ISASP scores are released	October 2019