ELPA21 Achievement Level Descriptors (ALDs)

Grade Band 9-12

Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
9-12 Score Range: 487 or below	9-12 Score Range: 488-538	9-12 Score Range: 539-630	9-12 Score Range 631-661	9-12 Score Range: 662 or above
When reading grade-	When reading grade-	When reading grade-	When reading grade-	When reading grade-appropriate
appropriate text, the student at	appropriate text, the student at	appropriate text, the student at	appropriate text, the student at	text, the student at Level 5 is
Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	working on:
recognizing the meaning of frequently occurring words, simple phrases, and formulaic expressions in literary and informational text; identifying the point an author makes; responding to yes/no and some wh- questions to demonstrate understanding of text; gathering information from provided sources and labeling collected information.	identifying the meanings of key vocabulary, frequently occurring words, phrases, and expressions in literary and informational text; recognizing the main idea/argument of a text and retelling a few key details; gathering information from provided sources and summarizing data and information.	determining the meaning of general academic and content-specific words and phrases in literary and informational text; identifying and paraphrasing main concepts and information; comprehending exchanges of written information or data; explaining the reasons and textual evidence to support a claim; gathering information from multiple sources.	determining the meaning of figurative language and some idiomatic expressions; identifying main ideas and summarizing key points from literary and informational texts; analyzing the reasoning and use of rhetoric in persuasive texts; conducting research based on written sources of information, demonstrating comprehension by evaluating written findings.	determining the meaning of figurative language, and idiomatic expressions; accurately identifying, summarizing, analyzing, and critiquing key points, main ideas and arguments of others presented in writing; gathering and synthesizing information from multiple written sources, evaluating the reliability of each source.

Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
9-12 Score Range: 484 or below	9-12 Score Range: 485-532	9-12 Score Range: 533-614	9-12 Score Range: 615-640	9-12 Score Range: 641 or above
When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at Level
Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	5 is working on:
communicating basic information about a topic using a narrow range of vocabulary and simple sentences; using basic language structures to communicate context- specific messages; participating in short written exchanges on familiar topics and texts.	writing clear and coherent simple and compound sentences using common linking words; constructing written claims with some organization, supported by a reason or evidence and a concluding statement; recounting a short sequence of events in order; providing one or two facts about a topic; writing one relevant question about a prompt.	using multiple complete sentences with organization and some details to develop an informational topic; constructing written claims to communicate clear, coherent, context-specific messages using a variety of language structures; participating in written exchanges, building on the ideas of others, restating some of the key ideas expressed, and expressing own ideas; writing relevant questions that demonstrate understanding.	producing a coherent narrative with details using compound and complex sentences; using a variety of language structures accurately in context-specific messages; constructing written claims with reasons in basic paragraph form; participating in written exchanges on a range of topics, texts, and issues; introducing and developing an informational topic with facts, details, and evidence.	producing a coherent narrative with details using compound and complex sentences, with complex and varied transitions to link the sections of a text and to clarify relationships among events and ideas; composing informational texts about a variety of topics with relevant details, concepts, examples, and information; expressing ideas clearly and persuasively; introducing and distinguishing a claim from a counter-claim, providing logically ordered, relevant reasons and supporting evidence to refute the counter-claim.

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Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
9-12 Score Range: 450 or below	9-12 Score Range: 451-490	9-12 Score Range: 491-570	9-12 Score Range: 571-612	9-12 Score Range: 613 or above
When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at Level 5
Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	is working on:
determining the meaning of frequently occurring words, simple phrases, and formulaic expressions in simple oral communications and presentations; listening to short conversations on familiar topics and responding to simple yes/no questions and some wh- questions.	determining the meaning of frequently occurring words, phrases, and expressions in oral presentations; analyzing and critiquing oral arguments of others on familiar topics; identifying the main topic and retelling a key detail or supporting reason from oral communications; participating in short conversations.	determining the meaning of general academic and content-specific words, phrases and frequently occurring expressions; demonstrating comprehension of oral presentations and exchanges of information about literary and informational texts by determining the central idea or theme and supporting reasons, restating key ideas and information, and explaining how the theme is developed by specific details; adding information and evidence to oral exchanges.	determining meanings of general academic and content-specific words and phrases, figurative language, and some idiomatic expressions; demonstrating comprehension by participating in a range of discussion topics; inferring the intent and analyzing the speaker's development of themes and ideas; analyzing the reasoning and use of rhetoric in persuasive speech to determine whether the evidence is sufficient to support the claim.	determining meanings of idiomatic expressions and figurative language in oral presentations and conversations; determining and summarizing central ideas or themes, analyzing their development and evidence discussed; construct meaning from oral presentations on academic topics and literary texts; inferring, analyzing and critiquing the intent, reasoning and use of rhetoric of a speaker.

Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
9-12 Score Range: 480 or below	9-12 Score Range: 481-535	9-12 Score Range: 536-592	9-12 Score Range: 593-618	9-12 Score Range: 619 or above
When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at Level 5
Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	is working on:
communicating basic information about an event or topic using a narrow range of vocabulary and simple sentences; participating in short conversations; presenting information, and responding to simple questions and some wh- questions; expressing an opinion about a familiar topic.	producing simple and compound sentences to present information and ideas; participating in short conversations about familiar topics and texts; recounting a short sequence of events; constructing a spoken claim supported by opinions, reasoning or evidence; introducing a topic, providing one or two facts about the topic, and a concluding statement.	speaking about informational and complex literary text or delivering short oral presentations using standard language forms; recounting a sequence of events with a beginning, middle, and end; introducing and developing an informational topic with facts and details and a conclusion; participating in discussions, building on the ideas of others and expressing own ideas, asking and answering relevant questions, and restating some key ideas.	using standard language forms and complex transitions to clarify relationships among events and ideas; analyzing and critiquing others' arguments; participating in conversations and discussions or giving oral presentations on a range of topics, texts, and issues; developing presentations to communicate research; introducing and developing a claim or an informational topic with facts, details, and evidence.	participating in extended conversations and discussions and delivering oral presentations on a range of topics, texts, and issues; asking and answering questions to probe reasoning and claims; summarizing key ideas and evidence; fully developing a claim or topic with relevant details, concepts, examples, and information; analyzing and integrating information into a clearly organized oral text.