

Ability Level Descriptions

Discipline	Red	Orange	Yellow	Green	Blue	Purple	Black
Ski	Never skied before	Skied once or twice, cannot complete wedge turns	Can link wedge turns in the learning area; learns to control speed through linking turns in anticipation of riding the chairlift	Learns to ride the chair lift. Learns to control speed through linked wedge turns on green terrain	Rides the chair lift independently and comfortably control speed on all green terrain by beginning to ski parallel (match skis through the turn)	Rides the chair lift independently and can comfortably ski all blue terrain in open track parallel; learning to navigate black terrain. Learning to use poles to initiate new turns.	Rides the chair lift independently. Can comfortably ski all blue and black terrain in parallel turns and using poles; in any conditions.
Snowboard	Never ridden before	Ridden once or twice, cannot link J turns, can glide, come to a gliding stop and turn one way	Can link J turns in the learning area; learns to control speed through linking turns in anticipation of riding the chairlift beginning to link S turns.	Learns to ride the chair lift and control speed through linked S turns on green terrain; can successfully control speed using linked S turns in the learning area.	Rides the chair lift independently and comfortably control speed on all green terrain and easy blue terrain moving out of S turns beginning to carve on green terrain	Rides the chair lift independently; can successfully use skidded S turns to control speed on all blue terrain; can carve on green and easy blue terrain; and is learning to carve on all blue and black terrain.	Rides the chair lift independently. Carves on all all terrain in any conditions.