

General Proficiency Level Definitions	
Proficiency Level	Description
<i>Beginning (Beg)</i>	<p>The student at this level is starting to develop the skills that will lead to effective communication in written and spoken English. A student performing at this level typically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognizes simple written words and phrases</li> <li>• Writes basic words or phrases, with frequent errors</li> <li>• Speaks using basic words or phrases, with frequent errors</li> <li>• Understands basic spoken vocabulary or phrases</li> </ul>
<i>Early Intermediate (E. Int)</i>	<p>The student at this level is developing skills that will lead to effective and complete communication in English. A student performing at this level typically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognizes simple written words, phrases, and sentences, and reads and comprehends below grade-level texts</li> <li>• Writes short paragraphs with limited control of standard English conventions</li> <li>• Speaks using common words and simple phrases; word choice is often inappropriate or incorrect</li> <li>• Understands basic spoken vocabulary and phrases with frequent need for clarification</li> </ul>
<i>Intermediate (Int)</i>	<p>The student at this level demonstrates increasing skills in using and understanding English. Oral and written communication, although somewhat inconsistent, is solid and usually understandable. A student performing at this level typically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognizes common written words and some academic words, and comprehends simple grade-level texts</li> <li>• Writes short, simple compositions with partial control of standard English conventions</li> <li>• Speaks using common words and phrases and basic grammar and sentence structure; uses complex language structures but with occasional errors</li> <li>• Understands most oral communications, with some need for clarification</li> </ul>
<i>Transitioning (Trans)</i>	<p>The student at this level has achieved age-appropriate basic fluency in English, including reading, writing, listening, and speaking. A student performing at this level typically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognizes most common and academic words, and reads and comprehends moderately difficult grade-level texts</li> <li>• Writes short compositions demonstrating general control of standard English conventions</li> <li>• Speaks using appropriate and correct words, phrases, and expressions, as well as basic and complex grammar and sentence structures</li> <li>• Understands extended and prolonged oral communication, with little or no need for clarification</li> </ul>