Florida Standards Alternate Assessment - Datafolio Achievement Level Policy Definitions and Achievement Level Descriptions

Introduction

In Large-scale assessments, achievement levels are achievement standards that give meaning and context for interpreting student performance. For the Florida Standards Alternate Assessment - Datafolio (FSAA-Datafolio) the Florida Department of Education (the Department) developed a set of Achievement Level Policy Definitions that served as the defining descriptions for each achievement level. In addition, content and grade specific Achievement Level Descriptions were developed. The descriptions provide more granular information about student performance and progress toward meeting their goal of increased independence when accessing a specific content area and grade level. The definitions and the descriptions are intended to guide (a) participants during the standard-setting process for the FSAA-Datafolio in July 2017, (b) score interpretation on student reports, and (c) teacher understanding of expectations for the progression of student performance at each achievement level.

ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL POLICY DEFINITIONS

The Achievement Level Policy Definitions provide the overarching description of achievement as envisioned by the Department for each achievement level. These definitions are consistent across the content areas; however, there is an increasing expectation of demonstrated progress towards independently accessing the standards across the three achievement levels. The definitions developed by the Department provide a policy-based claim. This claim clearly explicates the Department's intended take-away message regarding a student's achievement within each performance level.

ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS, CONTENT GRADE SPECIFIC

For each achievement level on an assessment, Achievement Level Descriptions should explicate observable evidence of achievement. The FSAA-Datafolio assesses the educational performance and growth of students through a collection of student work across three specific collection periods throughout the year. This assessment is designed to show student progress on a continuum of access toward academic content. The FSAA-Datafolio Achievement Level Descriptions provide performance expectations through demonstration of progress shown towards the Level of Assistance (LOA) Goal that is expected in a particular achievement level. The LOA Goal is set individually for each student for each standard assessed and represents an increase in student independence towards accessing each standard. Based on an individual student's need the teacher may set the LOA goal at one of the following levels: physical assistance, gestural assistance, verbal assistance, model assistance, or independent. The activities developed by the teacher are within the context of the content assessed and for each activity the teacher documents the assistance provided and the student's accuracy. The information in the content specific descriptions is tailored to include the Florida Standards Access Points for English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics and Next Generation Sunshine State Standards Participatory Level Access Points and progress specific detail within each achievement level. As this Datafolio is based on student progress toward a LOA Goal the content specific information in each achievement level is consistent.

FLORIDA STANDARDS ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT (FSAA)-DATAFOLIO ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL POLICY DEFINITIONS					
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3			
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FLORIDA STANDARDS ALTERNATE ASSESSME	FLORIDA STANDARDS ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT (FSAA)-DATAFOLIO ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3			
Students in this category did not show progress	Students in this category have made some	Students in this category have generally met or			
toward their Level of Assistance (LOA) Goals or	progress toward their Level of Assistance (LOA)	exceeded their Level of Assistance (LOA) Goals. This			
there was not enough evidence to show progress	Goals. This category represents limited progress	category represents satisfactory progress shown on a			
toward their LOA Goals. This category represents	shown on a continuum of access toward	continuum of access toward academic achievement.			
insufficient progress shown on the continuum of	academic achievement. Students are working	Students are working within the academic content to:			
access toward academic achievement. Students	within the academic content to:	Grade 3, FS-APs:			
are working within the academic content to:	Grade 3, FS-APs:	Answer questions related to characters, setting,			
Grade 3, FS-APs:	Answer questions related to characters,	events, or conflicts			
Answer questions related to characters,	setting, events, or conflicts	Identify information learned from illustrations and			
setting, events, or conflicts	Identify information learned from illustrations	information learned from the words in an			
Identify information learned from illustrations	and information learned from the words in an	informational text			
and information learned from the words in an	informational text	Capitalize words in holidays, product names,			
informational text	Capitalize words in holidays, product names,	geographic names, and appropriate words in a			
Capitalize words in holidays, product names,	geographic names, and appropriate words in	title			
geographic names, and appropriate words in	a title	Grade 4, FS-APs:			
a title	Grade 4, FS-APs:	Identify events, procedures, ideas, or concepts In			
Grade 4, FS-APs:	Identify events, procedures, ideas, or	a historical, scientific, or technical text			
• Identify events, procedures, ideas, or	concepts In a historical, scientific, or technical	Make connections between the text of a story and			
concepts In a historical, scientific, or technical	text	the visual representations (as described by the			
text	Make connections between the text of a story	teacher), referring back to text/illustrations to			
Make connections between the text of a story	and the visual representations (as described	support answer			
and the visual representations (as described	by the teacher), referring back to	Develop the topic (add additional information			
by the teacher), referring back to	text/illustrations to support answer	related to the topic) with relevant facts, definitions,			
text/illustrations to support answer					

