

Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs)

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Policy Statement	The student has a minimal understanding of grade-level standards and is likely to need additional support at this level of learning as described in the Alabama Course of Study.	The student has a partial understanding of grade-level standards and is likely to need some additional support at this level of learning as described in the Alabama Course of Study.	The student has a strong understanding of grade-level standards and demonstrates the knowledge and skills at this level of learning as described in the Alabama Course of Study.	The student has an advanced understanding of grade-level standards and exceedingly demonstrates the knowledge and skills at this level of learning as described in the Alabama Course of Study.

The performance level descriptors describe what a typical student scoring at each performance level can do. A student who scores at a level would be expected to also be able to demonstrate the skills described in previous levels. A student would not necessarily demonstrate all the skills listed at a particular performance level on a particular test in order to score at that level.

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

	A student at this level	A student at this level	A student at this level	A student at this level
4.OA.1 4.OA.2 4.OA.3 4.OA.3a 4.OA.3b 4.OA.4 4.OA.4a 4.OA.4b 4.OA.5	<p>A student at this level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> solves two-step word problems by multiplying or dividing and finds all factor pairs of whole numbers up to 24. 	<p>A student at this level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> solves multi-step word problems by multiplying and dividing with whole-number factors, products, dividends, divisors, and quotients; recognizes multiples of a given one-digit number; finds all factor pairs of whole numbers up to 48; and 	<p>A student at this level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> interprets multiplication equations as comparisons and uses them to solve multi-step word problems involving whole numbers using the four operations; interprets remainders in context; explains the correlations and differences between multiples and factors and identifies multiples of a given one-digit number; finds all factor pairs of whole numbers up to 100; determines whether a whole number up to 100 is prime or composite; 	<p>A student at this level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> interprets multiplication equations as comparisons and uses them to solve multi-step word problems, using the four operations involving whole numbers and an unknown quantity as a variable; finds prime factors of a given number; explains the difference between prime and composite numbers; and

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> determines the next term in a number or shape pattern. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> generates number and shape patterns that follow a given rule, including rules expressed algebraically; and identifies apparent features of the pattern that are not explicit in the rule itself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> generates the rules for given number and shape patterns, including rules expressed algebraically.
Operations with Numbers: Base Ten				
4.NBT.6 4.NBT.7 4.NBT.8 4.NBT.9 4.NBT.10 4.NBT.11 4.NBT.11a 4.NBT.12 4.NBT.12a	<p>A student at this level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses place value to read and write numbers to 1,000 in standard form (base-ten numerals) and 	<p>A student at this level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reads and writes numbers in standard form (base-ten numerals); uses place value to round whole numbers to their greatest place value; 	<p>A student at this level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> represents and compares numbers based on place value and the relationship between left and right positions as multiples or quotients of 10, 100, 1,000, or 10,000; reads and writes multi-digit numbers in standard form (base-ten numerals), word form (number names), and expanded form; uses place value to round whole numbers to any specified place value; 	<p>A student at this level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses place value to explain and illustrate multiplication algorithms,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adds and subtracts with up to three-digit addends, subtrahends, and minuends using the standard algorithm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adds and subtracts multi-digit whole numbers using the standard algorithm; • multiplies a two-digit whole number by a one-digit whole number; • finds whole-number quotients, using a two-digit whole-number dividend and one-digit divisor; and • recognizes whole-number patterns in base ten. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adds and subtracts fluently by applying a variety of strategies, connects those strategies to the standard algorithm, and verifies the reasonableness of results; • multiplies a three- or four-digit whole number by a one-digit whole number; • multiplies two two-digit whole numbers; • finds whole-number quotients and remainders, using a three- or four-digit dividend and one-digit divisor; and • illustrates and explains calculations when multiplying and dividing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifies efficient strategies for adding or subtracting multi-digit whole numbers, and • identifies and corrects errors in a given strategy for adding or subtracting multi-digit whole numbers.
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Operations with Numbers: Fractions				
4.NF.13 4.NF.13a 4.NF.14 4.NF.14a 4.NF.15 4.NF.15a 4.NF.15b 4.NF.15c 4.NF.16 4.NF.16a 4.NF.16b 4.NF.16c 4.NF.17 4.NF.17a 4.NF.18 4.NF.19	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> compares a unit fraction and a non-unit fraction with different denominators (2, 3, 4, 6, or 8) using the symbols $<$, $>$, and $=$, identifies tenths, both as fractions and as decimals, using visual models, and adds or subtracts fractions with like denominators. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> compares two fractions with different numerators and different denominators (2, 3, 4, 6, or 8) using the symbols $<$, $>$, and $=$; identifies tenths and hundredths, both as fractions and as decimals, using visual models; adds and subtracts fractions with like denominators; and 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> understands and explains fraction equivalence when given visual fraction models; compares two fractions with different numerators and different denominators (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, or 100) using the symbols $<$, $>$, and $=$; expresses and represents equivalence between two fractions with denominators of 10 and 100 and uses this equivalence to add the fractions; identifies unit fractions that compose fractions with numerators > 1; represents and decomposes fractions as a sum of unit fractions; adds and subtracts fractions and mixed numbers with like denominators; 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> understands, explains, and represents fraction equivalence by generating visual fraction models; orders three or more fractions with different numerators and different denominators (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, or 100);

