# DLM® Performance Level Descriptors–Math: Grade 3

## Year-End Model

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| A student who achieves at the **emerging** performance level typically attends to objects and people and uses attributes or characteristics to identify and sort familiar objects into sets.  

The student attends to objects and people by  
- attending to new and different objects and people in the environment  
The student uses attributes or characteristics to identify and sort familiar objects into sets by  
- understanding the difference between parts of objects and whole objects  
- recognizing sets of objects and determining if the objects in a set are the same or different based on a given attribute (for example, size, shape, or texture)  
- understanding the combining and dividing of objects by attending to a particular set of objects and then moving the objects either to create a group or to create separate sets  |
| A student who achieves at the **approaching the target** performance level typically represents and solves problems using an understanding of abstract math concepts and symbols.  

The student represents and solves problems using an understanding of abstract math concepts and symbols by  
- recognizing how numbers appear in a sequence (for example, 5, 6, 7) and counting to 30  
- identifying symbols used in equations (for example, =, -, +)  
- solving basic addition and subtraction problems with solutions up to 20  
- communicating basic place-value knowledge by recognizing ten objects as a tens unit  
- comparing length when shown two similar objects  
- classifying shapes based on a given attribute (for example, number of sides)  
- identifying shapes divided into equal parts from shapes that are divided into unequal parts  |
### At Target
A student who achieves at the **at target** performance level typically makes sense of problems and perseveres in solving them, and identifies repeating calculations or patterns.

The student makes sense of problems and solves them by
- identifying the place value of two-digit numbers to the tens place
- selecting appropriate tools for measuring
- calculating the length of objects using informal units of measurement
- identifying shapes divided into fractional parts and shapes that are whole
- recognizing the hour and minute on a digital clock display and telling time to the nearest hour
- recognizing the structure of a picture or bar graph
- answering questions about the data displayed in a graph

The student identifies repeating calculations or patterns by
- solving repeated addition problems (for example, $2 + 2 + 2$ or $3 + 3 + 3$)
- classifying data based on given attributes (for example, number of objects)
- skip counting by tens (for example, 10, 20, 30)

### Advanced
A student who achieves at the **advanced** performance level typically calculates accurately, understands mathematical terms, and uses that understanding to identify connections between mathematical concepts.

The student calculates accurately by
- multiplying numbers 1 through 5
- solving two-step addition and subtraction word problems with solutions up to 20
- extending a pattern of symbols or numbers
- identifying shapes divided into fractional parts up to one-half

The student uses mathematical terms and identifies connections between mathematical concepts by
- comparing and rounding numbers to the nearest ten
- communicating length in inches and feet
- communicating time to the half hour on a digital or analog clock
### Emerging
A student who achieves at the **emerging** performance level typically looks for and makes use of mathematical structures (for example, patterns and attributes of shapes).

The student looks for and makes use of mathematical structures by
- attending to objects and shapes
- recognizing objects or shapes that are whole or in separate parts
- recognizing that a set is a group of objects or shapes with similar or different characteristics
- understanding the combining and dividing of objects by moving them to create a group or to create separate sets
- recognizing enclosures or boundaries and arranging objects or shapes into pairs based on attributes within the enclosure (for example, moving similar blocks into a box)
- combining or separating groups of objects to demonstrate the beginning concepts of addition and subtraction

### Approaching the Target
A student who achieves at the **approaching the target** performance level typically identifies repeated calculations, calculates accurately, and attends to precision in computation and measurement.

The student identifies repeated calculations by
- solving repeated addition problems (for example, $2 + 2 + 2$)

The student calculates accurately by
- adding and subtracting numbers within 20

The student attends to precision in computation and measurement by
- counting objects, ordering numbers, and classifying objects based on attributes
- communicating place value of numbers to the tens place
- recognizing patterns of numbers and symbols
- ordering numbers
- classifying objects based on attributes
- recognizing shapes divided into two or more parts
- recognizing math symbols (for example, symbols for lines, rays, and line segments)
- comparing the weight or volume of two objects
- identifying the value of coins (pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters)
- recognizing the hour hand and minute hand on an analog clock
- recognizing hours and minutes on a digital clock

### At Target
A student who achieves at the **at target** performance level typically calculates accurately, reasons abstractly, interprets data, and makes sense of problems and perseveres in solving them.

