How Big Is Big?

M004 scoring rubric

Math Domain		
✓ Number/Quantity	Shape/Space	Function
Chance/Data	Arrangement	
Math Actions (possible wei	ghts: 0 through 4)	
2 Modeling/Formulating	2 Manipulating/Transfor	rming
2 Inferring/Drawing Con	clusions 2 Communicating	
Math Big Ideas		
Scale	Reference Frame	Representation
Continuity	Boundedness	Invariance/Symmetry
Equivalence	General/Particular	Contradiction
Use of Limits	✓ Approximation	Other

- 1. a. A school bus is about 40 feet long, so each foot of the model would be 4 feet long.
 - **b.** Railroad cars are about 75 feet long, so the model's arms would be about 15 feet.
 - **c**. Any number between 30 and 50 feet is a reasonable answer for the lizard's height.
 - **d.** Since the circumference of a basketball is about 30", the head of the model would be about 6 inches, or ½ foot in circumference.
- 2. If students measure the length of their own feet, arms, height, and head circumference, they will find that the ratios between these body parts are quite different from those of the lizard. The largest difference will be in the ratio of the head to the other body parts.

	partial level	full level
Modeling/ Formulating (weight: 2)	Student develops a partially successful strategy to answer 2, but may fail to use proportional reasoning to its full advantage.	Student develops a successful, logically sound strategy to answer 2.
Transforming/ Manipulating (weight: 2)	Student may have some incorrect estimates, or may fail to convert estimates to 1/10 size.	All estimates are reasonable, and all are correctly converted by the 1:10 scaling factor.
Inferring/ Drawing Conclusions (weight: 2)	Student is not able to determine reasonable estimates from the provided information. or Student is unable to use the measurements in question 2 to answer the question.	All estimates are reasonable, and the personal measurements taken in 2 are used efficiently to answer the question.
Communicating (weight: 2)	The answer to 2 is unclear or incomplete.	The answer to 2 is stated in clear prose, with justifications stated completely and accurately.