



URBANDALE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fourth Grade Music

Learning Requirements & Proficiency Scales

What are grade level learning requirements and how should they be used?

Learning requirements are the student and parent/guardian friendly statements that indicate the knowledge, understandings, and skills students are expected to learn. In addition, educators communicate, post, and share course learning requirements with students and families in order to establish a compelling “why” and “what” within their classroom learning system.

Teachers use the learning requirements to guide their planning and assessment within their classroom. Individual and grade/content teams should use learning requirements daily to inform planning, delivery of instruction, and assessment within the professional learning community (PLC) process and individual actions. Finally, learning requirements were established from course/grade level standards by assessing each standard's relevance, endurance, appearance on assessments, and leverage. Therefore, these are the learning outcomes that are prioritized for the grade/course and should occupy the most instructional time for both whole group, small group and individual intervention.

What are proficiency scales and how should they be used?

Proficiency scales are a structure that articulates levels of learning that align to the learning requirement. Each proficiency scale is unidimensional, meaning it outlines the levels of learning related to a single skill, concept, or understanding. The fulcrum for the proficiency scale is the score of 3.0 level. When students demonstrate competence at the score of 3.0, we say they are proficient. The score of 2.0 content is necessary for students to be able to achieve proficiency and important enough for the teacher to instruct directly. The score of 4.0 content is advanced and typically requires students to apply the score of 3.0 content in novel situations that they did not receive direct instruction on in class. Score of 1.0 signifies that a student cannot demonstrate proficiency in any of the content independently, but can do so, at least partially, with aid and cueing. Finally, the score value of 0.0 signifies that even with help, the student cannot demonstrate even partial competence in any of the content the scale articulates.

Teachers should use proficiency scales individually and collectively in the following ways:

- To plan instruction paying specific attention to level 2.0 to identify foundational vocabulary, knowledge, understanding, and skills to execute.
- To communicate levels of proficiency with students so students understand how they go from learning to knowing and doing.
- To identify individual lesson learning targets work towards proficiency of the learning requirement
- To assess students during instruction and as a result of instruction.
- To assess students on formative and summative assessments.
- Collectively a grade or content team should use the proficiency scales within a learning requirement in the design of common formative assessments and to assess students proficiency on common formative assessments.

Grade for Learning Implementation Expectations

How are learning requirements and proficiency scales used to determine course/content area scores or grades?

A score (level of proficiency) for a learning requirement is determined by using a body of evidence. Best practice is to provide multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate their knowledge, understandings, and execution of skills. Evidence can be collected through observations, presentations, projects, interviews, written expressions, quick checks, and/or tests. The evidence opportunity is tiered 2.0-4.0 in order to allow the student to demonstrate their full level of proficiency. For efficiency purposes, teachers should first focus on grade level or the 3.0 level of proficiency to determine if the student is proficient and if they are not, then review the evidence for level 2.0 or 4.0. The last piece of evidence should hold the most weight when making a decision about a student's level of proficiency.

In the example below, the student has received scores for multiple pieces of evidence connected to one learning requirement. Since the evidence shows learning progress over time, the scores are not averaged. The last piece of evidence holds the most weight in determining the overall learning requirement proficiency because it is the most recent evidence of student learning.

Evidence	Score	Learning Requirement	Level of Proficiency
Practice #1	1.0	I can demonstrate awareness of musical opposites	3.0
Section Checkpoint	2.0		
Group work - Observational Data	3.0		
Unit Performance Assessment	3.0		

The Anatomy of the Proficiency Scale

Learning Requirement: I can demonstrate awareness of musical opposites		
Prioritized Standard: MU:Pr4.2.K With guidance, explore and demonstrate awareness of music contrasts (such as high/low, loud/soft, same/different) in a variety of music selected for performance.		
Supporting Standards:		
Level of Proficiency	Progression of Learning	Sample Performance Tasks
4.0 Exceeds Grade Level Standard	In addition to Score 3.0, in-depth inferences and applications that go beyond what was taught. The student will: Independently and consistently demonstrate awareness of music contrasts (such as high/low, loud/soft, same/different) in a variety of music selected for performance.	For example, students can independently create movements for opposites.
3.0 Meets Grade Level Standard	The student will: With guidance, explore and demonstrate awareness of music contrasts (such as high/low, loud/soft, same/different) in a variety of music selected for performance.	For example, students can move to a musical selection using fast and slow in guided activities.
2.0 Approaching Grade Level Standard	The student will recognize or recall specific vocabulary (for example, pitch) and perform basic processes such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distinguish between same and different pitches Distinguish between high and low pitches Distinguish between loud and soft Distinguish between fast and slow 	
1.0 Beginning	With help, a partial understanding of some of the simpler details and processes and some of the more complex ideas and processes.	
0.0	Even with help, no understanding or skill demonstrated.	