The student calculates accurately by
| Advanced | A student who achieves the **advanced** performance level typically calculates accurately, reasons abstractly, explains reasoning, and uses appropriate tools to solve problems.  

The student calculates accurately by  
- adding or subtracting two-digit numbers with regrouping  
- solving two-step addition or subtraction word problems  
- multiplying numbers up to 12 by numbers 1 through 5  

The student reasons abstractly and explains reasoning by  
- rounding three-digit numbers to the nearest ten or hundred  
- identifying the core unit of a repeating pattern (for example, in 123123123, the core unit is 123)  
- extending a pattern that uses numbers or symbols  
- comparing and ordering angles from largest to smallest or smallest to largest  
- estimating the weight or volume of objects by comparing them to familiar objects in the environment  
- calculating coin equivalency (for example, the number of nickels equal to one quarter)  

The student uses appropriate tools to solve problems by  
- telling time to the quarter hour on a digital and analog clock  
- making predictions about data after interpreting a line graph |

- adding or subtracting two-digit numbers up to 100  
- rounding two-digit numbers to the nearest ten  

The student reasons abstractly, interprets data, makes sense of problems, and perseveres in solving them by  
- solving word problems with solutions up to 100  
- identifying the core unit of a repeating number or symbol pattern (for example, in 123123123, the core unit is 123)  
- recognizing parallel lines and intersecting lines in shapes  
- comparing types of angles (for example, acute, obtuse, and right)  
- counting unit squares to calculate area  
- using appropriate tools (for example, scales, tiles, or measuring cups) to measure the weight, area, or volume of different objects  
- identifying fractions up to one-fourth  
- telling time to the hour and half hour on a digital or analog clock  
- identifying coin names and values of coins (pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters) and one dollar bills  
- interpreting information on a graph and using that information to answer questions

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**DLM Performance Level Descriptors—Math: Grade 5**

**Year-End Model**
| **Emerging**         | A student who achieves at the **emerging** performance level typically attends to objects and looks for and makes use of mathematical structures (for example, patterns and attributes of shapes).

The student attends to and seeks objects by
• attending to new objects in the environment
• identifying familiar objects and communicating whether the objects are grouped together or are separate
• recognizing objects that are the same or different based on measurable attributes (for example, size of shape and number of sides)

The student looks for and makes use of mathematical structures by
• identifying objects that are in a set
• identifying a pattern of objects
• arranging objects in pairs
• recognizing the number of objects in a set and classifying objects or shapes by a given attribute (for example, number of sides) |

| **Approaching the Target** | A student who achieves at the **approaching the target** performance level typically identifies repeated calculations, models with mathematics, and makes sense of problems and perseveres in solving them.

The student identifies repeated calculations by
• recognizing that repeated addition problems are made up of a set of numbers (for example, 2 + 2 + 2)
• demonstrating the concept of multiplication
• identifying a number or symbol pattern

The student models with mathematics by
• recognizing coins (pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters)
• identifying two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes and their attributes
• recognizing equal shares of objects (for example, a shape divided into two equal parts) and recognizing fractions

The student makes sense of problems and perseveres in solving them by
• demonstrating number sense with numbers up to 10
• communicating place value of numbers to the tens place
• comparing numerals up to 10 and comparing two sets of up to ten objects
• knowing the difference between coins and dollar bills, and communicating coin and bill values
• recognizing the hour and minute on a digital clock or analog clock and telling time to the hour
• interpreting data from a graph or chart |

| **At Target**        | A student who achieves at the **at target** performance level typically calculates accurately, reasons abstractly, interprets data, and uses mathematical tools to solve problems.

