

Executive Numbered Memo 013-2006-07 - Adoption of Achievement Standards and Achievement Level Descriptors

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TO: Superintendents, Principals, District Staff

RE: Adoption of Achievement Standards and Achievement Level Descriptors for Reading, Mathematics and Science Statewide Assessments and for English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA)

This memo summarizes the information regarding the adoption of the “cut scores” for the state tests and ELPA and the roll-out of those standards.

What are the standards for Reading, Mathematics and Science?

Reading/Literature

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 10
Nearly Meets	199	205	209	214	219	224	231
Meets	204	211	218	222	227	231	236
Exceeds	217	225	229	232	238	241	246

Mathematics

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 10
Nearly Meets	201	208	214	216	221	225	231
Meets	205	212	218	221	226	230	236
Exceeds	217	225	229	232	238	241	246

Science

	Grade 5	Grade 8	Grade 10
Nearly Meets	216	229	235
Meets	225	234	240
Exceeds	238	246	249

What are the standards for ELPA?

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Early Int.	489	501	498	503	497	498	496	497	499	492	492	495	498
Int.	496	512	507	513	506	508	505	506	507	503	503	505	509
Early Adv.	503	517	512	519	513	515	513	514	515	514	514	514	516
Advanced	512	526	522	526	519	522	519	521	524	525	526	527	529

Who is affected by the new standards?

All students who are tested in 2006-07, whether on a TESA test or a paper/pencil test will be required to meet the standards in reading and mathematics. In addition, any students currently enrolled in grades 9,

11 or 12 or any 8th graders taking a high school test will use the newly adopted standards. This means that students still enrolled in high school who achieved a score of 236 in reading or mathematics in a prior year, should now be considered to have met the standard for the purposes of awarding a Certificate of Initial Mastery. Students who took the ELPA test in 2005-06 as well as those taking the test in 2006-07 will have these standards applied for the year in which they took the test.

What is happening with Science?

The science test has been suspended for 2006-07. The Department will take recommendations to the State Board next month on issues related to the Certificate of Initial Mastery and science tests. For Benchmark 1/Gr 5 and Benchmark 2/Gr 8 the newly adopted standards will apply to students who have already taken science tests this year.

Where can I find the Achievement Level Descriptors?

The Achievement Level Descriptors, which explain the types of performance exhibited by students at each of the achievement levels, is located on the [ODE website](#).

The State Board wishes to thank everyone who attended the December Standards Setting meeting, the regional public review sessions, or responded on the Department of Education's website to the recommended changes to the standards. The feedback you provided to the Board played an essential role in the final adoption.