

Proficiency Grading in Grades K-5



Three Reasons for Proficiency Grading:

It shows student knowledge



Proficiency grades show how much a student has learned in relation to an end-of-year grade level standard, and what they have yet to learn.

It shows student growth



Proficiency grades show the student's growth toward achieving a grade level standard. Grades increase as students increase in mastery of a subject.

It helps students learn!



Proficiency grading helps teachers identify gaps in learning and focus on areas where a student needs more instruction.

Proficiency Scoring Scale

4	Exceeds proficiency at grade level
3	Proficient at grade level
2	Developing proficiency at grade level
1	Limited proficiency at grade level

This scale shows academic proficiency levels.

Learning Progress

+	Significant progress
=	Steady progress
-	Minimum progress

These symbols are used to show the student's progress or growth over time. For example, a student may not yet be performing at grade level (receives proficiency score of 1 or 2), but may still have made significant progress. The student's learning progress would be noted with the "+" symbol.

Other Scoring Scale

E	Excellent/Consistently Demonstrates - Needs little/no support, displays confidence.
S+, S, S-	Satisfactory/Regularly Demonstrates - Needs some support, showing progress.
AC	Area of Concern - Showing limited or no progress.
X	Not applicable at this time.

This scale is used for characteristics of successful learners, effort, and some academic areas.