

Georgia Milestones Achievement Level Descriptors

With the implementation of the Georgia Milestones Assessment System, Georgia educators have developed four achievement levels to describe student mastery and command of the knowledge and skills outlined in Georgia's content standards. Most students have at least some knowledge of the content described in the content standards; however, achievement levels succinctly describe how much mastery a student has. Achievement levels give meaning and context to scale scores by describing the knowledge and skills students must demonstrate to achieve each level.

The four achievement levels on Georgia Milestones are *Beginning Learner*, *Developing Learner*, *Proficient Learner*, and *Distinguished Learner*. The general meaning of each of the four levels is provided below:

Beginning Learners do not yet demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students *need substantial academic support* to be prepared for the next grade level or course and to be on track for college and career readiness.

Developing Learners demonstrate partial proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students *need additional academic support* to ensure success in the next grade level or course and to be on track for college and career readiness.

Proficient Learners demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students *are prepared* for the next grade level or course and are on track for college and career readiness.

Distinguished Learners demonstrate advanced proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students *are well prepared* for the next grade level or course and are well prepared for college and career readiness.

More detailed and content-specific concepts and skills are provided for each grade, content area, and course in the **Achievement Level Descriptors** (ALDs). ALDs are narrative descriptions of the knowledge and skills expected at each of the four achievement levels and were developed for each grade level, content area, and course by committees of Georgia educators in March 2015 and July 2015. The ALDs are based on the state-adopted content standards.

ALDs show a progression of knowledge and skills for which students must demonstrate competency across the achievement levels. It is important to understand that a student should demonstrate mastery of the knowledge and skills within his/her achievement level *as well as all*

content and skills in any achievement levels that precede his/her own, if any. For example, a Proficient Learner should also possess the knowledge and skills of a Developing Learner *and* a Beginning Learner.

Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) Achievement Level Descriptors

Georgia Milestones EOG ALD: English Language Arts

[Grade 3](#) | [Grade 4](#) | [Grade 5](#) | [Grade 6](#) | [Grade 7](#) | [Grade 8](#)

Georgia Milestones EOG ALD: Mathematics

[Grade 3](#) | [Grade 4](#) | [Grade 5](#) | [Grade 6](#) | [Grade 7](#) | [Grade 8](#)

Georgia Milestones EOG ALD: Science

[Grade 3](#) | [Grade 4](#) | [Grade 5](#) | [Grade 6](#) | [Grade 7](#) | [Grade 8](#)

Georgia Milestones EOG ALD: Social Studies

[Grade 3](#) | [Grade 4](#) | [Grade 5](#) | [Grade 6](#) | [Grade 7](#) | [Grade 8](#)

Georgia Milestones End of Course (EOC) Achievement Level Descriptors

[Georgia Milestones Ninth Grade Literature and Composition EOC ALD](#)

[Georgia Milestones American Literature and Composition EOC ALD](#)

[Georgia Milestones Coordinate Algebra EOC ALD](#)

[Georgia Milestones Analytic Geometry EOC ALD](#)

[Georgia Milestones Biology EOC ALD](#)

[Georgia Milestones Physical Science EOC ALD](#)

[Georgia Milestones United States History EOC ALD](#)

[Georgia Milestones Economics/Business/Free Enterprise EOC ALD](#)