

Grade 8 Reading ISAT Proficiency Level Descriptors

Advanced

Eighth 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, analyzing relationships among words, applying central ideas and critical details to summarize information, and analyzing the importance of setting to the mood and meaning of a story.

Proficient

Eighth 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, using structural analysis to decode complex words, determining the relationships used in paired texts to support a central purpose, and interpreting influences on a character's development.

Basic

Eighth 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 explain some relationships among words, distinguish some cause and effect relationships in text to gain meaning, and identify the point of view of some text.