

Dear District Leader:

This report provides you with information about your district's performance in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA).

The report is designed to give you:

- An overview of how your district's performance compares to previous years;
- An overview of how your district's performance compares to the performance of districts statewide;
- In-depth results by grade, subject, and student group;
- Data on your district's achievement by reporting category; and
- Tools and resources for finding more information to help teachers better understand the assessment and instructional priorities.

I encourage you to use this report and supporting materials on the PDE's website to help teachers understand the standards, set instructional priorities, and address student needs.

Sincerely,



Pedro A. Rivera
Secretary of Education

District: METHACTON SD
AUN: 123465303
Test Date: PSSA Spring 2017

Percentage of Students Proficient and Advanced

	District	State
English Language Arts	80.0	61.2
Mathematics	62.6	42.6
Science	81.4	63.7



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PSSA Facts

PSSA Items

Common items are administered to all eligible students in the grade regardless of the test form that they were assigned. Only the common items are used in determining students' scores and their corresponding performance levels. This ensures that all students are evaluated using the same sets of items. Only common items are used for determination of performance levels.

Field-Test items vary between forms. These items are included only as a means for gathering statistical information about an item that might be used in a future assessment. The items are not included in the results for students, schools, or the district.

PSSA Score

The PSSA score is a scale score computed from the number of points the student receives on the test (i.e., raw score). For every possible raw score on a test form, there is a corresponding scale score. Most state testing programs use scale scores for reporting purposes. The items on the PSSA tests change year to year, but they continue to measure the same content standards. To make valid comparisons of test results across years, scale scores are used because they reflect and take into account minor differences in test form difficulty from one year to the next. A given scale score will have the same interpretation regardless of the length or difficulty of the test. For example, a scale score of 1300 will always imply the same level of student performance and will continue to fall in the same performance level. The student's PSSA score is used to place the student in the appropriate performance level.

PSSA Performance Levels



Below Basic: Inadequate academic performance, and work at this level demonstrates a minimal command of and ability to apply the knowledge, skills, and practices represented in the Pennsylvania standards. Consistent performance at this level indicates extensive additional academic support may be needed for engaging successfully in further studies in this content area.



Basic: Marginal academic performance, and work at this level demonstrates a partial command of and ability to apply the knowledge, skills, and practices represented in the Pennsylvania standards. Consistent performance at this level indicates additional academic support may be needed for engaging successfully in further studies in this content area.



Proficient: Satisfactory academic performance, and work at this level demonstrates an adequate command of and ability to apply the knowledge, skills, and practices represented in the Pennsylvania standards. Consistent performance at this level indicates academic preparation for engaging successfully in further studies in this content area.



Advanced: Superior academic performance, and work at this level demonstrates a thorough command of and ability to apply the knowledge, skills, and practices represented in the Pennsylvania standards. Consistent performance at this level indicates advanced academic preparation for engaging successfully in further studies in this content area.