The student calculates accurately by
• multiplying numbers by 1 through 5
• demonstrating beginning division skills (for example, repeated subtraction, dividing groups of objects)
• identifying two- and three-dimensional shapes |
• identifying fractions with denominators to 10
• calculating coin equivalency (for example, the number of nickels equal to one quarter)
The student reasons abstractly by
• demonstrating number sense up to 100 by comparing two sets of objects or numerals up to 100
• communicating the place value of numerals up to the tens place
• recognizing and extending patterns of numbers or symbols
The student interprets data by
• using information from bar, picture, or line plot graphs to answer questions
• represent data on bar, picture, or line plot graphs
The student uses mathematical tools to solve problems by
• measuring objects using appropriate tools (for example, a scale to weigh objects or a ruler to measure length)
• comparing the length or weight of two or more objects
• telling time to the hour, half hour, and quarter hour on a digital or analog clock
Advanced

A student who achieves at the **advanced** performance level typically calculates accurately, reasons abstractly, explains reasoning, interprets real-world problems, and models solutions.

The student calculates accurately by
- identifying sets of objects that have been equally distributed in images to demonstrate beginning division

The student reasons abstractly by
- identifying and supplying missing numbers in a pattern
- ordering numbers from least to greatest
- recognizing proper fractions on an area-model representation (for example, a garden divided into four equal parts)
- recognizing whether an object is two-dimensional or three-dimensional
- sorting two-dimensional shapes that are the same size
- recognizing attributes and characteristics of three-dimensional shapes
- recognizing measurable attributes (for example, size and shape)

The student explains reasoning by
- demonstrating and expanding math vocabulary by using terms (for example, *same*, *different*, *more*, and *fewer*)
- communicating the relationship between multiplication and division (for example, connecting $2 \times 5 = 10$ and $10 \div 2 = 5$)

The student interprets real-world problems and models their solutions by
- rounding whole numbers to the nearest hundred
- estimating measures of length and weight
- determining the volume of a rectangular prism
- adding money using mixed coins
- telling time to the quarter hour on a digital or analog clock
- making predictions about data displayed in a graph
## DLM Performance Level Descriptors–Math: Grade 6
### Year-End Model

| Emerging | A student who achieves at the **emerging** performance level typically attends to and seeks objects or people and looks for and makes use of mathematical structures (for example, patterns and attributes of shapes).

The student attends to and seeks objects by
- arranging objects into sets
- recognizing sets and subsets of objects
- recognizing groups of objects that are separated
- recognizing the amount *some*
- recognizing objects that are whole and objects in parts
- recognizing a unit

The student looks for and makes use of mathematical structures by
- identifying equal parts of objects (for example, shapes, markers, and toys)
- partitioning, or dividing, sets of objects into equal groups
- combining and comparing sets of objects
- classifying objects by attributes (for example, size and shape)
- ordering objects using a rule or pattern
- recognizing objects inside and outside of an enclosure |

| Approaching the Target | A student who achieves at the **approaching the target** performance level typically identifies repeated calculations, models with mathematics, and reasons abstractly.

The student identifies repeated calculations by
- solving repeated addition problems (for example, 2 + 2 + 2 or 4 + 4 + 4)
- solving repeated subtraction problems (for example, 10 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2)

The student models with mathematics by
- representing addition and subtraction in equations

