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 15-17, 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

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* 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 2019-2020 school year. As indicated in the table below, the 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 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.

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Table 3: Scale Score Ranges in Mathematics

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