NSCAS-Alternate Achievement Level Descriptors

ELA Grade 7

	Developing	On Track	Advanced
	Developing learners do not yet demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level, as specified in the assessed Nebraska College and Career Ready Standards. These results provide evidence that the student may need additional support for academic success at the next grade level.	**On Track** learners demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level, as specified in the assessed Nebraska College and Career Ready Standards. These results provide evidence that the student will likely be ready for academic success at the next grade level.	**Advanced** learners demonstrate high levels of proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level, as specified in the assessed Nebraska College and Career Ready Standards. These results provide evidence that the student will likely be ready for academic success at the next grade level.
	Students at this level	Students at this level	Students at this level
LAE.7.RP.1	Identify the explicit main idea in a simple literary text.	Identify the explicit main idea and a detail that supports that main idea in a literary text.	Identify the explicit main idea or theme and/or a detail that supports the main idea or theme in a literary text.
LAE.7.RP.2	Recognize a key detail that develops the plot of a simple literary text.	Identify a key detail that develops the plot of a literary text.	Determine a key detail that develops the plot of a complex literary text.
LAE.7.RP.3	Identify a character's point of view in a literary text.	Identify two characters' points of view in a literary text.	Compare two characters' points of view in a literary text.
LAE.7.RP.4	Recognize the structure of a simple literary text.	Identify the structure of a literary text.	Determine the structure of a complex literary text.

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LAE.7.RP.5	Recognize that a simple literary text is fiction or nonfiction.	Identify whether a literary text is fiction or nonfiction, using details from the text.	Determine whether a complex literary text is fiction or nonfiction, using details from the text.
LAE.7.RP.6	Answer literal or inferential questions about a simple literary text.	Answer literal and inferential questions about a literary text.	Answer literal and inferential questions about a complex literary text.
LAE.7.RI.1	Identify the explicit central idea in a simple informational text.	Identify the explicit central idea and/or a detail that supports that central idea in an informational text.	Identify the explicit central idea and a detail that supports that central idea in a complex informational text.
LAE.7.RI.3	Identify whether an author's purpose is to inform or entertain in an informational text.	Identify an author's purpose in an informational text.	Determine an author's purpose in an informational text.
LAE.7.RI.4	Recognize the structure of a simple informational text.	Identify the structure of an informational text.	Determine the structure of a complex informational text.
LAE.7.RI.5	Recognize a phrase or sentence that contributes to the development of ideas in a simple informational text.	Identify a phrase or sentence that contributes to the development of ideas in an informational text.	Identify how a phrase or sentence contributes to the development of ideas in an informational text.
LAE.7.RI.6	Answer literal or inferential questions about a simple informational text.	Answer literal and inferential questions about an informational text.	Answer literal and inferential questions about a complex informational text.
LAE.7.V.1.a	Identify the meanings of words or phrases, using context clues.	Identify the meanings of words and phrases, using context clues.	Determine the meanings of words and phrases, using context clues.
LAE.7.V.1.b	Identify the meanings of simple words, using commonly occurring affixes.	Identify the meanings of words, using commonly occurring affixes and roots.	Determine the meanings of words, using commonly occurring affixes and roots.

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LAE.7.V.2.a	Recognize the meaning of figurative language, using context clues.	Identify the meaning of figurative language, using context clues.	Determine the meaning of figurative language, using context clues.
LAE.7.V.2.c	Identify commonly occurring synonyms and antonyms.	Identify commonly occurring synonyms, antonyms, and homographs.	Identify commonly occurring synonyms, antonyms, homographs, and homophones.
LAE.7.W.1.a	Identify proper nouns in complex sentences.	Capitalize a proper noun in a complex sentence.	Capitalize proper nouns in complex sentences.
LAE.7.W.1.b	Use ending punctuation or use commas to separate three items in a list.	Use ending punctuation and use commas to separate three items in a list.	Use ending punctuation and commas in a series.
LAE.7.W.3.d	Describe experiences or events, using descriptive details.	Describe experiences and events, using precise words or descriptive details.	Describe experiences and events, using precise words, phrases, and descriptive details.
LAE.7.W.4.b	Recognize evidence that answers a simple question about a given topic.	Identify evidence that answers a question about a given topic.	Determine evidence that answers a complex question about a given topic.
LAE.7.W.4.c	Recognize a word or phrase that shows a connection between an explicit claim and supporting evidence.	Identify a word or phrase that shows a connection between an explicit claim and supporting evidence.	Determine a word or phrase that shows a connection between a claim and supporting evidence.
LAE.7.W.6.b	Identify a credible digital source of information to research a topic.	Identify a credible print or digital source of information to research a topic.	Identify credible print and digital sources of information to research a topic.

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