

Dear Parent/s and/or Guardian/s:

In the Spring of 2007, your student was administered the LAS Links English language proficiency test to measure his or her proficiency in English. The Student Proficiency Report you received is a summary of your student's test results. At the top of the report you will notice that your student has received six different scale scores (SS) represented by a three-digit number as well as six different proficiency levels (PL) represented by a single digit number.

Find the six different scale scores (SS) your student has received. These scales scores (SS) are represented by a three-digit number. Corresponding proficiency levels (PL) are shown next to the scale scores (SS). There are separate scale scores and proficiency levels for each of the four skills areas (Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing) as well as two combined scores for Oral and Comprehension and a total score. The six scale scores and proficiency levels correspond to: 1) Speaking score, 2) Listening score, 3) Reading score, 4) Writing score, 5) Oral score (combination of listening and speaking), and 6) Comprehension scores (derived from listening and reading). A Total score is also shown. The total score represents the overall English proficiency of your student.

With each annual administration of the LAS Links test your student should show growth in each area. Growth means that the scale scores for Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, Oral, and Comprehension would increase. Growth might also be seen by an increase in proficiency level. At the bottom of the report there is a visual representation of how the proficiency levels relate to the scale scores. You will see that your student's scale score in each skill area (listening, speaking, reading, writing, comprehension, oral, and total) will fall within a range of proficiency. There are five levels of proficiency: Beginning, Early Intermediate, Intermediate, Proficient and Above Proficient. You can find the definitions for each proficiency level on the back of the report.

You are an important and valued part of your student's education. The Student Proficiency report is designed to help parents and guardians work with teachers to improve your student's proficiency in English. Understanding the information on this report can help you become more involved in your student's education.

For more information on improving your student's proficiency in English, please contact your student's teacher.

Sincerely,

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