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Alabama Course of Study: English Language Arts PROFICIENCY SCALES

With Critical Standards for Each Grade Level K- 12

Developed by ALSDE and Regional Specialists alongside Marzano Staff

Facilitators from Marzano Resources assisted specialists in narrowing the number of standards that utilize proficiency scales. Here are the criteria that were utilized for determining which standards would be included when writing Proficiency Scales.

1. **Endurance** - Knowledge and skills that will last beyond a class period or course
2. **Leverage** - Knowledge and skills that cross over into many domains of learning
3. **Readiness** - Knowledge and skills important to subsequent content or courses
4. **Teacher judgement** - Knowledge of content area and ability to identify more - and less important content
5. **Assessment connected** - Student opportunity to learn content that will be assessed in a high-stakes assessment

Other Important Information

1. The Essential Standards that have been identified by the Literacy Task Force are included as Critical or Supporting Standards
2. In grades K-3, at least one standard from 5 + 2 (Oral Language, Phonological Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, Comprehension, and Writing) is presented by at least one standard.
3. In grades 4-5, at least one standard from phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, and writing is included.
4. The remainder of the standards are represented by the weight on the content needing mastery at that grade level (e.g., Phonological awareness will probably be more highly represented by the number of standards in kindergarten and first grade and comprehension standards may be more represented in fifth grade).

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Proficiency Scales mark the CORNERSTONE of the academic pillar of MTSS.

What is a proficiency scale? *It is a tool that displays a collection of related learning targets and scores for determining the current level of performance.*

Clarity, Consistency, Accuracy

Additional Information Concerning Proficiency Scales:

- [Marzano Website](#)

Other standard support documents:

- [2021 Alabama Course of Study: English Language Arts](#)
- [AL ELA K-5 Vertical Alignment](#)
- [ELA COS Crosswalk](#)
- [ACAP and ACT Resources for Grade 2-12](#)