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**Draft Next-Generation MCAS Achievement Levels and Descriptors,   
as proposed by the Standard Setting Policy Committee**

**Exceeding Expectations**

Students performing at this level on this test exceed grade-level expectations for knowledge, skills, and understanding and are academically well prepared to succeed at the next grade level.

**Meeting Expectations**

Students performing at this level on this test meet grade-level expectations for knowledge, skills, and understanding and are academically prepared to succeed at the next grade level.

**Partially Meeting Expectations**

Students performing at this level on this test partially meet grade-level expectations for knowledge, skills, and understanding. These students may need coordinated assistance and/or additional instruction to succeed at the next grade level.

**Not Yet Meeting Expectations**

Students performing at this level on this test did not meet grade-level expectations for knowledge, skills, and understanding. These students need substantial coordinated intervention and/or additional instruction to succeed at the next grade level.

**Legacy MCAS Achievement Levels and Descriptors**

**Advanced**

Students at this level demonstrate a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of challenging subject matter and provide sophisticated solutions to complex problems.

**Proficient**

Students at this level demonstrate a solid understanding of challenging subject matter and solve a wide variety of problems.

**Needs Improvement**

Students at this level demonstrate a partial understanding of subject matter and solve some simple problems

**Warning (Failing at high school)**

Students at this level demonstrate a minimal understanding of subject matter and do not solve simple problems.