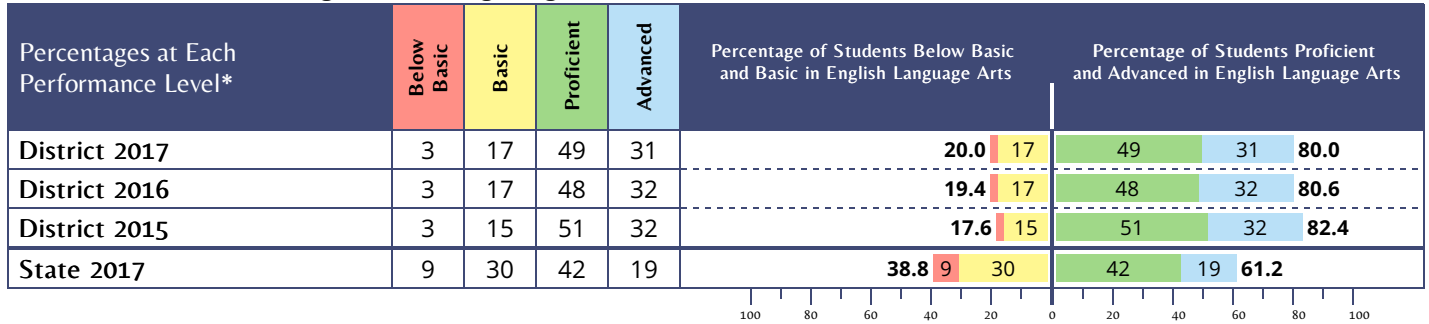
PSSA Reporting Categories

Reporting Categories are designed to clarify the Pennsylvania Core Standards. Each reporting category consists of several assessment anchors and eligible content, which provide details of skills and concepts that are assessed on the PSSA. The charts that follow provide school, district, and state averages for each reporting category assessed for specific grades and subjects.

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Performance Level Distribution by Subject

English Language Arts Performance Level Results



In 2017, 80.0 % of the students at METHACTON SD met or exceeded proficiency in English Language Arts. Comparatively, 61.2 % of the students in Pennsylvania met or exceeded proficiency in English Language Arts. Use the 2015 and 2016 data provided to determine your district's three-year progress. These numbers indicate only the students who are in their full academic year.

* The sum of the percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding.

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Performance Level Distribution by Subject

Mathematics Performance Level Results

Percentages at Each Performance Level*	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	Percentage of Students Below Basic and Basic in Mathematics			Percentage of Students Proficient and Advanced in Mathematics		
					Below Basic	Basic	Total	Proficient	Advanced	Total
District 2017	13	25	34	28	37.4	13	25	34	28	62.6
District 2016	12	24	35	29	36.0	12	24	35	29	64.0
District 2015	12	28	36	24	40.0	12	28	36	24	60.0
State 2017	30	27	26	17	57.4	30	27	26	17	42.6

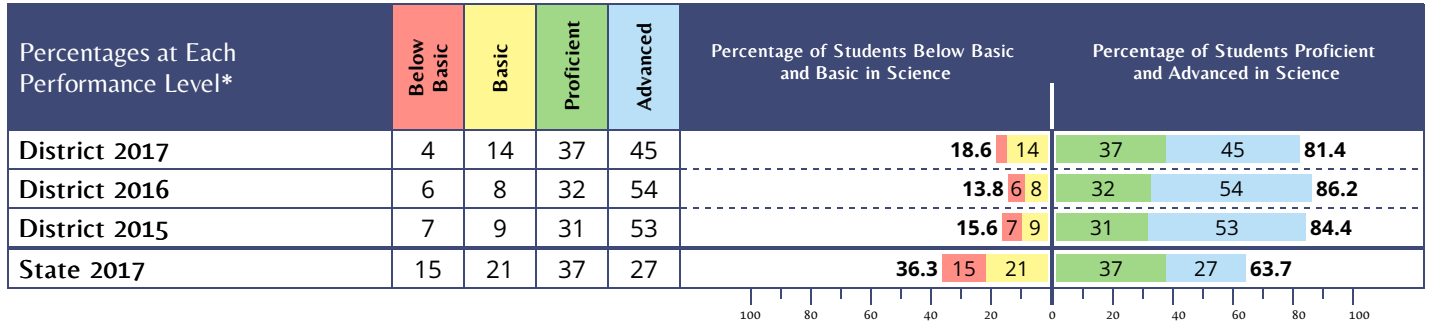
In 2017, 62.6 % of the students at METHACTON SD met or exceeded proficiency in Mathematics. Comparatively, 42.6 % of the students in Pennsylvania met or exceeded proficiency in Mathematics. Use the 2015 and 2016 data provided to determine your district's three-year progress. These numbers indicate only the students who are in their full academic year.

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Performance Level Distribution by Subject

Science Performance Level Results



In 2017, 81.4 % of the students at METHACTON SD met or exceeded proficiency in Science. Comparatively, 63.7 % of the students in Pennsylvania met or exceeded proficiency in Science. Use the 2015 and 2016 data provided to determine your district's three-year progress. These numbers indicate only the students who are in their full academic year.

