

GPS Parent Portal Glossary

Most assessment scores include these data elements

Level: generally refers to a descriptor applied to a broad band of scaled scores

Scaled score: a numeric representation of the total performance on the assessment

Percentile: a number between 1 and 99 that shows how you scored compared to other students nationally. It represents the percentage of students whose scores fall at or below your score.

Follow links for additional information on each specific assessment.

In general, green scores are approximating grade level standard.

Term	Definition
Connecticut State Assessments	
Smarter Balanced ELA , plus Subscores • Reading • Listening • Writing and Research • Grades 3-8	An annual summative assessment of students that consists of various parts: a computer adaptive test (in ELA and mathematics) and performance task (in mathematics). This assessment is administered by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) to describe student achievement and growth of student learning as part of program evaluation and school, district, and state accountability system. Student Performance Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 are described by the state for each grade on this document. This sample Parent report from the CSDE gives explanations of how to interpret the scores and the subscores.
Smarter Balanced Math , plus Subscores • Concepts and Procedures • Problem Solving • Communicating Reasoning • Grades 3-8	Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 are described by the state for each grade on this document. This sample Parent report from the CSDE gives explanations of how to interpret the scores and the subscores.
NGSS plus Subscores • Physical • Life • Earth and Space • Grades 5, 8, 11	The Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) were adopted by the CSDE in November 2015 and are designed to raise interest, participation and achievement for all students. The summative assessment is administered annually to grades 5, 8, and 11.

	CSDE NGSS Parent Toolkit The CSDE provides this document with explanation of the scores and descriptors for each level and subscore Detailed NGSS guides for each grade level are available here.
CT School Day SAT • Math • EBRW • Grade 11	The SAT is a three-hour examination measuring college and career readiness and is accepted at most four-year colleges and universities in the United States. The test is developed by the College Board and offered through the CSDE for grade 11 students in public schools. The CSDE directs parents to these resources to understand SAT scores
Las Links and Subscores • Literacy • Oral • Comprehension • Writing • Reading • Qualifying students only	Las Links is used by the CSDE in the identification and evaluation of English Language Learners. Click her for a description of levels
GPS Assessments	
STAR Reading/Math • Level • Scaled Score • Percentile • Reading Grades 3-8 • Math Grades 1-8 • Short video explanation here	The STAR Assessment (Reading and Mathematics) is intended for use as a Universal Screen that provides real-time data to support instructional decisions for the individual student or groups of students “Levels” are based on STAR scaled scores, and correspond with the student’s likely performance level on the Smarter Balanced. STAR Reading also reports an approximate Lexile Reading level (also estimated on the Parent SBA report provided by the state).
STAR Early Literacy • Grades K, 1, 2	The STAR Early Literacy Assessment is intended for use as a Universal Screen that provides real-time data to support instructional decisions for the individual student or groups of students Levels are Literacy Classifications based on the student’s scaled score. Categories are: <i>Early Emergent Reader, Late Emergent Reader, Early Transitional Reader, Late Transitional Reader, and Probable Reader.</i>

LinkIt Benchmark ELA/Math • Percent correct • Raw • Detail - percent correct by standard • Grades 2-8	The benchmark is to identify students' academic strengths and weaknesses and use that information to guide further instruction to gauge student readiness to successfully perform on summative and high stakes tests Percent correct - % total correct Raw - number correct/number possible Detail - % correct by CSDE standard (see FAQ for detailed explanation)
PSAT Math/EBRW • Grades 10 and 11	College Board "Sample PSAT Score report" and an explanation of PSAT scores and subscores is available here.
CogAT • ELA Verbal • ELA Non-verbal • Scaled score • Percent • Qualifying Grade 2 students	An explanation of the CogAT and subscores is available here.
Attendance • Reported annually • All grades	Level - The CSDE standard is 97+% of school days attended, or <3% days absent. Percent - % of total possible school days absent Raw - number of school days absent in the school year
Grades • Grades 6-12	Final letter grade for course (either semester or full year, whichever is applicable).
Other	
• Advanced Placement	College Board "About AP Scores"