

State Assessment Proficiency Cut Scores

Summative Assessment by Smarter Balanced

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) provides Nevada's criterion-referenced examinations in English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy and Mathematics. The Smarter Balanced assessments are a key part of measuring student progress in grades three through eight towards college and career success. The assessments are aligned with the Nevada Academic Content Standards in ELA and Mathematics. Results from Smarter are included on the Nevada Report Card. Students are assessed in the areas of ELA/Literacy and Mathematics and achievement levels range from 1 - 4. Students meeting grade-level standards will earn an achievement level of 3-4.

Smarter Achievement Level Descriptors

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
The student has not met the achievement standard and needs substantial improvement to demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed for likely success in future coursework.	The student has nearly met the achievement standard and may require further development to demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed for likely success in future coursework.	The student has met the achievement standard and demonstrates progress toward mastery of the knowledge and skills needed for likely success in future coursework.	The student has exceeded the achievement standard and demonstrates advanced progress toward mastery of the knowledge and skills needed for likely success in future coursework.

Nevada Smarter Summative Assessment, Achievement Level Cut Scores

ELA Achievement Level Cut Scores

Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
3	2114–2366	2367–2431	2432–2489	2490–2623
4	2131–2415	2416–2472	2473–2532	2533–2663
5	2201–2441	2442–2501	2502–2581	2582–2701
6	2210–2456	2457–2530	2531–2617	2618–2724
7	2258–2478	2479–2551	2552–2648	2649–2745
8	2288–2486	2487–2566	2567–2667	2668–2769

Mathematics Achievement Level Cut Scores

Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
3	2189–2380	2381–2435	2436–2500	2501–2621
4	2204–2410	2411–2484	2485–2548	2549–2659
5	2219–2454	2455–2527	2528–2578	2579–2700
6	2235–2472	2473–2551	2552–2609	2610–2748
7	2250–2483	2484–2566	2567–2634	2635–2778
8	2265–2503	2504–2585	2586–2652	2653–2802

NOTE: It is not meaningful to compare the scale scores across content areas. So even though the Level 4 cut score for ELA grade 3 is a lower value than that for Math grade 3, that does not imply that it is easier (or harder) to attain a Level 4 in that content area.