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2017 Performance Level Distribution by Subject and Group

English Language Arts Performance by Group

Percentages and Total Number by Group*	Total Tested	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	Percentage of Students Below Basic and Basic in English Language Arts		Percentage of Students Proficient and Advanced in English Language Arts		
						Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	
All Students	2195	3	17	49	31	20.0	17	49	31	80.0
Historically Underperforming	626	9	37	43	11	46.6	9	43	11	53.4
IEP-Special Education	420	12	43	36	9	55.0	12	36	9	45.0
English Language Learner	44	23	59	18	0	81.8	23	18	0	18.2
Economically Disadvantaged	299	10	31	48	11	41.5	10	48	11	58.5
Male	1119	5	21	49	26	25.3	5	49	26	74.7
Female	1076	1	14	48	37	14.6	1	48	37	85.4
American Indian/Alaskan Native (not Hispanic)	8	0	50	38	13	50.0	0	38	13	50.0
Asian (not Hispanic)	332	2	7	39	52	8.4	2	39	52	91.6
Black or African American (not Hispanic)	83	6	40	52	2	45.8	6	52	2	54.2
Hispanic (any race)	71	10	25	49	15	35.2	10	49	15	64.8
Multi-Racial (not Hispanic)	152	3	21	50	26	24.3	3	50	26	75.7
White (not Hispanic)	1546	2	17	50	30	19.9	2	50	30	80.1
Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander (not Hispanic)	3	0	0	33	67			33	67	100.0
Migrant	0	0	0	0	0					

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2017 Performance Level Distribution by Subject and Group

Mathematics Performance by Group

Percentages and Total Number by Group*	Total Tested	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	Percentage of Students Below Basic and Basic in Mathematics			Percentage of Students Proficient and Advanced in Mathematics		
						Below Basic	Basic	Total	Proficient	Advanced	Total
All Students	2197	13	25	34	28	37.4	13	25	34	28	62.6
Historically Underperforming	626	34	30	24	13	63.6	34	30	24	13	36.4
IEP-Special Education	420	42	28	18	11	70.2	42	28	18	11	29.8
English Language Learner	44	57	23	20	0	79.5	57	23	20		20.5
Economically Disadvantaged	299	30	30	26	14	60.2	30	30	26	14	39.8
Male	1122	15	23	31	32	37.7	15	23	31	32	62.3
Female	1075	10	27	38	25	37.0	10	27	38	25	63.0
American Indian/Alaskan Native (not Hispanic)	8	13	25	50	13	37.5	13	25	50	13	62.5
Asian (not Hispanic)	333	5	11	29	55		15.6	11	29	55	84.4
Black or African American (not Hispanic)	83	34	41	25	0	74.7	34	41	25		25.3
Hispanic (any race)	71	31	31	27	11	62.0	31	31	27	11	38.0
Multi-Racial (not Hispanic)	152	20	26	37	17	46.1	20	26	37	17	53.9
White (not Hispanic)	1547	12	26	36	26	38.1	12	26	36	26	61.9
Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander (not Hispanic)	3	0	0	33	67				33	67	100.0
Migrant	0	0	0	0	0						

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2017 Performance Level Distribution by Subject and Group

