

2008 Definitions of Performance Levels

Level 1: Not Meeting Learning Standards

Student performance does not demonstrate an understanding of the ELA knowledge and skills expected at this grade level.

Level 2: Partially Meeting Learning Standards

Student performance demonstrates a partial understanding of the ELA knowledge and skills expected at this grade level.

Level 3: Meeting Learning Standards

Student performance demonstrates an understanding of the ELA knowledge and skills expected at this grade level.

Level 4: Meeting Learning Standards with Distinction

Student performance demonstrates a thorough understanding of the ELA knowledge and skills expected at this grade level.

Scale Score Ranges Associated with Each Performance Level

Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
3	475-615	616-649	650-719* (for 2008 only)	720-780* (for 2008 only)
4	430-611	612-649	650-715	716-775
5	495-607	608-649	650-710	711-795
6	480-597	598-649	650-704	705-785
7	470-599	600-649	650-711	712-790
8	430-601	602-649	650-714	715-790

*For the 2008 Grade 3 English Language Arts Test only, a scale score of 720 (raw score of 32 out of 33) is being accepted as a level 4. This adjustment has been made so that students are not required to earn a perfect raw score (33 out of 33) in order to achieve a level 4. If a perfect raw score were to be required to achieve a level 4 for any of the future Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Tests, a similar adjustment will be made.