PROFICIENCY SCALES

GUIDE

Students have partial success at level two and three tasks.

This shows that students don't understand the basic concepts yet.

Students
understand
relevant terms
and can complete
basic tasks that
will help them
reach level
three.

Think about what steps the student will take in order to complete the level three task.

You may end up spending a lot of time on this level.

Students can independently complete a task that fits the standard(s).

Determine what types of evidence would show mastery of this skill according to the standard(s).

Students show a depth of understanding that goes beyond the standard's requirements.

Think of ways that you can enrich and challenge students who have mastered the standard(s).

When writing a new scale, start with level 3.

TIPS

You can combine multiple standards into one proficiency scale, but it should measure only one skill.

Don't make a scale for every skill taught in your class. Focus on a few priorities, especially at first.

The goal is for ALL students to reach level 3.