

Grade 3 Reading ISAT Proficiency Level Descriptors

Advanced

Third grade students typically performing at the Advanced level demonstrate a thorough understanding of reading skills expected of all students in the areas of reading process, and comprehension and interpretation at this grade level. Students consistently use complex strategies to interpret and comprehend a wide variety of grade-level text, including, but not limited to, using base words, prefixes, and suffixes to determine meaning of unknown words, consistently drawing conclusions based on text, and identifying elements of setting and plot in literary text.

Proficient

Third grade students typically performing at the Proficient level demonstrate a satisfactory understanding of reading skills expected of all students in the areas of reading process, and comprehension and interpretation at this grade level. Students routinely utilize a variety of reading strategies to interpret and understand grade-level text, including, but not limited to, locating information using alphabetical order, using syllable types and patterns to assist in decoding, drawing simple conclusions, and identifying main idea and facts in expository text.

Basic

Third grade students typically performing at the Basic level demonstrate a limited understanding of reading skills expected of all students in the areas of reading process, and comprehension and interpretation at this grade level. Students may have partial knowledge of reading skills within more explicit and concrete text with familiar content on a literal level, but are inconsistent in performance. Students at the basic level may make inconsistent use of context clues to determine meaning of unknown words, and identify some details and characters in text.