

Grade 5 Mathematics Performance Level Descriptors

Advanced: Students demonstrate superior performance on challenging subject matter. In addition to demonstrating a broad and in-depth understanding and application of all skills at the Proficient level, students scoring at the **Advanced** level typically interpret the remainder of division problems within the context of the problem. Students order decimals, fractions, and whole numbers. Students evaluate complex expressions, equations, and inequalities. Students construct geometric figures and identify them in various contexts. Students compare the volume, perimeter, or surface area of geometric figures. Students analyze complex graphs. Students solve complex and non-routine real-world problems, draw logical conclusions, and justify solutions.

Proficient: Students demonstrate mastery over appropriate grade-level subject matter and readiness for the next grade level. Students scoring at the **Proficient** level typically estimate and solve division problems with the remainder represented as a fraction or decimal. Students generate equivalent decimals and fractions, represent whole numbers or decimals, and compare fractions and decimals, including mixed numbers. Students estimate, add, and subtract decimals and fractions. Students describe patterns of change and graph these patterns as ordered pairs on a coordinate plane. Students evaluate expressions, equations, and inequalities. Students solve volume and perimeter problems and simple surface area problems. Students determine reasonable values for the perimeter of shapes with curves. Students compare angles. Students recognize relationships within a measurement system. Students determine the mean, median, mode, and range of a data set and analyze simple graphs. Students solve real-world problems and employ problem-solving strategies of identifying and using appropriate information.

Basic: Students demonstrate partial mastery of the essential knowledge and skills appropriate to their grade level. Students scoring at the **Basic** level estimate and solve division problems with remainders and solve addition and subtraction real-world problems. Students recognize basic equivalent decimals and fractions, represent whole numbers, and compare and order fractions or decimals. Students add and subtract decimals and fractions with like denominators. Students describe simple patterns of change and identify ordered pairs on a coordinate plane. Students evaluate simple equivalent numerical expressions or equations. Students describe and classify geometric figures. Students solve simple volume and perimeter problems. Students choose an appropriate instrument to measure objects and read and analyze the length of objects. Students read and analyze the measure of angles. Students read simple graphs.

Below Basic: Students have not performed at least at the Basic level. Students scoring at the **Below Basic** level should be given comprehensive mathematical instruction.