Performance Series®
WEB-BASED DIAGNOSTICS

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A Parent's Guide to Performance Series

Your district has adopted Performance Series® by Scantron as their diagnostic and placement tool.

The Performance Series assessment makes it easy for your child's teacher(s) to identify his or her progress—and find the diagnostic information they need to place your child academically and manage his or her instruction.

Performance Series is a web-based, computer-adaptive test that your school uses to:

- identify your child's ability levels

- demonstrate academic growth over time

- place your child in the correct instructional programs

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What is Performance Series®?

An exciting new assessment tool, Scantron's Performance Series, has been adopted for use as one of the tools to help identify your child's abilities. You may be familiar with the paper-and-pencil bubble tests from Scantron—this assessment tool is from Scantron as well, but a different type of assessment. Because it is online and adapts, Performance Series adjusts to your child's abilities.

Unlike other forms of assessment, Performance Series tests are completely computer-based and adjust to each child's ability level. All tests begin in relation to your child's current grade. As your child answers each question, however, the test adapts according to his or her response. Questions get easier when your child answers incorrectly and get more challenging when he or she answers correctly. This individualizes every testing experience and more accurately measures your child's ability.
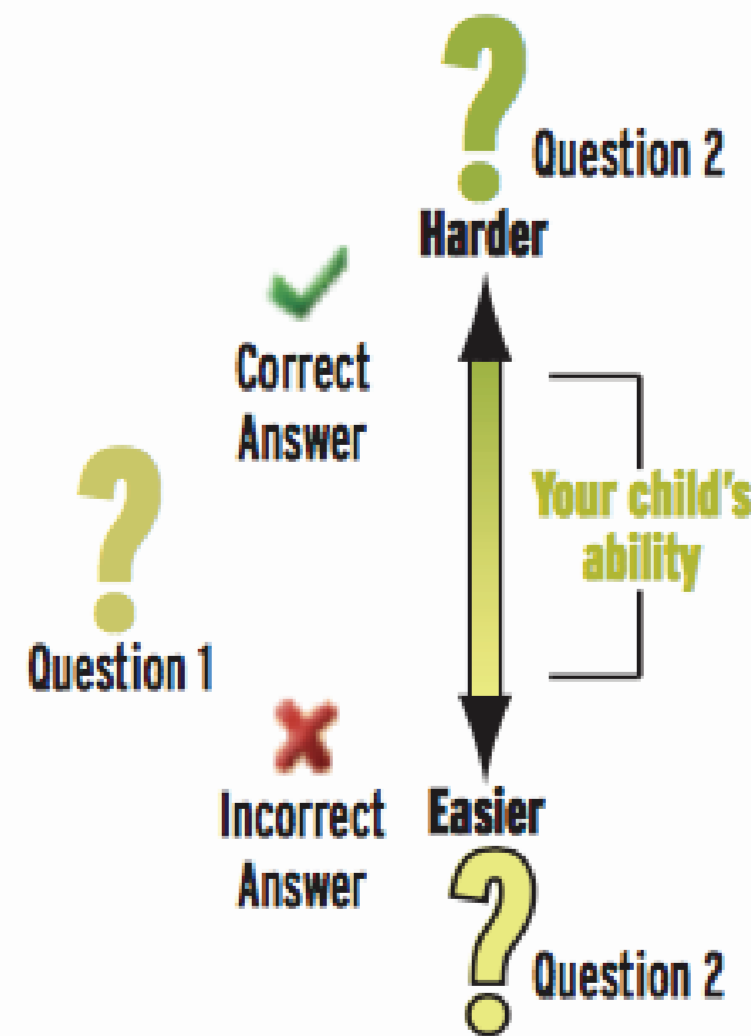
Why is this helpful to you?

• Unique tests matched to your child's abilities more accurately determine his or her next steps in the classroom

• Results from these tests provide information to help you understand your child's growth academically, through this year and across years

Why is this helpful to your child's teacher?

• Immediate results mean they can adjust instruction more quickly to help your child master important concepts

• Educational materials can be customized (based on the results for each student and group) which help teachers improve learning

• Detailed reports allow teachers to evaluate current or new teaching strategies and programs

For additional information on the computer-adaptive testing model, see:

http://www.scantron.com/downloads /Performance_Series_White_Paper.pdf.

? Question 2
Harder

✔
Correct Answer

? Question 1

Your child's ability

✘
Incorrect Answer **Easier**

? Question 2

How many test items does each student receive?

The test is online and computer-adaptive, so each child receives a unique test and the number of items may vary. There is no set number of questions. The average number of questions in a testing session is about 50.

Are the tests timed?

No, children are allowed as much time as needed to take the test.

More **Frequently Asked Questions** about Performance Series are available online at http://www.scantron.com/performanceseries