

# Kindergarten/GS Grade French Language Arts Proficiency At a Glance

End of the Year Expected Outcomes

**LISTENING ABILITY:** The student's listening ability in French is best described as...

NOVICE LOW	NOVICE MID	NOVICE HIGH	INTERMEDIATE LOW	INTERMEDIATE MID
- Recognizes single, isolated words, greetings and polite expressions.	<ul> <li>Understands predictable questions, statements and commands in familiar topic areas (with strong context without prompting support).</li> <li>Requires slower than normal rate of speech and/or with repetitions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understands simple questions, statements and commands on familiar topics and some sentences in new topics with strong contextual support.</li> <li>May require repettion, slower speech, or rephrasing.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understands familiar questions, commands and statements in a limited number of content areas.</li> <li>Understands questions and statements in new content area with strong contextual support.</li> <li>Follows information that is being given at a fairly normal rate.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understands most sentence-level speech in new contexts at a normal rate of speech although slow-downs may be necessary for unfamiliar topics.</li> <li>Carries out commands.</li> </ul>

**SPEAKING ABILITY:** The student's speaking ability in French is best described as...

#### INTERMEDIATE **NOVICE MID NOVICE LOW NOVICE HIGH** LOW May refuse to voice any - Uses single words, multiple Partial ability to create language to Sustained but minimal ability to create word in French. words,, short phrases, language to convey personal meaning by convey personal meaning by adapting learned material in single greetings, polite expressions adapting learned material in single sentences and strings of sentences. on a limited number of topics. Uses isolated words (i.e. sentences and strings of sentences. single words) to respond to Sustained but minimal ability to ask and Frequent searching for words questions. Partial ability to ask and answer answer questions. is common. questions. Responses pertain to very Sustained and minimal ability to handle specific topic areas in - May use native language or Partial ability to handle a simple a simple survival situation (daily needs) predictable contexts. gestures when attempting to survival situation (daily needs) in in French. create with language beyond French. May use greetings and polite what is known. Has basic vocabulary for making expressions such as Good Uses vocabulary from everyday statements and asking questions to Morning and Thank you. - Memorized expressions with topics and subject area content to satisfy basic social and academic needs, but verbs and other short phrases provide basic information. not for explaining or elaborating. are usually accurate but inaccuracies occur when trying Uses memorized expressions with Can maintain simple conversations at the to produce language beyond ease and accuracy. sentence level in French, although in a the scope of memorized restrictive and reactive manner. material. Can respond in intelligible sentences most of the tie but does Handle a limited number of everyday not sustain sentence-level speech. social and subject content interactions. Uses a variety of common verbs in present Sentences may not always contain tense (formations may be inaccurate). the proper verb formations, and other grammatical inaccuracies Other verb tenses/ may appear but are not may be present. frequent. May revert to the use of English The listener may be confused by this when French words cannot be speech due to the many grammatical retrieved or when dealing with inaccuracies. unfamiliar topics.

## **READING ABILITY:** The student's reading ability in French is best described as...

#### **INTERMEDIATE NOVICE MID NOVICE LOW NOVICE HIGH** LOW Able to recognize and name - Can understand, fully and with - Can understand some information Able to recognize uppercase and uppercase and lowercase letters or relative ease, key words and from the simplest connected texts lowercase letters. symbols. cognates, as well as formulaic dealing with a limited number of Can occasionally phrases across a range of highly personal and social needs. identify high-frequency words - Can identify a number of highly contextualized texts. and/or phases when strongly contextualized words and phrases There may be frequent supported by context. including cognates and borrowed - Where vocabulary has been misunderstandings. words but rarely understand learned, can understand material that exceeds a single Readers will be challenged to predictable language and messages such as those found in the understand connected texts of any phrase. environment. length. - Rereading is often required. Typically are able to derive meaning from short, non-complex texts that convey basic information for which there is contextual or extra linguistic support.

### **WRITING ABILITY:** The student's writing ability in French is best described as...

#### **INTERMEDIATE NOVICE MID NOVICE HIGH NOVICE LOW** LOW Writes a modest number of words Partial ability to create with Sustained but minimal ability to Copies or transcribes familiar words or phrases. language to convey personal create with language to convey or phrases in context. meaning by adapting learned personal meaning by adapting Forms letters of the alphabet. Can supply limited information on material in single sentences and learned material in single sentences simple forms and documents, strings of sentences. and strings of sentences. Produces a very limited including biographical information, number of isolated words or such as names, numbers and Partial ability to ask and answer Sustained but minimal ability to ask familiar phrases from memory. nationality when asked. and answer questions. questions. Exhibits a high degree of accuracy Partial ability to meet limited Sustained but minimal ability to meet when writing on well-practiced practical writing needs. limited practical writing needs. familiar topics using limited formulaic language. Meets limited basic practical Sentences are short, simple, mirroring writing needs using lists, short oral language. On less familiar topics, shows a messages, and simple notes. Sentences are almost exclusively in marked decrease in accuracy. - Writing is focused on common present time and generally have Writing may be difficult to elements of daily school life. repetitive structure. understand even by sympathetic readers. Can recombine learned vocabulary Topics are highly predictable content areas and personal information. and structures to create simple sentences on very familiar topics Vocabulary is adequate to express but cannot sustain sentence-level writing all the time. elementary needs. Writing is often comprehensible by There are basic errors in grammar, natives used to the writing of nonword choice, spelling, punctuation. natives. Writing is generally understood by native readers used to the writer of non-natives