

NEW COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS BENCHMARKS FOR THE WKCE

In July 2012, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction established new performance standards (cut scores) for the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE) reading and mathematics content areas to more closely align with national and international expectations of what is required to be college and career ready. The higher cut scores are comparable to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) cut scores.

A student earns a numeric score in each content area on the WKCE. This score is converted into one of four performance levels: Minimal, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced. The tables below compare the old performance levels to the new performance levels for Math and Reading by each grade level tested.

MATHEMATICS

OLD PERFORMANCE LEVELS

Grade	Minimal	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
3	220-391	392-406	407-451	452-630
4	240-420	421-437	438-483	484-650
5	270-444	445-462	463-504	505-680
6	310-463	464-484	485-531	532-700
7	330-479	480-503	504-554	555-710
8	350-482	483-512	513-572	573-730
10	410-515	516-540	541-594	595-750

NEW PERFORMANCE LEVELS

Grade	Minimal	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
3	220-387	388-437	438-491	492-630
4	240-424	425-473	474-525	526-650
5	270-448	449-500	501-552	553-680
6	310-474	475-523	524-572	573-700
7	330-499	500-543	544-590	591-710
8	350-509	510-557	558-604	605-730
10	410-527	528-573	574-617	618-750

READING

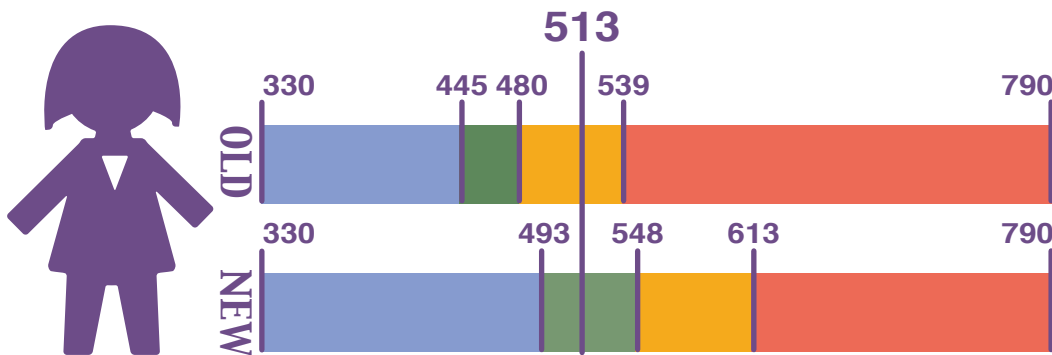
OLD PERFORMANCE LEVELS

Grade	Minimal	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
3	270-393	394-429	430-465	466-640
4	280-395	396-439	440-488	489-650
5	290-400	401-443	444-496	497-690
6	300-417	418-456	457-513	514-730
7	310-433	434-466	467-522	523-780
8	330-444	445-479	480-538	539-790
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8	330-492	493-547	548-612	613-790
10	350-495	496-565	566-643	644-820

EXAMPLE: Susie Smith is an eighth grade student who scored a 513 in reading in 2011, which would have placed her in the Proficient performance level under the old performance standards. With the new performance standards, the same score of 513 would fall in the Basic performance level.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOUR CHILD?

The student's score has not changed. However, the performance level has changed to reflect the higher expectations required under the new performance standards to be college and career ready. These new standards will be reflected in the 2012-13 WKCE Individual Profile Reports (IPR) for students that participated in the WKCE in November 2012. The updated reports will be available in late February.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.kusd.edu/departments/educational_accountability/readiness-benchmarks.html

Please contact your school with questions you may have regarding these changes.