Grade level learning requirement formally known as reporting topic.

Deeper level of application of learning requirement related to grade level standard.

Grade level understanding and application of standard.

Foundational knowledge and skills that supports meeting the grade level expectation. To be used to diagnose where student is in the path towards meeting the grade level expectation.

Grade level standard that was prioritized based on readiness, endurance, assessment, and leverage.

Sample task for a 4.0 and 3.0 to illustrate the rigor of the score.

The score of 1.0 does not include new content. Rather, it signifies a student needs support and cueing to demonstrate competence without support or cues.

Proficiency scales are designed to provide clarity to what is grade level and the knowledge, understanding, and skills necessary to meet grade level or 3.0. The score of 3.0 and 4.0 includes a focus statement that the teacher uses to know what to look for when assessing the piece of evidence. The Sample Performance Task provides an example of how that statement might manifest or show up. The Sample Performance Task could be used as an example to understand the rigor of grade level and the deeper level performance. The score of 4.0 is at a level with the content that requires students to make inferences and applications that go beyond what the teacher directly addresses in class. The score of 2.0 content contains a list of vocabulary terms and details that students should know to be able to demonstrate competence at the score of 3.0 level. The contents of level 2.0 should be used by teams to plan instruction that includes the vocabulary and content listed within it. If less than 80% of students in a class are scoring a 3.0 or less on the content within a proficiency scale or reporting topic, the teacher and/or team should provide whole class reteaching using what is outlined in 2.0. In addition, if a student has not reached a level of proficiency of a 3.0, the teacher and/or team should use the knowledge, understandings, and skills within the 2.0 to diagnosis need and match a supplemental intervention during the intervention block to support the student in reaching proficiency.

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Learning Requirements	Trimester
I can compose rhythms and melodies	T1, T2, T3
I can perform rhythmic patterns	T1, T2, T3
I can perform melodic patterns	T1, T2, T3
I can identify pitches and structures of the treble clef staff	T1, T2, T3

Learning Requirement: I can compose rhythms and melodies

Prioritized Standard:

MU:Cr3.2.4a Present the final version of personally created music to others and explain connection to expressive intent.

Supporting Standards:

Level of Proficiency	Progression of Learning	Sample Performance Tasks
4.0 Exceeds Grade Level Standard	In addition to Score 3.0, in-depth inferences and applications that go beyond what was taught. The student will: Independently and consistently compose complex rhythms and melodies	For example, students can correctly use complex rhythms such as dotted quarter note.
3.0 Meets Grade Level Standard	The student will: Compose rhythms and melodies	For example, students can compose rhythms and melodies for instruments and/or body percussion.
2.0 Approaching Grade Level Standard	The student will recognize or recall specific vocabulary (for example, rhythm and melody) and perform basic processes such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognize time signatures• Compose some rhythms and melodies correctly• Recognize treble clef lines and spaces	
1.0 Beginning	With help, a partial understanding of some of the simpler details and processes and some of the more complex ideas and processes.	
0.0	Even with help, no understanding or skill demonstrated.	

Learning Requirement: I can perform rhythmic patterns

Prioritized Standard:

MU:Pr6.1.4a Perform music, alone or with others, with expression and technical accuracy, and appropriate interpretation.

MU:Pr4.2.4b Read and perform rhythm and pitch using iconic and/or standard notation.

Supporting Standards: MU:Pr4.2.4a, MU:Pr4.2.4c

Level of Proficiency	Progression of Learning	Sample Performance Tasks
4.0 Exceeds Grade Level Standard	In addition to Score 3.0, in-depth inferences and applications that go beyond what was taught. The student will: Independently and consistently perform complex rhythmic patterns	For example, students can accurately perform dotted quarter note rhythms.
3.0 Meets Grade Level Standard	The student will: Perform rhythmic patterns	For example, students can demonstrate rhythmic patterns using quarter note, eighth note pair, quarter rest, half note, half rest, whole note, whole rest, sixteenth notes, dotted half note, or syncopa on various instruments or body percussion.
2.0 Approaching Grade Level Standard	The student will recognize or recall specific vocabulary (for example, quarter note, quarter rest, eighth note pairs, half note, sixteenth notes, dotted half note, whole note, half rest, and whole rest) and perform basic processes such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify musical symbols (Bar Line, Double Bar Line, Repeat Sign, Treble Clef, 1st and 2nd Endings, Coda, Fermata, Da Capo al Fine, Dal Segno, Time Signature)• Identify a syn-co-pa• read or identify rhythms including sixteenth notes, dotted half note, whole note, half rest, and whole rest.• Sometimes performs rhythms including sixteenth notes, dotted half note, whole note, half rest, and whole rest.	
1.0 Beginning	With help, a partial understanding of some of the simpler details and processes and some of the more complex ideas and processes.	
0.0	Even with help, no understanding or skill demonstrated.	