The student reasons abstractly by
- explaining volume as a composition of unit cubes
- recognizing the distribution of data by its shape
- explaining the relationship between a unit square and area |
| **At Target** | A student who achieves at the **at target** performance level typically calculates accurately, reasons abstractly, interprets data, and uses mathematical tools to solve problems.  
The student calculates accurately by:  
- solving word problems involving the area of rectangles  
- multiplying numbers up to 12 by 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5  
- solving equations with positive and negative numbers  
- solving for the unknown value in expressions  
- packing unit cubes to calculate volume of rectangular prisms  
- demonstrating the concept of division  
The student reasons abstractly by:  
- explaining the relationships between unit fractions and decimals  
- representing unknown values in expressions with variables  
- explaining opposite numbers (for example, –2 and 2)  
- recognizing equivalent expressions that involve addition or subtraction  
The student interprets data by:  
- recognizing the overall shape of data in a graph  
- identifying outliers in a data distribution  
The student uses mathematical tools to solve problems by:  
- calculating area with unit squares and tiling |
| **Advanced** | A student who achieves at the **advanced** performance level typically calculates accurately, reasons abstractly, explains reasoning, and interprets real-world problems and models their solutions.  
The student calculates accurately by:  
- using tiling and formulas to find the area of a rectangle  
- using a formula to calculate the volume of rectangular prisms  
- dividing numbers up to 12 by 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5  
- recognizing and representing ratios of many to one and many to many (for example, 3:1 or 4:6)  
- adding, comparing, and decomposing fractions (for example, \( \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \))  
The student reasons abstractly by:  
- recognizing the overall shape of data on a graph  
The student explains reasoning by:  
- communicating measurements of center by using data distribution (for example, a graph or line plot)  
The student interprets real-world problems and models their solutions by:  
- solving real-world problems  
- using properties of operations to generate equivalent expressions that involve addition and subtraction  
- explaining inequalities and integers in the real world |
### Year-End Model

| Emerging | A student who achieves at the **emerging** performance level typically attends to and seeks objects or people and looks for and makes use of mathematical structures (for example, patterns and attributes of shapes).  

The student attends to and seeks objects or people by  
• paying attention and noticing new things in their environment  
• recognizing measurable attributes of an object (for example, size, shape, and number of sides)  
• identifying objects that are the same and objects that are different  

The student looks for and makes use of mathematical structures by  
• combining and partitioning, or dividing, objects into sets  
• classifying objects  
• arranging objects using a rule  
• recognizing separate objects and objects in a set  
• recognizing the concept of *whole* on a set model  
• identifying patterns that occur in nature and real life (for example, sunrise and sunset) |
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| Approaching the Target | A student who achieves at the **approaching the target** performance level typically identifies repeated calculations, looks for and makes use of mathematical structures, and models with mathematics.  

The student identifies repeated calculations by  
• modeling, solving, and explaining repeated addition (for example, $2 + 2 + 2$ or $4 + 4 + 4$)  
• modeling, solving, and explaining repeated subtraction (for example, $10 - 2 - 2 - 2$)  

The student looks for and makes use of mathematical structures by  
• matching identical two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes  

The student models with mathematics by  
• recognizing increasing or decreasing patterns (for example, $1, 3, 5 \ldots$ or $8, 6, 4 \ldots$)  
• recognizing line plots, bar graphs, and picture graphs  
• recognizing lines, line segments, points, and rays  
• recognizing two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes |
| **At Target** | A student who achieves at the **at target** performance level typically calculates accurately, reasons abstractly, and explains reasoning.  
The student calculates accurately by  
• adding and subtracting fractions with common denominators (for example, 2/5 + 1/5)  
• decomposing fractions (for example, 2/4 = 1/4 + 1/4)  
• demonstrating the concept of multiplication and division  
• applying the properties of addition and multiplication to solve problems  
The student reasons abstractly by  
• explaining length and perimeter  
• recognizing angles of different sizes (for example, acute, right, and obtuse)  
• recognizing an arithmetic sequence  
• recognizing the outcomes of an event  
• recognizing tenths and one-tenth in decimal and fraction form (for example, .10 and 1/10)  
The student explains their reasoning by  
• describing attributes of shapes (for example, size and number of sides)  
• explaining length and perimeter  
• classifying events as possible or impossible  
• recognizing the outcomes of an event |  |
| **Advanced** | A student who achieves at the **advanced** performance level typically calculates accurately, reasons abstractly, explains reasoning, interprets real-world problems, models solutions, and interprets data.  
The student calculates accurately by  
• matching similar two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes  
• using coordinates on a grid to find the perimeter of polygons  
• comparing angles to a right angle  
• demonstrating the relationship between multiplication and division  
• adding and subtracting fractions with denominators of 10 and 100 (for example, 4/10 + 60/100)  
• multiplying numbers 1–20 by numbers 1–5 and 10  
• dividing numbers 1–20 by numbers 1–5 and 10  
• representing fractions as decimals  
The student reasons abstractly and explains reasoning by  
• explaining decimals  
• recognizing recursive rules for arithmetic sequences  
• using symbols to compare two decimals with a hundredths place (for example, 0.01 > 0.001)  
The student interprets real-world problems and models their solutions by  
• recognizing equivalent expressions  
• writing equivalent expressions for word problems  
The student interprets data by  
• assessing the variability of data sets  
• comparing the shapes of two data sets  
• drawing inferences based on the shape and spread of data  |
### Year-End Model

