

Ohio's State Tests

English Language Arts and Mathematics

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Performance Standards

Districts and schools administered Ohio's State Tests in grade 3 to 8 and high school English language arts and mathematics for the first time in the school year 2015 -2016. On December 15th, 2015, 108 Ohio teachers and content experts met to define how student performance on Ohio's English language arts and mathematics tests relates to being on track for college and career readiness in those subjects.

The process involves:

1. Summarizing the skills that students need to attain each performance level;
2. Identifying what students need to know and be able to do to respond successfully to specific test items;
3. Recommending performance standards that Ohio will use.

The Ohio State Board of Education reviewed and adopted the recommended performance standards on January 12, 2016. The performance standards are defined by the scale score ranges in the tables below. The accelerated level of performance is thought to indicate that a student is on track for college and career readiness.

Table 1: Scale Score Ranges in English Language Arts

Grade/Subject	Limited	Basic	Proficient	Accelerated	Advanced
Grade 3*	545-671	672-699	700-724	725-751	752-863
Grade 4	549-673	674-699	700-724	725-752	753-846
Grade 5	552-668	669-699	700-724	725-754	755-848
Grade 6	555-667	668-699	700-724	725-750	751-851
Grade 7	568-669	670-699	700-724	725-748	749-833
Grade 8	586-681	682-699	700-724	725-743	744-805
English language arts I	606-682	683-699	700-724	725-738	739-800
English language arts II	597-678	679-699	700-724	725-741	742-808

* The promotion score for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee is described on the following page.

In addition to the scale score ranges for grade 3 English language arts in Table 1 above, Table 2 below summarizes the grade 3 reading promotion performance standard for 2020-2021 school year. As indicated in the table below, the 2020-2021 promotion score for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee is a scale score of 683.

In addition, the Ohio Department of Education has set the reading subscore alternative promotion score for the grade 3 English language arts test at 46 for the 2020-2021 school year. Any student who scores a 46 or higher on the reading subscore will be eligible for promotion at the end of the year, even if the student scores below 683 on the English language arts test. For more information on the Third Grade Reading Guarantee for 2020-2021, please visit the [Department's website](#).

	Does Not Meet Promotion Standard	Meets Promotion Standard
Grade 3 English language arts Scale Score	Below 683	At or Above 683

Table 3: Scale Score Ranges in Mathematics

Grade/Subject	Limited	Basic	Proficient	Accelerated	Advanced
Grade 3	587-682	683-699	700-724	725-752	753-818
Grade 4	605-685	686-699	700-724	725-758	759-835
Grade 5	624-686	687-699	700-724	725-748	749-804
Grade 6	616-681	682-699	700-724	725-743	744-790
Grade 7	605-683	684-699	700-724	725-754	755-806
Grade 8	633-689	690-699	700-724	725-743	744-774
Algebra	618-681	682-699	700-724	725-753	754-814
Geometry	604-677	678-699	700-724	725-755	756-810
Integrated math I	618-681	682-699	700-724	725-753	754-814
Integrated math II	594-676	677-699	700-724	725-757	758-813