Learning Requirement: I can perform melodic patterns

Prioritized Standard:

MU:Pr6.1.4a Perform music, alone or with others, with expression and technical accuracy, and appropriate interpretation.
MU:Pr4.2.4b Read and perform rhythm and pitch using iconic and/or standard notation.

Supporting Standards: MU:Pr4.2.4a, MU:Pr4.2.4c

Level of Proficiency	Progression of Learning	Sample Performance Tasks
4.0 Exceeds Grade Level Standard	In addition to Score 3.0, in-depth inferences and applications that go beyond what was taught. The student will: Independently and consistently identifies and performs complex melodic patterns.	For example, students can go above and beyond to play more difficult music than is being introduced to the entire class.
3.0 Meets Grade Level Standard	The student will: Perform melodic patterns	For example, students can demonstrate melodic patterns using do, re, mi, so, la, high do, low so, low la, ti, fa, and continue to develop tuneful singing.
2.0 Approaching Grade Level Standard	The student will recognize or recall specific vocabulary (for example, solfege) and perform basic processes such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying solfege syllables• Identifying letter name pitches on a treble clef staff.• Sometimes performs melodic patterns correctly	
1.0 Beginning	With help, a partial understanding of some of the simpler details and processes and some of the more complex ideas and processes.	
0.0	Even with help, no understanding or skill demonstrated.	

Learning Requirement: I can identify pitches and structures of the treble clef staff**Prioritized Standard:**

MU:Pr4.2.4a Demonstrate understanding of the structure and the elements of music (such as rhythm, pitch, and form) in music selected for performance.

Supporting Standards:

Level of Proficiency	Progression of Learning	Sample Performance Tasks
4.0 Exceeds Grade Level Standard	In addition to Score 3.0, in-depth inferences and applications that go beyond what was taught. The student will: Independently and consistently identify pitches above or below the lines.	For example, students can identify pitches of the bass clef and/or ledger line notes.
3.0 Meets Grade Level Standard	The student will: Identify pitches and structures of the treble clef staff	For example, students can identify letter name pitches of the treble clef, time signature, measures, bar line, double bar line, repeat sign, D.S. al coda through worksheets and games.
2.0 Approaching Grade Level Standard	The student will recognize or recall specific vocabulary (for example, <i>pitch</i>) and perform basic processes such as: () <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify a line and/or space note ● Identify treble clef symbol ● Identify time signature ● Identify the musical alphabet 	
1.0 Beginning	With help, a partial understanding of some of the simpler details and processes and some of the more complex ideas and processes.	
0.0	Even with help, no understanding or skill demonstrated.	

Supporting Standards to be dispersed:

Demonstrate performance decorum and audience etiquette appropriate for the context, venue, and genre. **MU:Pr6.1.4b**

Demonstrate and explain how intent is conveyed through interpretive decisions and expressive qualities (such as dynamics, tempo, and timbre). **MU:Pr4.3.4**

Evaluate musical works and performances, applying established criteria, and explain appropriateness to the context. **MU:Re9.1.4**

Generate musical ideas (such as rhythms, melodies, and simple accompaniment patterns) within related tonalities (such as major and minor) and meters. **MU:Cr1.1.4b**

Demonstrate selected and organized musical ideas for an improvisation, arrangement, or composition. to express intent, and explain connection to purpose and context. **MU:Cr2.1.4a**

Evaluate, refine, and document revisions to personal music, applying teacher-provided and collaboratively-developed criteria and feedback to show improvement over time. **MU:Cr3.1.4a**

Explain how context (such as social and cultural) informs a performance. **MU:Pr4.2.4c**

Apply teacher-provided and collaboratively- developed criteria and feedback to evaluate accuracy and expressiveness of individual and group performances (formal or informal). **MU:Pr5.1.4a**

Rehearse to refine technical accuracy and expressive qualities, and address performance challenges. **MU:Pr5.1.4b**