| **Emerging** | A student who achieves at the **emerging** performance level typically looks for and makes use of mathematical structures (for example, patterns and attributes of shapes).

The student looks for and makes use of mathematical structures by
- combining and partitioning, or dividing, sets of objects
- forming pairs of objects and ordering objects
- recognizing a set of objects
- recognizing objects that are separate from a set
- classifying objects and ordering objects by attribute
- recognizing attribute values of shapes (for example, size and number of sides)
- identifying objects that are the same and objects that are different
- combining two parts or two sets to make a whole
- recognizing patterns occurring in nature (for example, sunrise and sunset)
- using sets of objects to demonstrate the concept of addition |

| **Approaching the Target** | A student who achieves at the **approaching the target** performance level typically identifies repeated calculations, looks for and makes use of mathematical structures, reasons abstractly, and interprets data.

The student identifies repeated calculations by
- solving, modeling, and explaining repeated addition problems (for example, $2 + 2 + 2$ or $4 + 4 + 4$)
- modeling, solving, and explaining repeated subtraction problems (for example, $10 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2$)

The student looks for and makes use of mathematical structures by
- recognizing tenths and one-tenth in decimal and fraction form (for example, $.10$ and $1/10$)
- matching two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes
- recognizing angles of different degrees (for example, acute, obtuse, and right)

The student reasons abstractly by
- explaining transformations of geometric shapes
- recognizing increasing and decreasing patterns
- extending a pattern
- matching two-dimensional shapes

The student interprets data by
- explaining coordinate pairs
- recognizing bar graphs, picture graphs, line graphs, and charts
- using graphs or charts to answer questions |

| **At Target** | A student who achieves at the **at target** performance level typically makes sense of problems and perseveres in solving them, calculates accurately, reasons abstractly, and interprets data.

The student makes sense of problems and calculates accurately by
- recognizing exponents |
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| - representing decimals with tenths and hundredths as fractions (for example, 0.40 = 4/10)  
- subtracting two fractions with the same denominator  
- subtracting two decimals  
- finding the unknown value in an equation  
- solving multiplication problems  
- representing fractions as decimals  

The student reasons abstractly by  
- explaining decimals  
- comparing angles to a right angle  
- recognizing figures that have had a transformation (for example, a translation, reflection, or rotation)  
- recognizing congruent figures  

The student interprets data by  
- reading and representing data on graphs and charts  
- recognizing covariation and the direction of covariation  
- generating ordered pairs |
| **Advanced** | A student who achieves at the **advanced** performance level typically calculates accurately, attends to precision in calculations, reasons abstractly, explains reasoning, interprets real-world problems, models solutions, and interprets data.  

The student calculates accurately and attends to precision by  
• solving word problems involving addition, subtraction, or multiplication  
• finding the function rule in graphs and tables  
• using formulas to calculate area, perimeter, and volume  
• representing a fraction as a decimal  
• explaining the properties of exponents  
• solving linear inequalities  
• adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators of 10 and 100 (for example, $\frac{4}{10} + \frac{60}{100}$)  

The student reasons abstractly and explains reasoning by  
• recognizing the recursive rule  
• relating similar figures to transformations  
• describing a series of transformations on shapes  
• recognizing the effects of transformations on lines and angles  

The student interprets real-world problems and models their solutions by  
• recognizing and extending geometric sequences  
• explaining complementary angles  
• using symbols to compare decimals with thousandths (for example, $0.002 < 0.005$)  

The student interprets data by  
• recognizing covariation and the direction of covariation  
• making predictions using data on graphs and charts |
### Emerging

A student who achieves at the **emerging** performance level typically looks for and makes use of mathematical structures (for example, patterns and attributes of shapes).

