Fall 2009 Michigan Educational Assessment Program
Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs)

The following are the Performance Level Descriptors approved by the Michigan State Board of Education.

**Level 1: Advanced**
The student’s performance exceeds grade level expectations and indicates substantial understanding and application of key concepts defined for Michigan students. The student needs support to continue to excel.

**Level 2: Proficient**
The student’s performance indicates understanding and application of key grade level expectations defined for Michigan students. The student needs continued support to maintain and improve proficiency.

**Level 3: Partially Proficient**
The student needs assistance to improve achievement. The student’s performance is not yet proficient, indicating a partial understanding and application of the grade level expectations defined for Michigan students.

**Level 4: Not Proficient**
The student needs intensive intervention and support to improve achievement. The student’s performance is not yet proficient and indicates minimal understanding and application of the grade level expectations defined for Michigan students.

For more detail, please see the Fall 2009 MEAP Guide to Reports available online at [www.michigan.gov/meap](http://www.michigan.gov/meap).