

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY SCALE

	<u>OVERALL</u>	<u>READING</u>	<u>WRITING</u>	<u>LISTENING/SPEAKING</u>	<u>PRACTICAL SKILLS</u>
Level 1	Be able to interpret basic information, understand basic questions and answer with simple sentences; able to communicate meaning on familiar topics and convey basic needs.	Comprehend short, basic written sentences on familiar matters.	Demonstrate basic use of grammar and vocabulary to construct simple sentences.	Speak in clear, simple structure to express needs. Initiate and respond to simple statements.	Practical skills include: Buying goods, telling time, ordering meals from a menu, asking for minimal directions.
Level 2	Be able to communicate information by using basic vocabulary and grammar in a limited number of content areas.	Comprehend texts made of short sentences about non-abstract concepts.	Write simple text structures to express opinions by following basic constructions.	Demonstrate an understanding of short, simple and clear use of language to handle conversations and express opinions on familiar topics.	Practical skills include: Describing places, giving directions, completing a school form.
Level 3	Maintain sufficient grammar, structure and vocabulary to interact and convey meaning accurately.	Read straightforward texts with satisfactory comprehension.	Write texts of limited length on topics which are familiar and of personal interest, supporting a perspective or relating an opinion.	Follow clear, standard speech and participate effectively in conversation on general topics to extract and convey information correctly.	Practical skills include: Comparing present situation to the past and future, making travel arrangements.
Level 4	Utilize knowledge of a variety of vocabulary, grammar and structure in spoken and written communication.	Determine strategies to comprehend written texts.	Write clear texts and personal letters.	Interact with confidence in conversation, expressing ideas.	Practical skills include: Conversing with native speakers, inquiring about accommodations or transportation.
Level 5	Use and apply phrasal verbs, gerunds and infinitives.	Integrate strategies to comprehend written texts of varied length and content.	Demonstrate well-organized writing that provides information or reasons in support of a particular point of view.	Interact effectively in conversation, expressing ideas in more than one way.	Practical skills include: Discussing health issues and symptoms, completing a job application.
Level 6	Demonstrate a proficient command of grammar and vocabulary for expression in spoken and written communication.	Develop necessary strategies to read, analyze and interpret various genres.	Integrate information to create written texts that follow appropriate logical structure.	Demonstrate accuracy in both formal and informal conversation.	Practical skills include: Debating other classmates, defending opinions.
Level 7	Apply a variety of strategies, including recognizing the meaning of words in context, making inferences and recognizing the organizational structure of texts.	Employ critical thinking skills to comprehend written contexts, including the local newspaper and online content.	Incorporate a range of skills in detailed written texts.	Able to anticipate questions and converse with clear, structured speech. Practical skills include: Completing a detailed resume, integrating English skills into other areas of study.	Practical skills include: Responding correctly in unfamiliar situations, completing a job interview.
Level 8	Apply advanced vocabulary and knowledge of English grammar in interactions with native speakers.	Interpret advanced texts and advanced online content.	Identify and analyze connections and differences between different written genres.	Apply and explain visual aids effectively in individual classroom presentations.	Able to anticipate questions and converse with clear, structured speech. Practical skills include: Completing a detailed resume, integrating English skills into other areas of study.
Level 9	Utilize idiomatic expressions and phrasal verbs in spontaneous communication that is accepted by educated native speakers.	Read, analyze and discuss texts related to political science, arts and ethics.	Explore various styles of writing, implementing effective structure and patterns.	Recognize the value of multiple perspectives and develop competence in giving and receiving constructive criticism.	Practical skills include: Taking advanced electives such as TOEFL or Business English.
Level 10	Demonstrate effective use of all elements of advanced grammar.	Critically interpret lengthy written texts on a variety of styles and genres.	Integrate opinion and information to create long form essays using various genres of writing.	Able to proactively self-correct when speaking. Able to articulate thoughts in independent situations.	Practical skills include: Communicating via emails, phone calls, and in person with native speakers in real world situations without error.
Level 11	Demonstrate mastery of aspects of grammar, including spelling and syntax.	Apply a variety of reading strategies, including verbally summarizing a text, making inferences, and recognizing the organizational structure of texts.	Demonstrate advanced writing processes including generating ideas, gathering, evaluating, and organizing material; drafting, proofreading and editing.	Express ideas coherently through argumentation and problem solving.	Practical skills include: Able to conceive, conduct and deliver independent research projects.
Level 12	Able to read, write and speak at a fluent level, including breadth of vocabulary and idioms, colloquialisms, and pertinent cultural references.	Review, analyze, debate and present ideas from materials and books at the collegiate level, including American literature.	Write skillfully and clearly across writing genres, including cover letters, research papers, feature stories and travel articles.	Demonstrate full linguistic control and accuracy in all verbal situations. Students will discuss, analyze and argue topics of current events clearly and fluently from research and long-form presentations/projects.	Practical skills include: Student demonstrates effective self-evaluation and is prepared academically for a competitive university or college.