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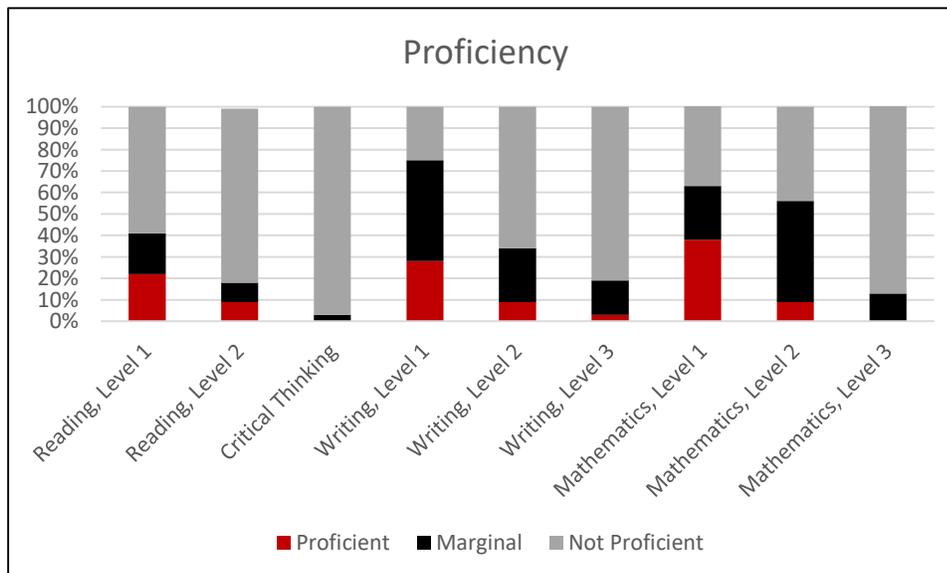
ETS Proficiency Profile Results

The Education Testing Services (ETS) Proficiency Profile assesses four core skill areas – critical thinking, reading, writing and mathematics. Each spring, this test is administered to students who have completed 40-75 hours at Northwestern Oklahoma State University (NWOSU). In 2020, there were 32 students who completed this test. The total scores range from 400-500 and the overall mean score for the 2020 cohort was 431.50.

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University moved to distance learning after Spring Break in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Therefore, the ETS Proficiency Profile was unable to be taken on campus. The students were asked to take the test online which resulted in a lower participation rate.

Proficiency

The primary feature of this test is to measure proficiency. ETS identifies levels of

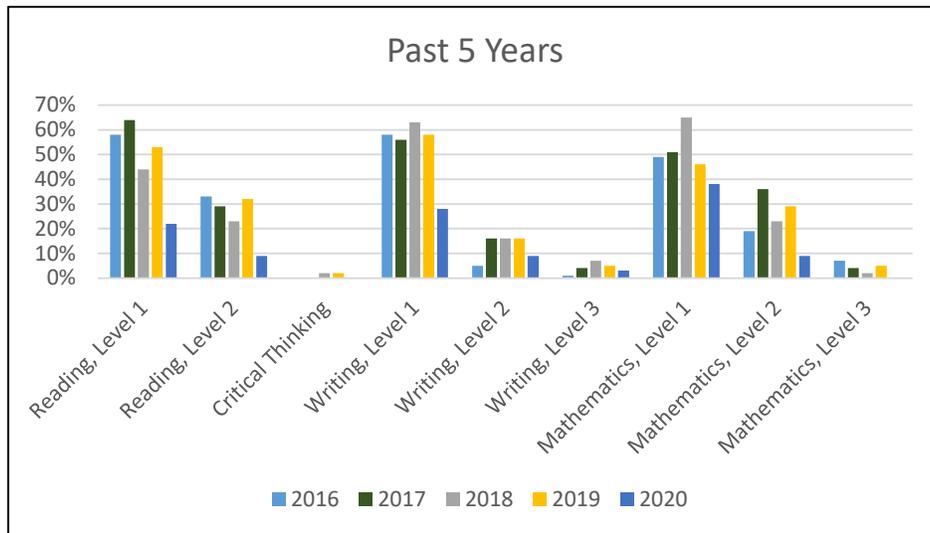


proficiency in reading, writing, mathematics and critical thinking. The chart to the left shows the proficiency in each area measured. As

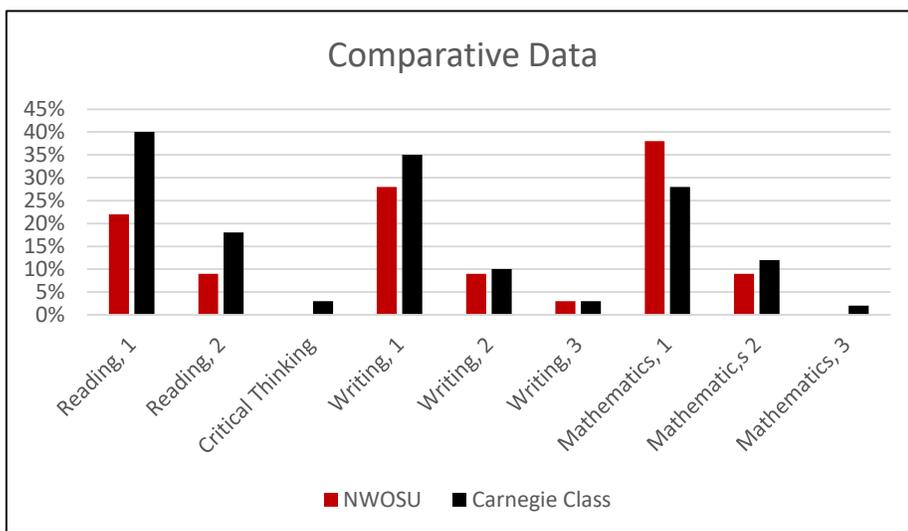
you can see from the chart to the left, NWOSU's strongest areas lie in Reading, Level 1, Writing,

Level 1 and Mathematics, Level 1. The areas with more room for improvement are Reading, Level 2, Critical Thinking, Writing, Level 2, Writing, Level 3 and Mathematics, Level 3.

The chart below shows the trends of change over the past 5 years. There were drops in scores in all areas. The data gained from the ETS Proficiency Profile helps to show where NWOSU is doing well and where continued improvement needs to happen.



Not only does the ETS Proficiency Profile allow NWOSU to see its own areas of strengths and weaknesses, but it also provides NWOSU with comparative data from over 50 comparable universities. According to the data provided, the chart below shows the areas of



proficiency in relation to the comparable universities. The comparative data chart shows that NWOSU scored the same or lower than the mean proficiency score from comparable universities except for Mathematics, Level 1.