The student looks for and makes use of mathematical structures by
- partitioning, or dividing, and combining objects or shapes
- recognizing attributes of shapes (for example, size and number of sides)
- recognizing sets and subsets of objects
- recognizing objects that are separate
- understanding opposites
- recognizing objects as the same or different

### Approaching the Target

A student who achieves at the **approaching the target** performance level typically calculates accurately and looks for and makes use of mathematical structures.

The student calculates accurately by
- using repeated addition to solve problems (for example, $2 + 2 + 2$ or $4 + 4 + 4$)
- using repeated subtraction to solve problems (for example, $10 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2$)
- understanding place value (for example, that one ten equals ten ones)
- calculating the area and perimeter of shapes
- demonstrating an understanding of multiplication and division

The student looks for and makes use of mathematical structures by
- recognizing two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes
- recognizing measureable attributes (for example, size, shape, and number of sides)
- identifying points, rays, and right angles
| At Target | A student who achieves at the **at target** performance level typically makes sense of problems and perseveres in solving them, calculates accurately, looks for and makes use of mathematical structures, and reasons abstractly.  
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| The student makes sense of problems, perseveres in solving them, and calculates accurately by  
| • solving multiplication and division word problems  
| • finding the unknown value in multiplication and division equations  
| • solving real-world problems with rational numbers  
| • solving word problems involving area and perimeter  
| The student looks for and makes use of mathematical structures by  
| • recognizing measurable attributes  
| • representing linear equations that contain one variable  
| • matching two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes  
| • recognizing circles, perpendicular lines, and parallel lines  
| The student reasons abstractly by  
| • using geometric shape names to describe real-world objects  
| • describing a mathematical situation |
| Advanced | A student who achieves at the **advanced** performance level typically calculates accurately, attends to precision in calculations, and looks for and makes use of mathematical structures.  
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| The student calculates accurately and attends to precision by  
| • applying the associative and commutative properties of addition and multiplication to solve problems  
| • multiplying without a calculator  
| • solving real-world problems  
| • solving multi-step word problems  
| The student looks for and makes use of mathematical structures by  
| • applying math vocabulary to solve problems  
| • identifying vertical, straight, and adjacent angles |
### Emerging

A student who achieves at the **emerging** performance level typically looks for and makes use of mathematical structures (for example, patterns and attributes of shapes).

The student looks for and makes use of mathematical structures by

- combining and partitioning, or dividing, objects into sets
- recognizing objects or shapes that are the same or different
- forming pairs of objects
- communicating the number of objects (up to ten) in a set without counting
- comparing objects in a set based on attributes (for example, size, shape, and number of sides)
- ordering objects using a rule
- recognizing attributes of objects (for example, shape, size, and number of sides)

### Approaching the Target

A student who achieves at the **approaching the target** performance level typically calculates accurately, looks for and makes use of mathematical structures, and interprets data.

The student calculates accurately by

- rounding decimals to the tenths and hundredths places
- using different operations (for example, addition and subtraction) to solve problems
- writing equations using different operations (for example, addition and subtraction)

The student looks for and makes use of mathematical structures by

- classifying objects based on attributes (for example, size, shape, and number of sides)
- matching two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes of the same size and different orientation

The student interprets data by

- identifying types of bar, picture, or line graphs
- reading and communicating data from bar and picture graphs
| At Target | A student who achieves at the **at target** performance level typically makes sense of problems and perseveres in solving them, calculates accurately, reasons abstractly, and interprets data.  

