



DLM Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs)

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Effective for 2014-15

Regarding the two sets of levels: these support different states' needs. It is expected that a state will use the set which they previously indicated and not that a state will sometimes use four levels and sometimes use three levels.

Four Levels:

1. The student demonstrates **emerging** understanding of and ability to apply content knowledge and skills represented by the Essential Elements.
2. The student's understanding of and ability to apply targeted content knowledge and skills represented by the Essential Elements is approaching the target.
3. The student's understanding of and ability to apply content knowledge and skills represented by the Essential Elements is at target.
4. The student demonstrates **advanced** understanding of and ability to apply targeted content knowledge and skills represented by the Essential Elements.

Three Levels:

1. The student demonstrates **emerging** understanding of and ability to apply content knowledge and skills represented by the Essential Elements.
2. The student's understanding of and ability to apply targeted content knowledge and skills represented by the Essential Elements is at target.
3. The student demonstrates **advanced** understanding of and ability to apply targeted content knowledge and skills represented by the Essential Elements.