

DeSSA Alternate Assessment Performance Levels

DeSSA-Alt English language arts Performance Level Category Ranges

Grade	Emerging (AL 1)	Approaching Target (AL 2)	At Target (AL 3)	Advanced (AL 4)
3	0-35 Linkage Levels Mastered	36-49 Linkage Levels Mastered	50-70 Linkage Levels Mastered	71-80 Linkage Levels Mastered
4	0-37 Linkage Levels Mastered	38-56 Linkage Levels Mastered	57-74 Linkage Levels Mastered	75-85 Linkage Levels Mastered
5	0-34 Linkage Levels Mastered	35-52 Linkage Levels Mastered	53-75 Linkage Levels Mastered	76-85 Linkage Levels Mastered
6	0-26 Linkage Levels Mastered	27-45 Linkage Levels Mastered	46-64 Linkage Levels Mastered	65-80 Linkage Levels Mastered
7	0-26 Linkage Levels Mastered	27-51 Linkage Levels Mastered	52-72 Linkage Levels Mastered	73-90 Linkage Levels Mastered
8	0-22 Linkage Levels Mastered	23-47 Linkage Levels Mastered	48-71 Linkage Levels Mastered	72-85 Linkage Levels Mastered
11	0-17 Linkage Levels Mastered	18-46 Linkage Levels Mastered	47-79 Linkage Levels Mastered	80-85 Linkage Levels Mastered

DeSSA-Alt Mathematics Performance Level Category Ranges

Grade	Emerging (AL 1)	Approaching Target (AL 2)	At Target (AL 3)	Advanced (AL 4)
3	0-11 Linkage Levels Mastered	12-20 Linkage Levels Mastered	21-36 Linkage Levels Mastered	37-55 Linkage Levels Mastered
4	0-19 Linkage Levels Mastered	20-29 Linkage Levels Mastered	30-55 Linkage Levels Mastered	56-80 Linkage Levels Mastered
5	0-14 Linkage Levels Mastered	15-31 Linkage Levels Mastered	32-47 Linkage Levels Mastered	48-75 Linkage Levels Mastered
6	0-12 Linkage Levels Mastered	13-27 Linkage Levels Mastered	28-37 Linkage Levels Mastered	38-55 Linkage Levels Mastered
7	0-18 Linkage Levels Mastered	19-36 Linkage Levels Mastered	37-52 Linkage Levels Mastered	53-70 Linkage Levels Mastered
8	0-16 Linkage Levels Mastered	17-39 Linkage Levels Mastered	40-52 Linkage Levels Mastered	53-70 Linkage Levels Mastered
11	0-7 Linkage Levels Mastered	8-17 Linkage Levels Mastered	18-37 Linkage Levels Mastered	38-45 Linkage Levels Mastered

DeSSA-Alt Science Performance Level Categories Ranges

Grade	Emerging (AL 1)	Approaching Target (AL 2)	At Target (AL 3)	Advanced (AL 4)
5	0-9 Linkage Levels Mastered	10-16 Linkage Levels Mastered	17-24 Linkage Levels Mastered	25-27 Linkage Levels Mastered
8	0-9 Linkage Levels Mastered	8-15 Linkage Levels Mastered	16-22 Linkage Levels Mastered	23-27 Linkage Levels Mastered
10	0-7 Linkage Levels Mastered	8-15 Linkage Levels Mastered	16-22 Linkage Levels Mastered	23-27 Linkage Levels Mastered

How to Use:

Example, the cut-point of 71 on the reading grade 3 DeSSA-Alt indicates that a grade 3 student demonstrates mastery of 71 linkage levels out of the maximum number of linkage levels of 80 on the assessment. This student falls just into the *Advanced* performance category in reading. Similarly, a student with a number of linkage levels mastered more than 50 but less than 71 indicates a performance at the *At Target* performance category in grade 3 reading.

The number of linkage levels mastered is not a raw score or number of items correct. Linkage levels represent one or more concepts, skills, or incremental level of complexity needed to progress toward being *At Target* for a particular Essential Element. Detailed information about the Essential Elements, linkage levels, learning maps, test adaptivity, test length, and information about the typical conditions under which the DeSSA-Alt is administered is available in the test administration manuals located on the Delaware DLM webpage.

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