

HSA-Alt POLICY PERFORMANCE LEVEL DESCRIPTORS

Policy Performance Level Descriptors are general statements about the knowledge, skills, and abilities of students at each performance level.

Proficiency Level	Description
Exceeds	Students demonstrate thorough knowledge and skills related to the essence of grade-level content standards and exceed the requirements for proficiency and for postsecondary opportunities, such as continuing education or competitive integrated employment.
Meets	Students demonstrate adequate knowledge and skills related to the essence of grade-level content standards and meet the requirements for proficiency and for postsecondary opportunities, such as continuing education or competitive integrated employment.
Approaches	Students demonstrate partial or inconsistent knowledge and skills related to the essence of grade-level content standards and approach the requirements for proficiency and for postsecondary opportunities, such as continuing education or competitive integrated employment.
Well Below	Students demonstrate minimal knowledge or skills related to the essence of grade-level content standards and do not meet requirements for proficiency and for postsecondary opportunities, such as continuing education or competitive integrated employment.

NOTE: All Alternate Performance Level Descriptors assume that student curriculum and assessment is based on content standards that have been reduced in depth, breadth, and complexity. For Parents: Because your child has a significant cognitive disability, he or she was provided a specially designed test called the Hawaii State Assessment- Alternate (HSA-Alt). The HSA-Alt is designed for students with significant cognitive disabilities. HSA-Alt test results for a particular grade cannot be compared to Smarter Balanced or HSA Science Bridge test results at that same grade.