

# English Learner Growth Targets Crosswalk

# Crosswalk of English Learner Growth Target Methods

## Overview

This document provides an approximate crosswalk of Michigan’s English Learner (EL) growth targets and WIDA ACCESS 2.0 performance levels needed to meet growth targets. The crosswalk allows EL practitioners to determine roughly what WIDA performance level is needed for students to meet their EL growth targets and thus be on track to reach or maintain English language proficiency.

By using the WIDA “Can Do Descriptors” (<https://wida.wisc.edu/teach/can-do/descriptors>) along with this crosswalk, EL practitioners can determine the specific proficiencies students will need to master to reach the WIDA performance level approximating their growth targets.

To gain a rough idea of how difficult it will be for a student to meet their growth target, EL practitioners can use the average growth targets given in the crosswalk. Michigan’s growth targets use the Adequate Growth Percentile (AGP) metric. This means growth targets range from 1 to 99 with 50 being average, 1 being farthest below average, and 99 being farthest above average. Students with growth targets at or near 50 will need roughly average growth to reach their growth target. Students with growth targets above 50 will need above average growth to meet growth targets and students with growth targets below 50 are likely to meet their growth target even with below average growth.

## How to use the Crosswalk

To use the crosswalk, take the following steps:

1. Determine the student’s current grade and find the matching block of rows
2. Verify that the student’s prior year grade matches the typical grade progressions
  - a. For example, current year grade 2 students should have a prior year grade of 1, etc.
  - b. If this assumption is not met (e.g., the student repeated a grade, skipped a grade, etc.), the crosswalk cannot be used
3. Determine the student’s prior year performance level on WIDA ACCESS 2.0 and find the matching row within the block rows matching the student’s current grade
4. The column [Approximate PL Needed to Meet Growth Target] gives the approximate performance level (PL) the student will need to meet their growth target
5. The column [Average Growth Target] give the average growth target for that grade and prior performance level.
  - a. This can be used to get a rough idea how far above or below average growth the student will need to achieve to reach their growth target.

## Example

Consider a student currently in grade 3, who last year was in grade 2, and scored a PL of 1 on last year’s WIDA ACCESS 2.0. The crosswalk approximates that the student will need to get to a 2.7 on this year’s WIDA ACCESS 2.0 to get on a path to proficiency. The crosswalk also shows that students currently in grade 3 that had a prior PL of 1 on average have growth target of 67. This indicates it will be a relatively difficult task for the student to meet their growth target. A growth target of 67 means the student needs to show growth greater than 67% of students similar past scores.

## Additional Questions?

For additional information or support for this tool please email [mde-accountability@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-accountability@michigan.gov) or call 877-560-8378, option 3.

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## Crosswalk Tool

### Crosswalk of Needed WIDA Performance Level & EL Growth Targets (AGPs)

Current Grade	Prior Grade	Prior PL (New PL Scale)	Approximate PL Needed to Meet Growth Target (New PL Scale)	Average Growth Target (AGP)
1	K	1	2.9	46
		2	3.3	41
		3	3.6	43
		4	4.0	50
		4.5	4.7	61
		5	4.8	51
2	1	1	2.6	56
		2	3.0	47
		3	3.6	38
		4	4.0	32
		4.5	4.5	39
		5	4.8	23
3	2	1	2.7	67
		2	3.2	55
		3	3.9	40
		4	4.1	27
		4.5	4.5	24
		5	4.8	16
4	3	1	3.1	66
		2	3.6	62
		3	4.0	47
		4	4.2	24
		4.5	4.9	46
		5	5.2	40
5	4	1	2.9	66
		2	3.4	64
		3	4.1	70
		4	4.4	47
		4.5	5.0	61
		5	5.3	52
6	5	1	2.6	67
		2	3.0	63
		3	3.8	68
		4	4.2	70
		4.5	4.6	77
		5	4.7	57

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Current Grade	Prior Grade	Prior PL (New PL Scale)	Approximate PL Needed to Meet Growth Target (New PL Scale)	Average Growth Target (AGP)
7	6	1	2.4	72
		2	3.0	66
		3	3.7	63
		4	4.2	58
		4.5	4.5	52
		5	5.0	37
8	7	1	2.4	78
		2	3.1	71
		3	3.8	63
		4	4.2	55
		4.5	4.6	48
		5	4.9	36
9	8	1	2.8	84
		2	3.4	76
		3	4.0	66
		4	4.4	54
		4.5	4.7	47
		5	5.1	36
10	9	1	3.1	94
		2	3.3	88
		3	3.8	75
		4	4.2	57
		4.5	4.6	56
		5	4.9	48
11	10	1	3.2	99
		2	3.7	96
		3	3.9	85
		4	4.2	65
		4.5	4.5	57
		5	4.7	42
12	11	1	3.3	99
		2	3.6	99
		3	4.2	97
		4	4.3	81
		4.5	4.5	59
		5	4.6	34