Rhode Island Alternate Assessment

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Science

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- a high level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with the grade four Science Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs) in Earth Space Science, Life Science, and Physical Science and Science Inquiry Constructs of Observing/Questioning an Experiment or Conducting an Experiment
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Alternate Assessment Achievement Level Descriptions For Grade 6

**Mathematics**

**Proficient with Distinction:** Students performing at this level submitted datafolios that demonstrate
- a high level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with Numbers and Operations and Data, Statistics and Probability Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs)
- a high level of independence on instructional activities aligned with AAGSEs
- consistent progress in applying knowledge and skills of AAGSEs during the year
- a high ability to apply knowledge and skills of AAGSEs across multiple instructional activities

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- consistent progress in applying knowledge and skills of AAGSEs during the year
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**Partially Proficient:** Students performing at this level submitted datafolios that demonstrate
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- a minimal level of independence on instructional activities aligned with AAGSEs
- inconsistent progress in applying knowledge and skills of AAGSEs during the year
- a minimal ability to apply knowledge and skills of AAGSEs across multiple instructional activities

**Substantially Below Proficient:** Students performing at this level demonstrate
- a low level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with Numbers and Operations and Data, Statistics and Probability Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs)
- a low level of independence on instructional activities aligned with AAGSEs
- little or no progress in applying knowledge and skills of AAGSEs during the year
- little or no ability to apply knowledge and skills of AAGSEs across multiple instructional activities

**Reading**

**Proficient with Distinction:** Students performing at this level submitted datafolios that demonstrate
- a high level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with Word Identification and Vocabulary and Initial Understanding, Analysis and Interpretation of Literacy or Informational Text Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs)
- a high level of independence on instructional activities aligned with AAGSEs
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Alternate Assessment Achievement Level Descriptions For Grade 7

Mathematics

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- a low level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with Numbers and Operations and Data, Statistics and Probability Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs)
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Reading

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Writing

Proficient with Distinction: Students performing at this level submitted datafolios that demonstrate
- a high level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with Structures of Language and Writing Conventions and Narrative Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs)
- a high level of independence on instructional activities aligned with AAGSEs
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Proficient: Students performing at this level submitted datafolios that demonstrate
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Partially Proficient: Students performing at this level submitted datafolios that demonstrate
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Substantially Below Proficient: Students performing at this level demonstrate
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Alternate Assessment Achievement Level Descriptions For Grade 8

Science

Proficient with Distinction: Students performing at this level demonstrate

- a high level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with the grade eight Science Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs) in Earth Space Science, Life Science, and Physical Science and Science Inquiry Constructs of Planning an Experiment or Conducting an Experiment
- a high level of independence on instructional activities aligned with the grade eight Science AAGSEs and Inquiry Constructs
- consistent progress in the Inquiry Construct during the year
- a high ability to apply knowledge and skills of the grade eight Science AAGSEs and Inquiry Constructs across multiple instructional activities

Proficient: Students performing at this level demonstrate

- an adequate level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with the grade eight Science Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs) in Earth Space Science, Life Science, and Physical Science and Science Inquiry Constructs of Planning an Experiment or Conducting an Experiment
- an adequate level of independence on instructional activities aligned with the grade eight Science AAGSEs and Inquiry Constructs
- consistent progress in the Inquiry Construct during the year
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Partially Proficient: Students performing at this level demonstrate

- a minimal level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with the grade eight Science Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs) in Earth Space Science, Life Science, and Physical Science and Science Inquiry Constructs of Planning an Experiment or Conducting an Experiment
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Substantially Below Proficient: Students performing at this level demonstrate

- a low level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with the grade eight Science Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs) in Earth Space Science, Life Science, and Physical Science and Science Inquiry Constructs of Planning an Experiment or Conducting an Experiment
- a low level of independence on instructional activities aligned with the grade eight Science AAGSEs and Inquiry Constructs
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## Alternate Assessment Achievement Level Descriptions For Grade 10

### Mathematics

**Proficient with Distinction:** Students performing at this level submitted datafolios that demonstrate
- A high level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with Numbers and Operations and Functions and Algebra Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs)
- A high level of independence on instructional activities aligned with AAGSEs
- Consistent progress in applying knowledge and skills of AAGSEs
- An adequate ability to apply knowledge and skills of AAGSEs across multiple instructional activities

**Proficient:** Students performing at this level submitted datafolios that demonstrate
- An adequate level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with Numbers and Operations and Functions and Algebra Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs)
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**Substantially Below Proficient:** Students performing at this level demonstrate
- A low level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with Numbers and Operations and Functions and Algebra Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs)
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- Little or no progress in applying knowledge and skills of AAGSEs during the year
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### Reading

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### Writing

**Proficient with Distinction:** Students performing at this level submitted datafolios that demonstrate
- A high level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with Structures of Language and Writing Conventions and Informational Writing Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs)
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Proficient with Distinction: Students performing at this level demonstrate

- a high level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with the grade eleven Science Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs) in Earth Space Science, Life Science, and Physical Science and Science Inquiry Constructs of Analyzing an Experiment or Conducting an Experiment
- a high level of independence on instructional activities aligned with the grade eleven Science AAGSEs and Inquiry Constructs
- consistent progress in the Inquiry Construct during the year
- a high ability to apply knowledge and skills of the grade eleven Science AAGSEs and Inquiry Constructs across multiple instructional activities

Proficient: Students performing at this level demonstrate

- an adequate level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with the grade eleven Science Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs) in Earth Space Science, Life Science, and Physical Science and Science Inquiry Constructs of Analyzing an Experiment or Conducting an Experiment
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Partially Proficient: Students performing at this level demonstrate

- a minimal level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with the grade eleven Science Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs) in Earth Space Science, Life Science, and Physical Science and Science Inquiry Constructs of Analyzing an Experiment or Conducting an Experiment
- a minimal level of independence on instructional activities aligned with the grade eleven Science AAGSEs and Inquiry Constructs
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Substantially Below Proficient: Students performing at this level demonstrate

- a low level of accuracy on instructional activities aligned with the grade eleven Science Alternate Assessment Grade Span Expectations (AAGSEs) in Earth Space Science, Life Science, and Physical Science and Science Inquiry Constructs of Analyzing an Experiment or Conducting an Experiment
- a low level of independence on instructional activities aligned with the grade eleven Science AAGSEs and Inquiry Constructs
- little or no progress in the Inquiry Construct during the year
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