

# **Understanding Your Child's Ohio State Test Scores**

Dear MVCSD Parents,

We understand that you might have questions about your child's recent Ohio State Test (OST) scores. We want to help you understand what these scores mean and how they reflect your child's learning and progress.

## 1. What are the Ohio State Tests (OST)?

The Ohio State Tests are standardized assessments given to students in grades 3-8 and high school. They measure how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in Ohio's Learning Standards. These tests cover subjects like English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

## 2. How are the scores reported? – Please reference the Scale Scores and Performance Levels chart

Your child's test scores are reported in four performance levels:

- Limited: The student has a limited understanding of the subject matter.
- Basic: The student has a basic understanding but needs improvement to be proficient.
- Proficient: The student meets the expectations for their grade level.
- Accomplished and Advanced: The student exceeds the grade-level expectations and shows a higher level of understanding.

## 3. What do these performance levels mean for my child?

- Limited: Your child may need additional help and support in this subject. Consider meeting with their teacher to discuss ways to improve.
- Basic: While your child understands some of the material, they could benefit from extra practice to reach proficiency.
- Proficient: Your child is performing at the expected level for their grade. They have a good understanding of the subject matter.
- Accomplished and Advanced: Your child is doing very well and has a strong grasp of the subject. They may benefit from advanced coursework or enrichment activities.

If you have any further questions or concerns about your child's test scores, please don't hesitate to contact your home school's secretary, guidance counselor, or principal.

For the full document, access the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce "<u>Understanding Ohio's</u> <u>State Tests Score Reports</u>." We are here to support you and your child's educational journey.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

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# **Scale Scores and Performance Levels**

Ohio reports five performance standards: Limited, Basic, Proficient, Accomplished, and Advanced. The scale score ranges in the tables below define each level. The Accomplished level of performance suggests that a student is on track for college and career readiness. For accountability purposes, "passing" includes the Proficient, Accomplished, and Advanced levels.

| Grade/Subject      | Limited | Basic   | <b>Proficient</b> | <b>Accomplished</b> | Advanced |  |
|--------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------------------|----------|--|
| Grade 3            | 587-682 | 683-699 | 700-724           | 725-752             | 753-818  |  |
| Grade 4            | 605-685 | 686-699 | 700-724           | 725-758             | 759-835  |  |
| Grade 5            | 624-686 | 687-699 | 700-724           | 725-748             | 749-804  |  |
| Grade 6            | 616-681 | 682-699 | 700-724           | 725-743             | 744-790  |  |
| Grade 7            | 605-683 | 684-699 | 700-724           | 725-754             | 755-806  |  |
| Grade 8            | 633-689 | 690-699 | 700-724           | 725-743             | 744-774  |  |
| Algebra I          | 618-681 | 682-699 | 700-724           | 725-753             | 754-814  |  |
| Geometry           | 604-677 | 678-699 | 700-724           | 725-755             | 756-810  |  |
| Integrated math I  | 618-681 | 682-699 | 700-724           | 725-753             | 754-814  |  |
| Integrated math II | 594-676 | 677-699 | 700-724           | 725-757             | 758-813  |  |

### **Table 1: Scale Score Ranges in Mathematics**

### Table 2: Scale Score Ranges in Science

| Grade/Subject | Limited | Basic   | Proficient | <b>Accomplished</b> | Advanced |
|---------------|---------|---------|------------|---------------------|----------|
| Grade 5       | 559-663 | 664-699 | 700-724    | 725-752             | 753-845  |
| Grade 8       | 575-673 | 674-699 | 700-724    | 725-765             | 766-868  |
| Biology       | 617-684 | 685-699 | 700-724    | 725-734             | 735-823  |

### Table 3: Scale Score Ranges in Social Studies

| Grade/Subject       | Limited | Basic   | Proficient | Accomplished | Advanced |
|---------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------------|----------|
| American history    | 619-683 | 684-699 | 700-724    | 725-737      | 738-800  |
| American government | 642-686 | 687-699 | 700-724    | 725-738      | 739-774  |

### Table 4: Scale Score Ranges in English Language Arts

|                          |         | -       | -          |              |          |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------------|----------|
| Grade/Subject            | Limited | Basic   | Proficient | Accomplished | Advanced |
| Grade 3                  | 545-671 | 672-699 | 700-724    | 725-751      | 752-863  |
| Grade 4                  | 549-673 | 674-699 | 700-724    | 725-752      | 753-846  |
| Grade 5                  | 552-668 | 669-699 | 700-724    | 725-754      | 755-848  |
| Grade 6                  | 555-667 | 668-699 | 700-724    | 725-750      | 751-851  |
| Grade 7                  | 568-669 | 670-699 | 700-724    | 725-748      | 749-833  |
| Grade 8                  | 586-681 | 682-699 | 700-724    | 725-743      | 744-805  |
| English language arts II | 597-678 | 679-699 | 700-724    | 725-741      | 742-808  |