

MICHIGAN  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**DEFINITION OF PROFICIENCY**

Mrs. Sharon Wise moved, seconded by Mr. Michael David Warren, Jr., that the State Board of Education affirm the following definition of proficiency:

According to Public Law 107-110 of January 8, 2002, Section 1111(b)(2)(g)(iii) each State is to determine the proficiency level on a State's assessment tests in Reading and Mathematics, measured separately, that students are expected to meet or exceed, applied separately to the following subgroups:

- Economically disadvantaged students.
- Students from major racial and ethnic groups.
- Students with disabilities.
- Students with limited English proficiency.

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests currently classify students in the following score categories:

- Level 1 – Exceeds Expectations
- Level 2 – Meets Expectations
- Level 3 – Basic
- Level 4 – Below Basic or Apprentice

Students at Levels 1 and 2 are considered in the MEAP program to have demonstrated “proficiency.” (Attached, as examples, are the MEAP definitions of performance in Mathematics at the Basic, Meets, and Exceeds proficiency levels.)

It is therefore proposed that “proficiency” for the State of Michigan be defined as students scoring in Level 1 (“Exceeds Expectations”) or Level 2 (“Meets Expectations”) of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests.

Ayes: Austin McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren, Weiser, Wise  
Abstain: Gire

The motion carried.

Adopted November 14, 2002