 Develop the topic (add additional information related to the topic) with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic

Grade 5, FS-APs:

- Summarize a portion of text, such as a paragraph or a chapter
- Determine the meaning of domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 5 topic or subject area
- Summarize the text or a portion of the text read, read aloud, or presented in diverse media

Grade 6, FS-APs:

- Identify key individuals, events, or ideas in a text
- Find the precise meaning of a word
- Compare texts from different genres that have a similar theme or address the same topic

Grade 7, FS-APs:

- Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly
- Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position in a sentence) as a clue to determine the overall meaning of grade-appropriate words or phrases
- Spell words correctly in writing

Grade 8, FS-APs:

Provide/create an objective summary of a text

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- Spell words correctly in writing

Grade 8, FS-APs:

- Provide/create an objective summary of a text
- Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words
- Create an organizational structure in which ideas are logically grouped to support the writer's claim
 Grade 9, FS-APs:

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Grade 9, FS-APs:

- Determine which piece(s) of evidence provide the strongest support for inferences, conclusions, or summaries in a text
- Find the precise meaning of a word
- Identify claims and arguments made by the author

Grade 10, FS-APs:

- Delineate how a complex character develops over the course of a text, interacts with other characters, and advances the plot or develops the theme
- Verify the prediction of the meaning of a new word or phrase
- Compare and contrast various accounts of a subject in two or more mediums

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Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Students in this category did not show progress	Students in this category have made some	Students in this category have generally met or
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access toward academic achievement. Students	within the academic content to:	Grade 3, FS-APs:
are working within the academic content to:	Grade 3, FS-APs:	Solve and check one-step word problems using
Grade 3, FS-APs:	Solve and check one-step word problems	the four operations within 100
Solve and check one-step word problems	using the four operations within 100	Identify the fraction that matches the
using the four operations within 100	Identify the fraction that matches the	representation of partitioned rectangles and
Identify the fraction that matches the	representation of partitioned rectangles and	circles into halves, fourths, thirds, and eighths
representation of partitioned rectangles and	circles into halves, fourths, thirds, and eighths	Identify different examples of quadrilaterals
circles into halves, fourths, thirds, and eighths	Identify different examples of quadrilaterals	Grade 4, FS-APs:
Identify different examples of quadrilaterals	Grade 4, FS-APs:	Generate a pattern when given a rule
Grade 4, FS-APs:	Generate a pattern when given a rule	Using a representation, decompose a fraction into
Generate a pattern when given a rule	Using a representation, decompose a fraction	multiple copies of a unit fraction (e.g., $\frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$
Using a representation, decompose a fraction	into multiple copies of a unit fraction (e.g., ³ / ₄ =	+ 1/4
into multiple copies of a unit fraction (e.g., ³ / ₄ =	1/4 + 1/4 + 1/4	Identify and sort objects based on parallelism,
1/4 + 1/4 + 1/4	Identify and sort objects based on parallelism,	perpendicularity, and angle type
Identify and sort objects based on parallelism,	perpendicularity, and angle type	Grade 5, FS-APs:
perpendicularity, and angle type	Grade 5, FS-APs:	Multiply a fraction by a whole or mixed number
Grade 5, FS-APs:	Multiply a fraction by a whole or mixed	using visual fraction models
	number using visual fraction models	Write a simple expression for a calculation

- Multiply a fraction by a whole or mixed number using visual fraction models
- Write a simple expression for a calculation
- Use polygon-shaped manipulatives to classify and organize two-dimensional figures into
 Venn diagrams based on the attributes of the figures

Grade 6, FS-APs:

- Evaluate whether sides of an equation are equal using models
- Find the area of quadrilaterals using models
- Find the range of a given data set

Grade 7, FS-APs:

- Solve real-world, multi-step problems using positive and negative rational numbers (whole numbers, fractions, and decimals)
- Add the area of each face of a prism to find the surface area of three-dimensional objects
- Use tree diagrams, frequency tables, organized lists, and/or simulations to collect data from a two-step simulation of compound events (using two coins and/or two dice)