Science Performance by Group

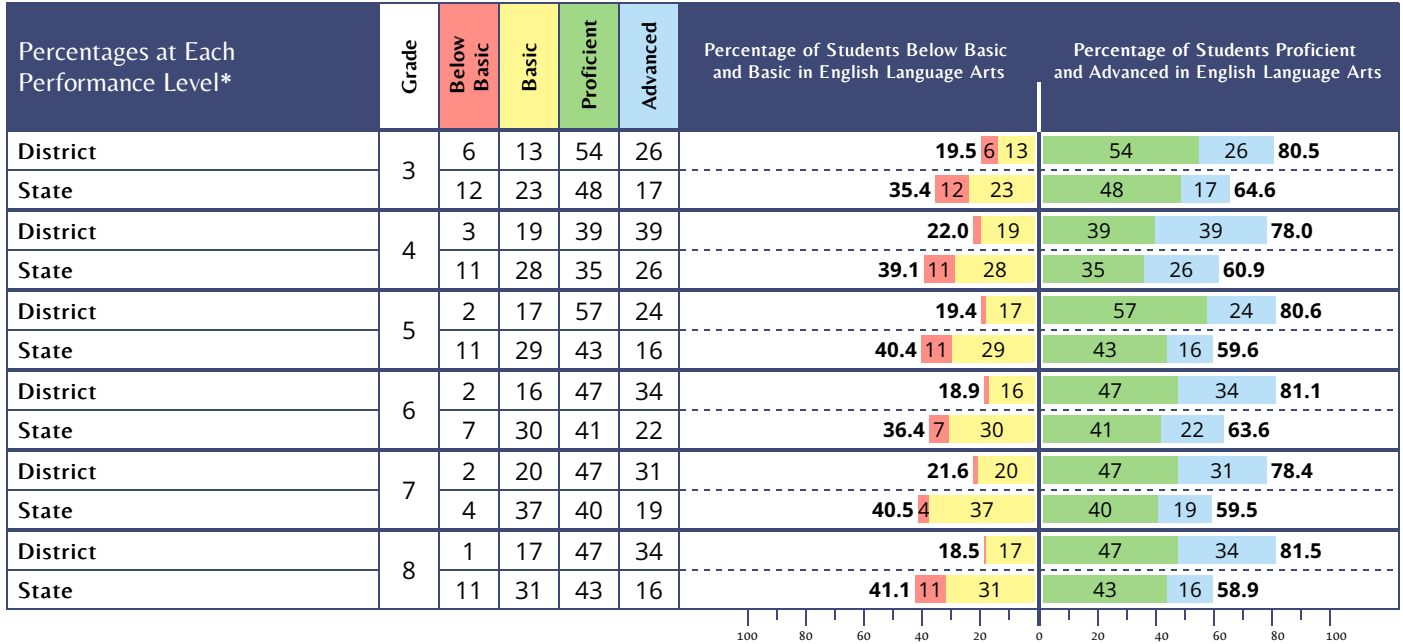
Percentages and Total Number by Group*	Total Tested	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	Percentage of Students Below Basic and Basic in Science		Percentage of Students Proficient and Advanced in Science			
						Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count		
All Students	714	4	14	37	45	18.6	14	37	45	81.4	
Historically Underperforming	200	15	26	39	21	40.0	15	26	39	21	60.0
IEP-Special Education	129	20	26	34	20	45.7	20	26	34	20	54.3
English Language Learner	22	27	32	41	0	59.1	27	32	41		40.9
Economically Disadvantaged	93	12	29	39	20	40.9	12	29	39	20	59.1
Male	356	6	13	34	47	19.1	6	13	34	47	80.9
Female	358	3	15	39	42	18.2	3	15	39	42	81.8
American Indian/Alaskan Native (not Hispanic)	4	0	25	75	0	25.0	0	25	75		75.0
Asian (not Hispanic)	113	1	5	27	66	6.2	1	5	27	66	93.8
Black or African American (not Hispanic)	27	7	33	26	33	40.7	7	33	26	33	59.3
Hispanic (any race)	21	29	48	24	0	76.2	29	48	24		23.8
Multi-Racial (not Hispanic)	46	2	11	46	41	13.0	2	11	46	41	87.0
White (not Hispanic)	502	4	14	39	43	18.3	4	14	39	43	81.7
Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander (not Hispanic)	1	0	0	0	100					100	100.0
Migrant	0	0	0	0	0						

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2017 Performance Level Distribution by Subject and Grade