The student makes sense of problems, perseveres in solving them, and calculates accurately by:  
- solving linear equations that include one variable  
- solving linear inequalities  
- reporting numerical answers with a degree of precision  
- representing and solving real-world problems  
- solving problems using rational numbers  

The student reasons abstractly by:  
- communicating if an event outcome is possible or impossible  
- communicating whether an event is independent or dependent  
- recognizing transformations of congruent figures  

The student interprets data by:  
- calculating the mean of a data set  
- using graphs to interpret concrete information  
- communicating an understanding of bar graphs, picture graphs, line plots, and pie charts  
- explaining the x-coordinate and y-coordinate  
- interpreting a point within a line on a graph  
- recognizing covariation within a data set |
| Advanced | A student who achieves at the **advanced** performance level typically calculates accurately, makes use of mathematical structures, attends to precision in calculations, reasons abstractly, and interprets data.  

The student calculates accurately and attends to precision by:  
- solving multi-step word problems  

The student looks for and makes use of mathematical structures by:  
- selecting and applying appropriate mathematical methods to solve problems  
- understanding and recognizing congruent shapes  

The student reasons abstractly by:  
- synthesizing information presented in word problems  
- using transformations to describe compound events  
- explaining compound events  

The student interprets data by:  
- calculating the median and mode of a data set  
- predicting information using a graph or chart  
- analyzing and comparing data from different graphical representations |
### Emerging

A student who achieves at the **emerging** performance level typically looks for and makes use of mathematical structures (for example, patterns and attributes of shapes).

The student looks for and makes use of mathematical structures by
- forming pairs of objects
- combining and comparing object pairs
- classifying objects or shapes by attribute (for example, size, shape, and number of sides)
- combining two parts to make a whole
- communicating if an object is the same or different
- identifying objects that are the same and objects that are different
- matching two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes
- ordering objects using a rule
- recognizing patterns in real life or nature (for example, sunrise and sunset)

### Approaching the Target

A student who achieves at the **approaching the target** performance level typically calculates accurately, looks for and makes use of mathematical structures, and interprets data.

The student calculates accurately by
- solving and explaining repeated addition problems (for example, $2 + 2 + 2$ or $4 + 4 + 4$)
- recognizing a sample space (all possible outcomes of an event)

The student looks for and makes use of mathematical structures by
- recognizing patterns and sequences of numbers or symbols
- matching two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes

The student interprets data by
- identifying bar graphs, picture graphs, line plots, and pie charts
- using math vocabulary related to graphing to solve problems (for example, *variability*, *peak of data*, and *outlier*)
- explaining coordinate pairs
- explaining the x-coordinate and y-coordinate
| **At Target** | A student who achieves at the **at target** performance level typically makes sense of problems, perseveres in solving them, models with mathematics, reasons abstractly, and interprets data.  

The student makes sense of problems and perseveres in solving them by:  
- solving multiplication problems  
- recognizing the recursive rule in an equation or an arithmetic sequence  

The student models with mathematics by:  
- recognizing and extending geometric and arithmetic sequences  
- recognizing and explaining similar and congruent figures  

The student reasons abstractly by:  
- identifying the theoretical probability of an event  
- identifying all possible outcomes of an event  

The student interprets data by:  
- solving problems using graphs  
- interpreting data and using it to make inferences  
- understanding covariation  
- finding the average rate of change (slope) of a linear function |
| **Advanced** | A student who achieves at the **advanced** performance level typically calculates accurately, attends to precision in calculations, reasons abstractly, and interprets data.  

The student calculates accurately and attends to precision by:  
- simplifying expressions with exponents  
- applying a sequencing rule  
- finding a term in an arithmetic sequence  
- extending geometric and arithmetic sequences  
- finding perfect squares and cubes  
- identifying the interval of increase or decrease in variables of a numerical relation  

The student reasons abstractly by:  
- relating transformations to congruent and similar shapes  
- applying theoretical probability to simple events  

The student interprets data by:  
- comparing data sets to draw inferences  
- solving real-world problems with graphs and tables  
- analyzing graphs, tables, and data distributions  
- predicting and extending information using graphs and tables |