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • solves word problems involving addition or subtraction of fractions with like denominators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • solves word problems involving addition and subtraction of fractions and mixed numbers with like denominators; • multiplies fractions by whole numbers; • solves word problems with multiplication of fractions by whole numbers; • uses decimal notation to represent fractions with denominators of 10 and 100; and • compares two decimals to hundredths. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • solves multi-step word problems involving addition and subtraction of fractions and mixed numbers with like denominators; • represents and explains multiplication of fractions by whole numbers; • solves multi-step word problems with multiplication of fractions by whole numbers; and • orders three or more decimals to hundredths.
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Data Analysis				
4.DA.20 4.DA.20a 4.DA.20b	A student at this level	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identifies data from line plots in fractions of a unit ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{8}$) and solves one-step problems involving addition or subtraction of fractions by using data from a line plot. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> creates line plots to represent data in fractions of a unit ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{8}$) and solves two-step problems involving addition or subtraction of fractions by using data from a line plot. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> creates line plots to represent data in any fractions of a unit and solves multi-step problems involving addition or subtraction of fractions by using data from a line plot.
Measurement				
4.M.21 4.M.21a 4.M.22 4.M.22a 4.M.22b 4.M.22c 4.M.23 4.M.24 4.M.25 4.M.26 4.M.26a	A student at this level	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> distinguishes between larger and smaller units of measurement (length, mass, liquid volume, time) within one system; finds the areas and perimeters of rectangles; orders angles visually by size; and 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> converts units of measurement (length, mass, liquid volume, time) within one system using multiplication; solves one-step word problems in measurement using the four operations with distance, time, liquid volume, mass, and money; finds the areas and perimeters of rectangles in real-world and mathematical problems; measures and draws angles with a whole number of degrees using a protractor; and 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> solves multi-step problems in measurement conversion using the four operations and

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> solves addition and subtraction problems involving angles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> solves addition and subtraction word problems involving angles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> solves multi-step addition and subtraction word problems involving angles.
Geometry				
4.G.27 4.G.28 4.G.28a 4.G.29 4.G.29a	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> draws points and lines and recognizes symmetrical and nonsymmetrical figures. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> draws points, line segments, and angles and identifies them in two-dimensional figures and identifies a line of symmetry. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> draws points, lines, line segments, rays, angles, and perpendicular and parallel lines and identifies them in two-dimensional figures; identifies right triangles; classifies quadrilaterals based on the presence or absence of parallel or perpendicular lines; and identifies and draws lines of symmetry in two-dimensional figures. 	A student at this level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> draws, defines, and interprets points, lines, line segments, rays, angles, and perpendicular and parallel lines and represents them in two-dimensional figures; identifies and generalizes right triangles; provides examples of two-dimensional figures given specific characteristics; and interprets symmetry as a characteristic of two-dimensional figures.