English Language Arts District and State Performances by Grade



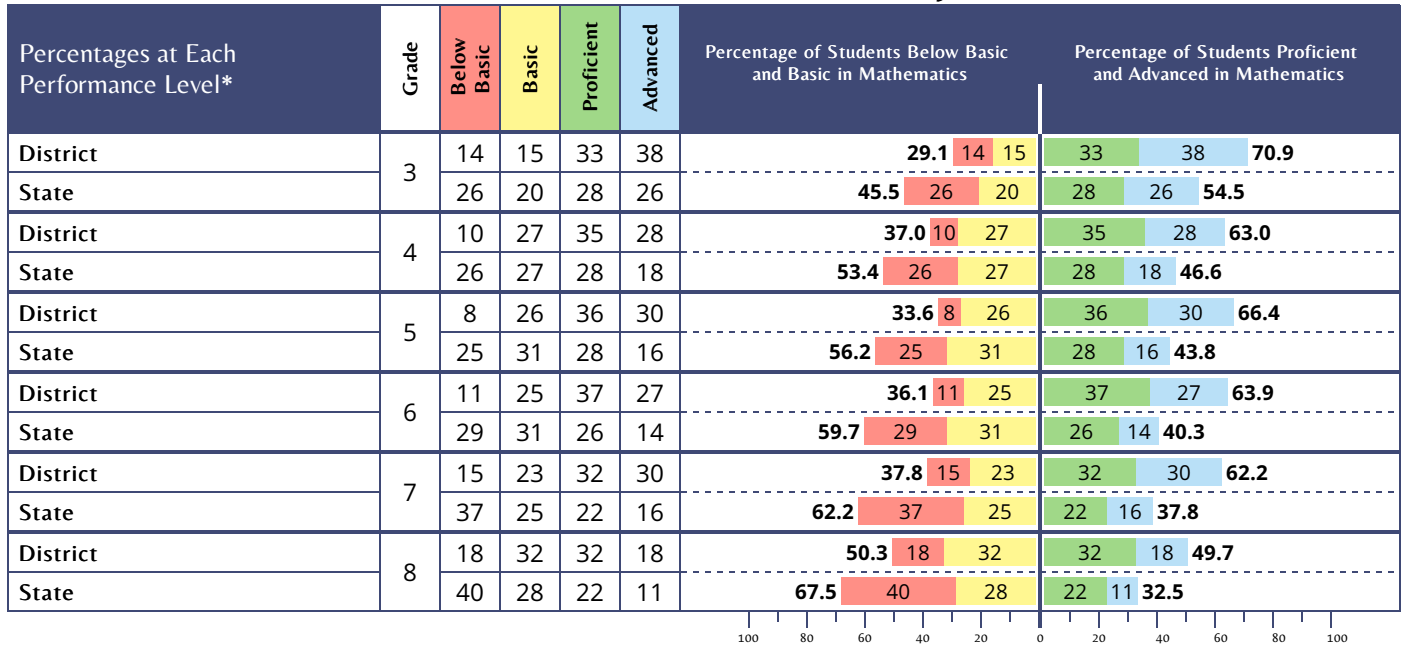
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2017 Performance Level Distribution by Subject and Grade

Mathematics

District and State Performances by Grade

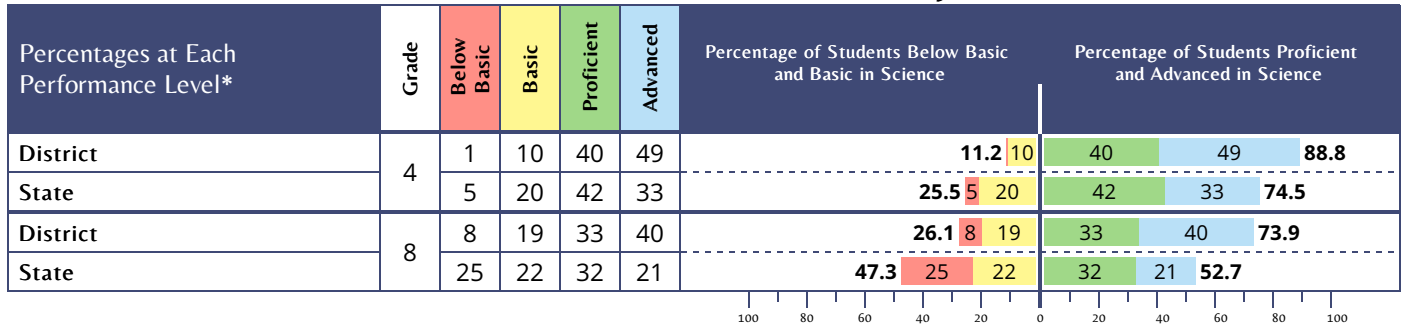


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2017 Performance Level Distribution by Subject and Grade

