

Performance Level Descriptors

Mathematics

Grade 7

Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs)				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Policy Statement	The student has a minimal understanding of grade-level standards and needs additional support at this level of learning as described in the Alabama Course of Study.	The student has a partial understanding of grade-level standards and is likely to need some additional support at this level of learning as described in the Alabama Course of Study.	The student has a strong understanding of grade-level standards and demonstrates the knowledge and skills at this level of learning as described in the Alabama Course of Study.	The student has an advanced understanding of grade-level standards and exceedingly demonstrates the knowledge and skills at this level of learning as described in the Alabama Course of Study.
The performance level descriptors describe what a typical student scoring at each performance level can do. A student who scores at a level would be expected to also be able to demonstrate the skills described in previous levels. A student would not necessarily demonstrate all the skills listed at a particular performance level on a particular test in order to score at that level.				
Proportional Reasoning				
7.PR.1 7.PR.2 7.PR.2a 7.PR.2b 7.PR.2c 7.PR.3	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> determines whether two quantities are in a proportional relationship. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> calculates unit rates that include ratios or fractions, identifies specified points on the graph of a proportional relationship and interprets their meaning, and uses proportional reasoning to solve simple percent problems. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identifies the constant of proportionality (unit rate) in context and expresses it using multiple representations, explains the meaning of the points $(0, 0)$ and $(1, r)$ on the graph of a proportional relationship where r is the unit rate, and uses proportional reasoning to solve multi-step percent problems. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> understands that proportional relationships can have different constants of proportionality and analyzes and interprets numerical and symbolic proportional relationships.

Number Systems and Operations				
7.NSO.4 7.NSO.4a 7.NSO.4b 7.NSO.4c 7.NSO.4d 7.NSO.4e 7.NSO.4f 7.NSO.4g 7.NSO.5	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> understands that a number and its opposite have a sum of 0. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> adds and subtracts integers using a number line, multiplies and divides integers, and uses addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to solve real-world and mathematical problems involving positive fractions and decimals. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> applies properties to add and subtract rational numbers and interprets sums of rational numbers in real-world contexts; applies properties to multiply and divide rational numbers and interprets products and quotients of rational numbers in real-world contexts; converts a rational number to a decimal using long division; and uses addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to solve real-world and mathematical problems involving rational numbers. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> applies understanding of all four operations with rational numbers to solve multi-step real-world problems, using fractions and decimals interchangeably, including translating among multiple representations of rational numbers.

Algebra and Functions				
7.AF.6 7.AF.7 7.AF.8 7.AF.9 7.AF.9a 7.AF.9b	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identifies when expressions with integer coefficients are equivalent. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses properties of operations to generate equivalent expressions with integer coefficients, writes and solves multi-step, one-variable equations involving integers, and writes and solves multi-step, one-variable inequalities involving integers and graphs the solution set on a number line. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses properties of operations to generate equivalent expressions with rational coefficients, writes and solves multi-step, one-variable equations involving rational numbers, and writes and solves multi-step, one-variable inequalities involving rational numbers and graphs the solution set on a number line. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses multiple properties of operations to strategize and generate equivalent expressions with rational coefficients and uses variables to represent quantities in multi-step word problems, knowing when to use an equation or inequality to represent a solution.

Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability				
7.DSP.10 7.DSP.10a 7.DSP.10b 7.DSP.10c 7.DSP.10d 7.DSP.10e 7.DSP.11 7.DSP.12 7.DSP.13 7.DSP.14 7.DSP.14a 7.DSP.14b 7.DSP.15 7.DSP.15a 7.DSP.16 7.DSP.16a 7.DSP.16b 7.DSP.16c	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> differentiates between populations and samples; distinguishes between valid and invalid samples; understands probability as quantifiable between 0 and 1; and understands that the probability of a compound event is a fraction of desired outcomes in the sample space. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses data from a random sample to generalize information about a population, approximates simple probability, and represents a sample space for compound events using various methods. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses data from a random sample and numeric measures (including mean absolute deviation) to draw comparative inferences about two populations, develops a probability model, uses it to find or approximate probabilities of events, and compares the model to observed frequencies, and determines probabilities of compound events. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> develops, uses, and evaluates multiple probability models and designs and uses a simulation to generate frequencies for compound events.

Geometry and Measurement				
7.GM.17 7.GM.18 7.GM.19 7.GM.20 7.GM.20a 7.GM.20b 7.GM.21 7.GM.22	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identifies the scale factor of a model; identifies the center, radius, diameter, and circumference of a circle; identifies complementary, supplementary, vertical, and adjacent angles; and 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> solves problems involving length with scale drawings; describes two-dimensional plane sections of geometric figures that are parallel or perpendicular to bases; uses formulas to find the exact (using π) or approximate (using 3.14) area and circumference of a circle; knows properties of complementary, supplementary, vertical, and adjacent angles; and 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> solves problems involving length and area with scale drawings and reproduces a scale drawing at a different scale; understands when given angle measures and/or side lengths determine a unique triangle, more than one triangle, or no triangle; describes two-dimensional plane sections of geometric figures; solves real-world and mathematical problems using the area and circumference of a circle; solves multi-step problems involving complementary, supplementary, vertical, and adjacent angles, including writing and solving equations for an unknown angle; and 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> interprets a scale drawing as a proportional relationship and a scale factor as a constant of proportionality and interprets the relationship between the circumference and diameter of a circle as a proportional relationship and π as the constant of proportionality.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">calculates the area of already-decomposed two-dimensional objects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">calculates the surface area and volume of already-decomposed three-dimensional objects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">solves real-world and mathematical problems involving the area, volume, and surface area of two- and three-dimensional objects.	
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