

State Test Performance Levels

Where state test performance data by level has been provided to SchoolDataDirect.org, this data is available through data download. Each state establishes performance standards on their own state test. States have different numbers of performance levels and have given these levels different names. Performance levels in the data files are labeled L1, L2, etc. These designations do not imply any correlation between the performance levels in different state. The table below details the performance levels used by each state and how they are labeled in the downloadable data.

State	State Test	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5
AK		Far Below Proficient	Below Proficient	Proficient	Advanced	
AL	Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test (ARMT), Alabama Alternate Assessment.	Not Meeting Standard	Partially Meeting Standard	Meeting Standard	Exceeding Standard	
AR	Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment and Accountability Program (ACTAAP)	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	
AZ	Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS)	Falls Far Below the Standard	Approaches the Standard	Meets the Standard	Exceeds the Standard	
CA	California's Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program consists of: California Standards Test (CST), the California Alternative Performance Assessment (CAPA), and the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE).	Far Below Basic	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
CO	Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP)	Unsatisfactory	Partially Proficient	Proficient	Advanced	
CT	Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT), Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT)	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Goal	Advanced
DC	Stanford Achievement Test (SAT-9)	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	
DE	Delaware Student Testing Program (DSTP)	Well Below the Standard	Below the Standard	Meets the Standards	Exceeds the Standards	Distinguished
FL	Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT)	1	2	3	4	5
GA	Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT), Middle Grades Writing Assessment (MGWA), Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT).	Does Not Meet	Meets	Exceeds		
HI	Hawaii Content & Performance Standards	Well Below	Approaches	Meets	Exceeds	

State	State Test	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5
	(HCPS) State Assessment					
IA		Low	Intermediate	High		
ID	Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT)	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	
IL	The Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) and the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE).	Academic Warning	Below Standards	Meets Standards	Exceeds Standards	
IN	ISTEP+	Undetermined (will not do next year)	Below	Above	Pass Plus	
KS	Kansas State Assessment	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	Exemplary
KY	Kentucky Core Content Test (KCCT)	Novice	Apprentice	Proficient	Master	
LA	The Louisiana Educational Assessment Program for the 21st Century (LEAP 21), The Graduation Exit Examination for the 21st Century (GEE 21).	Unsatisfactory	Approaching Basic	Basic	Mastery	Advanced
MA	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System.	Warning (Elem&Mid)/ Failing (HS)	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Advanced/ Above Proficient	
MD	The Maryland School Assessment (MSA)	Basic	Proficient	Advanced		
ME	Maine Educational Assessment (MEA)	Does Not Meet	Partially Meets	Meets	Exceeds	
MI	Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP)	Exceeded	Met	Basic	Apprentice	
MN	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments-Series II (MCA - II)	Does Not Meet the Standards	Partially Meets the Standards	Meets the Standards	Exceeds the Standards	
MO	Missouri Assessment Program (MAP)	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	
MS	Mississippi Grade Level Testing Program: The Mississippi Curriculum Test, TerraNova, the Functional Literacy Examination and the Title I Grade 10 Mathematics Test (SAT-9).	Minimal	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	
MT		Novice	Nearing Proficiency	Proficient	Advanced	
NC		I	II	III	IV	
ND		Novice	Partial	Proficient	Advanced	
NE		Beginning	Progressing	Proficient	Advanced	
NH-Gr 3-8	New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program (NHEIAP)	Substantially Below Proficient	Partially Proficient	Proficient	Proficient with Distinction	
NH-	New Hampshire Educational Improvement	Novice	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	

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HS	and Assessment Program (NHEIAP)					
NJ	New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC)	Partially Proficient	Proficient	Advanced Proficient		
NM		Beginning Step	Nearing Proficiency	Proficient	Advanced	
NV	The Nevada Criterion-Referenced Exams	Emergent/Developing	Approaches Standard	Meets Standard	Exceeds Standard	
NY	New York Regents Standards for Learning	Not Meeting Learning Standards	Partially Meeting Learning Standards	Meeting Learning Standards	Meeting Learning Standards with Distinction	
OH		Limited/Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Accelerated	Advanced
OK	Oklahoma's Core Curriculum Tests	Unsatisfactory	Limited Knowledge	Satisfactory	Advanced	
OR		Very Low	Low	Nearly Meets	Meets	Exceeds
PA	Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	
PR		Basic	Proficient	Advanced		
RI-G3-8	New Standards English Language Arts and Math Reference Exams	Substantially Below Proficiency	Partially Proficient	Proficient	Proficient with Distinction	
RI-HS	New Standards English Language Arts and Math Reference Exams	Little Evidence of Achievement	Below the Standard	Nearly Achieved the Standard	Achieved the Standard	Achieved the Standard with Honors
SC	The Palmetto Achievement Challenge Tests (PACT)	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	
SD	Dakota State Test of Educational Progress (STEP)	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	
TN	The Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP)	Below Proficient	Proficient	Advanced		
TX	Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS)	Below Proficient	Proficient	Commended Performance		
UT		Minimal	Partial	Sufficient	Substantial	
VA	Standards of Learning (SOL) Assessment	Fail	Proficient	Advanced		
VT	New Standards Reference Exams (NSRE) part of Vermont's Comprehensive Assessment System (CAS)	Little Evidence of Achievement	Below the Standard	Nearly Achieved the Standard	Achieved the Standard	Achieved the Standard with Honors

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WA	Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)	Well Below Standard	Below Standard	Met Standard (MO)	Met Standard	Exceeds Standard
WI	Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS): The Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations - CRT (WKCE-CRT) and the Wisconsin Alternate Assessments (WAA).	Minimal	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	
WV	West Virginia's Educational Standards Test (WESTEST)	Novice	Partial Mastery	Mastery	Above Mastery	Distinguished
WY	Performance Assessment of Wyoming Students (PAWS)	Novice	Partially Proficient	Proficient	Advanced	