

# **Grade level Descriptors**

## **SBAC English Language Arts**

### A student performing at each level demonstrates a minimal ability to:

	Grade 6
Level 1	<ul> <li>comprehend texts of low complexity and uses minimal textual evidence to demonstrate thinking.</li> <li>produce writing for a range of purposes and audiences.</li> <li>interpret or use information delivered orally or audio-visually.</li> <li>conduct short research projects to investigate a topic and locate information and cite evidence to support ideas</li> </ul>
Level 2	<ul> <li>comprehend texts of moderate complexity and use partial text evidence to demonstrate critical thinking.</li> <li>produce writing for a range of purposes and audiences.</li> <li>interpret or use information delivered orally or audio-visually.</li> <li>conduct short research projects to investigate a topic and locate multiple sources of information to cite evidence to support ideas.</li> </ul>
Level 3	<ul> <li>read closely and analytically to comprehend texts of moderate to high complexity and use textual evidence to demonstrate critical thinking.</li> <li>produce effective and well-grounded writing for a range of purposes and audiences.</li> <li>accurately interpret and use information delivered orally or audio-visually.</li> <li>conduct short research projects to investigate a topic and locate multiple sources of information to cite evidence to support ideas.</li> </ul>
Level 4	<ul> <li>read closely and analytically to comprehend texts of unusually high complexity and use textual evidence to demonstrate complex critical thinking.</li> <li>produce compelling, well-supported writing for a diverse range of purposes and audiences.</li> <li>critically interpret and use information delivered orally or audio-visually.</li> <li>conduct short research projects to investigate a topic and locate multiple sources of information to cite evidence to support ideas.</li> </ul>

### **SBAC Mathematics**

### A student performing at each level demonstrates a minimal ability to:

	Grade 6
Level 1	<ul> <li>Interpret and carry out mathematical procedures with minimal precision and fluency.</li> <li>Make sense of and solve simple and familiar problems in pure and applied mathematics with a high degree of scaffolding.</li> <li>Minimally explain and apply mathematical concepts. Construct arguments using concrete referents such as objects, drawings, diagrams, and actions.</li> </ul>
	Identify familiar real-world scenarios, and use simple mathematical models and given tools to solve basic problems.
	Interpret and carry out mathematical procedures with partial precision and fluency.
Level 2	<ul> <li>Make sense of and solve familiar problems in pure and applied mathematics with a moderate degree of scaffolding.</li> <li>Partially explain and apply mathematical concepts. Find and identify the flaw in an argument.</li> </ul>
Level 2	• Analyze familiar real-world scenarios, and use mathematical models and given tools to partially interpret and solve basic problems.
	Interpret and carry out mathematical procedures with adequate precision and fluency.
Level 3	• Make sense of and persevere in solving a range of unfamiliar problems in pure and applied mathematics with a limited degree of scaffolding.
	• Adequately explain and apply mathematical concepts. Use stated assumptions, definitions and previous results to identify and repair a flawed argument.
	Reason abstractly and quantitatively to analyze complex, real-world scenarios. Construct and use mathematical models and appropriate tools to accurately solve problems.
	• Interpret and carry out mathematical procedures with high precision and fluency.
	Make sense of a range of complex and unfamiliar problems in pure and applied mathematics with no scaffolding.
Level 4	Thoroughly apply mathematical concepts.
	<ul> <li>Analyze and interpret the context of an unfamiliar situation for problems of increasing complexity.</li> <li>Construct chains of logic about abstract concepts autonomously.</li> </ul>