Achievement Levels

The images below describe each level and provide the scale score ranges for each level by grade level and subject tested on the new B.E.S.T. scale. Achievement levels range from Level 1 to Level 5. For all assessments, Level 3 indicates on grade level performance. For reference, the FSA scale score ranges are included in the Appendix.

Please note, the B.E.S.T. scale and FSA scale are two separate scales with different score ranges and different achievement levels. Thus, scores from both scales cannot be compared with each other.

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Well Below Grade Level:	Below Grade Level:	On Grade Level:	Proficient:	Exemplary:
Likely to need substantial support for the next grade/course	Likely to need substantial support for the next grade/ course	May need additional support for the next grade/ course	Likely to excel in the next grade/ course	Highly likely to excel in the next grade/ course

Scale Score Ranges for Each Achievement Level

Assessment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Grade 3 ELA Reading	140–185	186–200	201–212	213–224	225–260
Grade 4 ELA Reading	154–198	199–212	213–223	224–236	237–270
Grade 5 ELA Reading	160–205	206–221	222–231	232–245	246–279
Grade 6 ELA Reading	161–208	209–224	225–236	237–249	250–284
Grade 7 ELA Reading	165–214	215–231	232–241	242–256	257–292
Grade 8 ELA Reading	169–219	220–237	238–250	251–261	262–300
Grade 9 ELA Reading	174–223	224–241	242–253	254–266	267–303
Grade 10 ELA Reading	179–229	230–246	247–257	258–270	271–308
ELA Reading Retake	179–229	230–246	247–257	258–270	271–308
Grade 3 Mathematics	140–182	183–197	198–208	209–224	225–260
Grade 4 Mathematics	155–199	200–210	211–220	221–237	238–273
Grade 5 Mathematics	158–206	207–221	222–233	234–245	246–285
Grade 6 Mathematics	168–212	213–228	229–238	239–253	254–287
Grade 7 Mathematics	175–222	223–234	235–246	247–257	258–288
Grade 8 Mathematics	183–226	227–243	244–253	254–262	263–291
Algebra 1	325–378	379–399	400–417	418–434	435–475
Geometry	325–384	385–403	404–422	423–431	432–475