Fall 2008 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 2008 MEAP Guide to Reports
available online at www.michigan.gov/meap.