Science District and State Performances by Grade



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2017 Performance by Subject, Grade, and Reporting Category

English Language Arts Reporting Categories

Grade 3	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
Reading			
Key Ideas and Details	13.1	11.2	21
Craft and Structure/Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	3.6	3.1	6
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	7.0	6.3	9
Writing			
Types of Writing	4.4	3.9	8
Language	12.2	11.2	18

Grade 3	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
Text Types			
Literature Text	12.3	10.8	18
Informational Text	11.3	9.8	18

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2017 Performance by Subject, Grade, and Reporting Category

English Language Arts Reporting Categories

Grade 4	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
Reading			
Key Ideas and Details	11.3	10.0	15
Craft and Structure/Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	10.3	9.0	15
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	5.5	4.8	8
Writing			
Types of Writing	8.0	7.1	12
Language	12.0	10.7	18
Text-Dependent Analysis			
Text-Dependent Analysis	7.3	6.8	16

Grade 4	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
Text Types			
Literature Text	14.0	12.5	18
Informational Text	13.0	11.3	20

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2017 Performance by Subject, Grade, and Reporting Category

English Language Arts Reporting Categories

Grade 5	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
Reading			
Key Ideas and Details	11.9	10.2	16
Craft and Structure/Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	9.3	7.7	14
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	5.8	4.9	8
Writing			
Types of Writing	7.1	6.6	12
Language	12.5	10.9	18
Text-Dependent Analysis			
Text-Dependent Analysis	7.2	6.6	16

Grade 5	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
Text Types			
Literature Text	13.1	11.0	19
Informational Text	13.9	11.7	19

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2017 Performance by Subject, Grade, and Reporting Category

English Language Arts Reporting Categories

Grade 6	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
Reading			
Key Ideas and Details	11.2	9.6	15
Craft and Structure/Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	12.4	10.6	18
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	3.3	2.9	5
Writing			
Types of Writing	7.5	7.1	12
Language	12.6	10.7	18
Text-Dependent Analysis			
Text-Dependent Analysis	7.4	7.2	16

Grade 6	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
Text Types			
Literature Text	12.5	10.6	18
Informational Text	14.4	12.5	20

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2017 Performance by Subject, Grade, and Reporting Category

English Language Arts Reporting Categories

Grade 7	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
Reading			
Key Ideas and Details	11.7	10.2	18
Craft and Structure/Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	7.4	6.4	11
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	6.4	5.8	9
Writing			
Types of Writing	8.2	7.4	12
Language	12.4	11.0	18
Text-Dependent Analysis			
Text-Dependent Analysis	7.4	6.4	16

Grade 7	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
Text Types			
Literature Text	12.8	11.2	19
Informational Text	12.7	11.1	19

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2017 Performance by Subject, Grade, and Reporting Category

English Language Arts Reporting Categories

Grade 8	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
Reading			
Key Ideas and Details	12.7	11.0	18
Craft and Structure/Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	6.0	5.1	10
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	7.8	7.0	10
Writing			
Types of Writing	8.6	7.3	12
Language	12.6	10.9	18
Text-Dependent Analysis			
Text-Dependent Analysis	9.9	7.8	16

Grade 8	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
Text Types			
Literature Text	12.7	11.2	18
Informational Text	13.8	11.9	20

Mathematics Reporting Categories

Grade 3	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
Numbers and Operations in Base Ten	7.6	6.7	12
Numbers and Operations-Fractions	6.2	5.3	10
Operations and Algebraic Thinking	15.3	13.7	20
Geometry	6.3	5.6	10
Measurement and Data	12.6	11.0	20

Mathematics Reporting Categories

Grade 4	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
Numbers and Operations in Base Ten	9.4	8.6	15
Numbers and Operations-Fractions	10.0	8.7	15
Operations and Algebraic Thinking	13.3	11.4	19
Geometry	7.0	5.9	10
Measurement and Data	7.1	5.9	13

Mathematics Reporting Categories

Grade 5	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
Numbers and Operations in Base Ten	11.7	9.5	18
Numbers and Operations-Fractions	11.4	9.3	19
Operations and Algebraic Thinking	7.1	6.1	11
Geometry	8.5	7.3	11
Measurement and Data	7.0	5.5	13