Grade 8, FS-APs:

- Identify graphed functions as linear or not linear
- Compare area and volume of similar figures
- Analyze displays of bivariate data to develop or select appropriate claims about those data

Algebra 1, FS-APs:

 Describe a distribution using center and spread

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- Describe a distribution using center and spread
- Graph equations in two or more variables on coordinate axes with labels and scales
- Describe the rate of change of a function using words

Geometry, FS-APs:

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Geometry, FS-APs:

- Determine if two figures are similar
- Identify shapes created by cross sections of two-dimensional and three-dimensional figures
- Describe the relationship between the attributes of a figure and the changes in the area or volume when one attribute is changed

 Describe the rate of change of a function using words

Geometry, FS-APs:

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Level 1	Level 2	Level 3			
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toward their LOA Goals. This category represents	shown on a continuum of access toward	continuum of access toward academic achievement.			
insufficient progress shown on the continuum of	academic achievement. Students are working	Students are working within the academic content to:			
access toward academic achievement. Students	within the academic content to:	Grade 5, NGSSS-APs:			
are working within the academic content to:	Grade 5, NGSSS-APs:	Recognize that people use observation and			
Grade 5, NGSSS-APs:	Recognize that people use observation and	actions to get answers to questions about the			
Recognize that people use observation and	actions to get answers to questions about the	natural world			
actions to get answers to questions about the	natural world	Identify one source of sound, heat, or light that			
natural world	Identify one source of sound, heat, or light	uses electricity			
• Identify one source of sound, heat, or light that	that uses electricity	Recognize body parts related to movement and			
uses electricity	Recognize body parts related to movement	the five senses			
Recognize body parts related to movement	and the five senses	Grade 8, NGSSS -APs:			
and the five senses	Grade 8, NGSSS -APs:	Recognize a way science is used in the			
Grade 8, NGSSS -APs:	Recognize a way science is used in the	community			
Recognize a way science is used in the	community	Recognize substances by physical properties,			
community	Recognize substances by physical properties,	such as weight (heavy and light), size (big and			
Recognize substances by physical properties,	such as weight (heavy and light), size (big and	small), and temperature (hot and cold)			
such as weight (heavy and light), size (big and	small), and temperature (hot and cold)	Recognize that plants need water and light to			
small), and temperature (hot and cold)	Recognize that plants need water and light to	grow			
	grow	Biology 1, NGSSS -APs:			

Recognize that plants need water and light to grow

Biology 1, NGSSS -APs:

- Match parts of common living things to their functions
- Sort common living things into plant and animal kingdoms

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FLORIDA STANDARDS ALTERNATE AS	SSESSMENT (FSAA)-DATAFOLIO ACHIEVEMENT	LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS - SOCIAL STUDIES		
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		
Students in this category did not show progress	Students in this category have made some	Students in this category have generally met or		
toward their Level of Assistance (LOA) Goals or	progress toward their Level of Assistance (LOA)	exceeded their Level of Assistance (LOA) Goals. This		
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toward their LOA Goals. This category represents	shown on a continuum of access toward	continuum of access toward academic achievement.		
insufficient progress shown on the continuum of	academic achievement. Students are working	Students are working within the academic content to:		
access toward academic achievement. Students	within the academic content to:	Civics, NGSSS-APs:		
are working within the academic content to:	Civics, NGSSS-APs:	Recognize that the government has different parts		
Civics, NGSSS-APs:	Recognize that the government has different	Recognize an obligation of citizens, such as		
Recognize that the government has different	parts	obeying laws		
parts	Recognize an obligation of citizens, such as	Recognize that local, state, and federal		
Recognize an obligation of citizens, such as	obeying laws	governments provide services		
obeying laws	Recognize that local, state, and federal	US History, NGSSS -APs:		
Recognize that local, state, and federal	governments provide services	Recognize characteristics of life during the Civil		
governments provide services	US History, NGSSS -APs:	War		
US History, NGSSS -APs:	Recognize characteristics of life during the	Recognize that groups may fear people who are		
Recognize characteristics of life during the	Civil War	different		
Civil War	Recognize that groups may fear people who	Recognize a social or economic concern of		
Recognize that groups may fear people who	are different	people		
are different	Recognize a social or economic concern of			
Recognize a social or economic concern of	people			
people				