

**Oklahoma School Testing Program
Oklahoma Modified Alternate Assessment Program
Performance-Level Descriptors
Grade 8 Reading**

Advanced: Students performing at the Advanced level on the Oklahoma Modified Alternate Assessment consistently demonstrate a thorough understanding of the knowledge and skills expected of students at this grade. These skills are broadly demonstrated in reading processes, responses to text, and in the acquisition of information through research. In addition to demonstrating an understanding and application of all skills at the Satisfactory performance level, students scoring at the Advanced level typically use a range of strategies to understand text; regularly demonstrate a thorough knowledge of literary forms when using regular or modified text; and consistently apply strategies for accessing, summarizing, and paraphrasing information.

Satisfactory: Students performing at the Satisfactory level on the Oklahoma Modified Alternate Assessment demonstrate a general understanding of the reading knowledge and skills expected of students at this grade. Students scoring at the Satisfactory level typically read and comprehend grade-level-modified reading material and will:

- determine literal and nonliteral word meanings using a variety of strategies;
- recognize the characteristics of both literary and informational texts;
- identify main idea and recognize the relevance of details;
- identify and explain figurative language and elements of poetry;
- make inferences and predictions, draw conclusions, and paraphrase ideas in a variety of texts;
- identify point of view;
- determine author's purpose;
- distinguish stated fact and opinion;
- use appropriate strategies to organize and summarize information.

Limited Knowledge: Students performing at the Limited Knowledge level on the Oklahoma Modified Alternate Assessment demonstrate a partial understanding of the reading

knowledge and skills expected of students at this grade. Students scoring at the Limited Knowledge level are inconsistent in demonstrating Satisfactory level competencies.

Unsatisfactory: Students performing at the Unsatisfactory level on the Oklahoma Modified Alternate Assessment do not demonstrate at least a Limited Knowledge level of the skills expected of students at this grade. Students scoring at the Unsatisfactory level should be given additional comprehensive reading instruction.