Mathematics Reporting Categories

Grade 6	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
The Number System	10.3	8.5	15
Ratios and Proportional Relationships	6.3	4.9	12
Expressions and Equations	14.9	12.3	22
Geometry	5.9	5.4	10
Statistics and Probability	7.8	5.7	13

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2017 Performance by Subject, Grade, and Reporting Category

Mathematics Reporting Categories

Grade 7	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
The Number System	7.3	5.8	11
Ratios and Proportional Relationships	12.9	10.5	19
Expressions and Equations	10.2	8.1	18
Geometry	7.8	5.6	13
Statistics and Probability	7.1	6.2	11

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2017 Performance by Subject, Grade, and Reporting Category

Mathematics Reporting Categories

Grade 8	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
The Number System	7.3	5.9	12
Expressions and Equations	13.4	11.3	22
Functions	9.1	8.0	15
Geometry	8.0	6.2	13
Statistics and Probability	5.6	4.5	10

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2017 Performance by Subject, Grade, and Reporting Category

Science Reporting Categories

Grade 4	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
The Nature of Science	20.6	17.8	32
Biological Sciences	7.5	6.6	12
Physical Sciences	7.6	6.4	12
Earth and Space Sciences	7.4	6.4	12

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2017 Performance by Subject, Grade, and Reporting Category

Science Reporting Categories

Grade 8	District Average	State Average	Total Points Possible
The Nature of Science	21.7	17.5	33
Biological Sciences	6.9	5.8	11
Physical Sciences	7.4	6.2	12
Earth and Space Sciences	6.4	5.5	12

ACHIEVING THE GOAL: Proficiency for All Students

Pennsylvania's Standards Aligned System (SAS)

Great schools and great school systems have six features in common:

- **Clear standards** describing what students should know and be able to do at each grade level.
- A **fair and accurate way to assess** where students are in regard to what they know and are able to do at each stage of the learning process.
- **Curriculum frameworks** that identify the big picture of what students should know and be able to do over time in each content area, as well as the concepts and competencies that break that information into grade-level benchmarks. Included in the frameworks are essential questions students will be able to answer at each grade level or course, vocabulary specific to the content, and exemplars demonstrating what proficient student work looks like.
- **Instruction** that explicitly identifies and provides examples of best practices in teaching.
- **Classroom materials and other instructional resources** that are aligned to the expected outcomes for students in each content area at each grade level or course.
- **Proven interventions** to help any student who struggles at any stage of the learning process.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education created the system that aligns these high impact elements to help students, parents, teachers, and administrators inspire all Pennsylvania's schools to become great schools.

www.pdesas.org

Data Tools in a Standards Aligned System

School Performance Profile (SPP)

SPP provides a school level academic score for public schools, including charter and cyber charter schools, and full-time comprehensive career and technical centers. SPP can be used as an analysis tool to inform goal setting, planning, and allocating resources to improve student achievement. It is a source of information for federal designation of Title I schools as a Reward, Focus, Priority or Undesignated school for Title I and Non-Title I schools.

<http://paschoolperformance.org>

Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT)

An on-line computer adaptive diagnostic tool aligned to the Pennsylvania Core Standards. Although not a predictor for PSSA performance, CDTs provide a snapshot on students' strengths and areas of need. It provides real-time results that link students' skills with Materials and Resources in SAS.

<https://pa.drccedirect.com>

PSSA Data Interaction by eMetric

Designed to provide quick, easy, and secure access to student performance results on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). Reports can be created in tables, graphs, or external files, at the summary or individual student level, by selecting content, statistics, aggregation levels, disaggregated groups or subgroups, and/or score variables.

<http://pa.emetric.net>

PA Value-Added Assessment System (PVAAS)

A statistical model that analyzes longitudinal growth data, in conjunction with achievement data, to make sure students are on the path to proficiency and beyond. Measuring student learning helps educators make data-informed instructional decisions that address the academic needs of a group of students, as well as individual students. PVAAS provides projections of each individual student's likelihood to achieve a selected proficiency level.

<http://pvaas.sas.com>

