

Forward Exam Scores and Score Ranges

The Forward Exam is a summative assessment which provides information about what students know and can do in relation to the Wisconsin State Standards. Students receive a score based on their performance in each content area. Each score will fall in one of four levels: Developing, Approaching, Meeting, or Advanced. Descriptions of these performance levels are provided in Table 3.

Table 3. Content Category Performance Level Description

Content Category Performance Level	Description
Advanced	Student demonstrates a thorough understanding of the knowledge and skills described in the Wisconsin Academic Standards for their grade level and is on-track for future learning
Meeting	Student is meeting the knowledge and skill expectations described in the Wisconsin Academic Standards for their grade level and is on-track for future learning
Approaching	Student is approaching the knowledge and skill expectations described in the Wisconsin Academic Standards for their grade level needed to be on-track for future learning
Developing	Student is at the beginning stages of developing the knowledge and skills described in the Wisconsin Academic Standards for their grade level needed to be on-track for future learning

Reporting Category performance levels are established each year based on the subject area performance level cut scores and the relative difficulty of the test questions measuring the reporting category.

Subject Score Ranges

Forward Exam results are reported on a 4-digit score scale for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. Forward Exam results are reported on a 3-digit score scale for science and social studies.

Tables 2.1 through 2.4 provide performance categories and the cut score ranges for each performance level for each content area.

Table 2.1. English Language Arts Performance Ranges and Scale Scores

Grade	Developing		Approaching		Meeting		Advanced	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
3	1300	1510	1511	1559	1560	1621	1622	1840
4	1310	1531	1532	1580	1581	1645	1646	1850
5	1320	1548	1549	1598	1599	1657	1658	1860
6	1360	1569	1570	1612	1613	1670	1671	1900
7	1370	1571	1572	1622	1623	1695	1696	1970
8	1380	1586	1587	1640	1641	1714	1715	1990

Table 2.2. Mathematics Performance Ranges and Scale Scores

Grade	Developing		Approaching		Meeting		Advanced	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
3	1370	1505	1506	1547	1548	1596	1597	1740
4	1390	1528	1529	1575	1576	1624	1625	1760
5	1400	1557	1558	1597	1598	1640	1641	1780
6	1420	1582	1583	1618	1619	1655	1656	1800
7	1430	1589	1590	1632	1633	1683	1684	1840
8	1440	1602	1603	1652	1653	1700	1701	1860

Table 2.3. Social Studies Performance Ranges and Scale Scores

Grade	Developing		Approaching		Meeting		Advanced	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
4	330	460	461	490	491	536	537	700
8	540	661	662	692	693	733	734	860
10	645	769	770	804	805	836	837	980

Table 2.4. Science Performance Ranges and Scale Scores

Grade	Developing		Approaching		Meeting		Advanced	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
4	300	446	447	495	496	542	543	725
8	480	652	653	694	695	736	737	945