

1st Grade Reading and Language Arts Competencies—GP1

The purpose of this document is to clarify what students should know and be able to do in Quarter 1.

The **Competencies** listed in the table below are developed from the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for that grade level. The chart defines which quarter the Competency is reported (Q1 = Grading Period 1, Q2 = Grading Period 2, etc.).

Teachers will report on the competencies using the **Grading Progressions** which are comprised of four proficiency levels (developing (DV), progressing (PG), and proficient (PF)) and defines the knowledge and skills students will master on their pathway to proficiency. The Grading Progressions for each Competency are below the yearlong outline of the Competencies. The Grading Progressions define what a student knows and is able to do related to that competency at the end of a unit or quarter. To see what success on each individual competency looks like in a particular unit, please see the **Public Overview** document for the course.

Students who receive a mark of "**Proficient**" meet the grade level expectation for that Competency.

Competencies	GP1	GP2	GP3	GP4
RC1 - Responding to Reading The student retells, talks, draws, and writes about texts read independently and during guided reading.	Х	х	Х	Х
RC2 - Plot and Themes in Literary Texts Read Aloud The student identifies and discusses the plot and theme in literary texts read aloud and in a small group setting.	х	х	х	Х
RC3 – Central Idea and Details in Informational Read Aloud The student identifies and discusses the central idea and details in informational texts read aloud and in a small group setting.		х	х	х
RC4 - Monitoring Beginning Reading The student monitors and reflects on their thinking when independently reading and uses strategies to comprehend when meaning breaks down.	х	х	х	х
RC5 - Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Spelling The student identifies and manipulates sounds, identifies high frequency words, and uses what they know about letters and words to read and spell grade level words using sound-spelling patterns.	х	х	Х	Х
IRL—Instructional Reading Level	Х	Х	Х	Х



1st Grade ELA Competencies and Progressions

Above Level, On Level, Below Level				
*IRL is based on the student's most current reading data. This could be based on BAS/SEL or Guided Reading				
Group instructional reading level.				
WC6—Writing to Communicate Meaning	V	V	V	V
The student communicates ideas using a structure appropriate for the genre.	^	^	^	^
WC7— Writing with Details and Voice				
The student develops their writing using details and voice.		Χ	Х	Х
WC8- Writing with Grade Level Conventions	V	V	V	V
The student writes using capitalization, punctuation, spacing, and grade-appropriate grammar.	^	^	^	^



Learning Progression for Reading Competency 1: Responding to Reading (GP1)

The student retells, talks, draws, and writes about texts read independently and during guided reading.

Developing	Progressing	Proficient
Retells, draws, or writes about the events in a story	Retells, draws, or writes to show understanding of	Retells, draws, or writes about the plot (setting,
	the beginning, middle, and ending of a story (may	characters, problem and resolution) in a logical
Identifies, draws, or writes the central idea or topic	be in random order)	order
in an informational text		
	Retells, draws, or writes about the central idea and	Retells, draws, or writes about the central idea and
May add background knowledge on the topic that may not contribute to their understanding of the	simple details from an informational text	details or steps in order
text	Shares an opinion about a text and/or illustration	Shares new information learned or a new insight
		about the story
	Makes relevant connections to the text that help in	
	understanding	Makes relevant connections to a variety of sources
		that help in understanding (ex – culture, other
		texts, experiences)
		Draws and writes to show understanding of the
		beginning, middle, and ending
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Learning Progression for Reading Competency 2: Plot and Theme in Literary Texts Read Aloud (GP1—GP4)

The student identifies and discusses characters and theme in literary texts read aloud.

Developing	Progressing	Proficient
Retells basic plot elements of a story read aloud,	Retells some plot elements of a story read aloud,	Retells most plot elements in a story read aloud,
possibly referring to the pictures	possibly referring to the pictures	possibly referring to the pictures, including:
 Characters 	 Characters 	 Characters
 Events (may not be most important events) 	Setting	 Setting
	Main events	Main Events
Identifies the main character(s) of a story read	Problem	Problem
aloud	Resolution	Resolution
		• Theme*
Identifies the main characters' actions of a story	Identifies the main character's feelings	The life
read aloud		Uses academic vocabulary (setting, problem,
	And/or	resolution, theme, character)
Identifies character's feelings, relying on pictures*		,,,
NA	Infers a character's feelings from details	Describes the main character(s) and the characters'
May require prompting*	throughout the story*	actions of a story read aloud
	May require prompting*	Discusses the connections between characters
		actions and the main characters' feelings
		Infers the lesson learned
		Notices and understands simple, concrete
		themes
		 Applies theme to their own life*
		Discusses why a character's feelings have changed,
		when applicable
		 Notice when a character changes or learns
		a lesson*
		May require prompting*



Learning Progression for Reading Competency 4: Monitoring Beginning Reading (GP1—GP4)

The student uses concepts about print, monitors, and reflects on their thinking when independently reading and uses strategies to comprehend when meaning breaks down.

Note: For this competency, teachers can gather evidence on students during independent reading and guided reading. Teachers can also gather evidence for this competency as students apply the strategies they have learned during instruction.

Developing	Progressing	Proficient
May or may not notice when something doesn't	Notices when something doesn't make sense and	Notices when something doesn't make sense and
make sense	attempts a strategy to make sense of their reading	chooses a strategy that helps them make sense of
		their reading

The student can:

First Grading Periods

- cross check using more than one source to self-monitor and self-correct (visual information and pictures).
- re-read sentence to problem solve, self-correct, or confirm.
- use knowledge of a simple topic or the ways that stories work to self-monitor and self-correct (ex. book is about going to the park—this word might be swing because swings are at parks).
- read without pointing except occasionally when encountering difficulty.
- use recognition of high frequency words to self-monitor and self-correct.

Second and Third Grading Periods

- cross check one kind of information against another to self-monitor and self-correct (cross checking visual information and use pictures).
- recognize a letter and uses meaning to self-monitor and self-correct.
- use known words to self-correct.
- use understanding of structure to self-monitor and self-correct (ex. notices and uses a structure such as repeating language in the book).

Fourth Grading Period

- cross check using more than one source to self-monitor and self-correct (visual information and pictures).
- re-read sentence to problem solve, self-correct, or confirm.
- use knowledge of a simple topic or the ways that stories work to self-monitor and self-correct (Ex. Book is about going to the park—this word might be swing because swings are at parks).



Learning Progression Reading Competency 5: Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Spelling (GP1—GP4)

The student identifies and manipulates sounds, identifies high frequency words, and uses what they know about letters and words to read and spell grade level words using sound-spelling patterns.

Developing	Progressing	Proficient
Understands and applies some concepts taught in phonics, spelling, and word study lessons with prompting.	Understands and applies all concepts taught in phonics, spelling, and word study lessons with prompting.	Understands and applies all concepts taught in phonics, spelling, and word study lessons.

The student can:

First Grading Period

- Locates the first and last letters of words in a continuous text
- States all letters, their names, and the sounds they make
- Reads and spells high frequency words with one, two, or three letters
- Locates and reads high frequency words in a continuous text
- Hears and generates rhyming words
- Hears and says the same beginning sound in words
- Manipulates sounds to make new words

Second Grading Period

- Know the difference between consonants and vowels
- Recognize beginning consonant sounds and the letters that represent them
- Read and spell CVC pattern
- Read and spell words with a VC pattern (it, am, ub, um, ot, etc.)
- Hears and blends sounds in words
- Uses known parts of words to read unknown words

Third Grading Period

- Reads and Spells words with VC and VCe patterns
- Reads and spells VCC patterns and VVC patterns
- Reads and spells consonant clusters
- Hears and identifies short vowel sounds



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Developing	Progressing	Proficient	
 Hears and identifies long vowel sounds 			
Fourth Grading Period			
 Changes the ending sound or sounds to make 	a solve a new word		
 Contrasts short and long vowel sounds in wor 	ds		
Reads and spells consonant digraphs at the box	Reads and spells consonant digraphs at the beginning of a word (photo, chop, whale)		
Use letter sound relationships to spell unknown	Use letter sound relationships to spell unknown words		
Change middle sound to make and solve a new word			
Recognizes and uses synonyms			
Reads and spells –s, -es, - ing, - ed endings			
Understands the concept of a contraction			
Understands the concept of a compound word			



Learning Progression for Writing Competency 6: Writing to Communicate Meaning (GP1—GP4)

The student communicates ideas using a structure appropriate for the genre.

Developing	Progressing	Proficient
Generates ideas to write about*	Generates ideas for writing	Explains decisions made as a writer*
Organization/structure hinders the understanding of the writing	Writes with a specific purpose Writing shows some organization/structure	Organizes/structures information and ideas according to purpose (narrative: beginning, middle, and end; informational: topic and supporting details)
May require prompting*		
		May require prompting*



Learning Progression for Writing Competency 8: Conventions (GP1—GP4)

The student writes using capitalization, punctuation, spacing, and grade-appropriate grammar.

Developing	Progressing	Proficient
Writes words related to the drawing using	Writes in longer phrases and/or sentences	Writes multiple sentences
invented spelling		
	Uses phonetic spelling	Varies sentence beginnings
Includes enough letters to make words readable		
or almost readable (with guessing)	Most text is readable by others	Spelling is mostly phonetic—correct on simple words
Experiments with capitalization	Experiments with capitalization and punctuation	
		Tries to spell words that they are unsure of
		Uses correct capitalization and punctuation most
		of the time