PARENT GUIDE TO THE
STATE PLACEMENT TEST STUDENT REPORTS

HOW DID MY CHILD PERFORM ON THE STATE PLACEMENT TEST?

At the top of each report is your child’s overall performance information including:

- overall achievement level,
- overall scale score, and
- the type of support your child will need based on his or her performance on the test.

The chart below outlines what each of the achievement levels means in terms of how well your child met the expectations for that grade and subject. The achievement levels considered as passing the State Placement Test are Basic, Mastery, and Advanced. The score ranges change slightly across grade levels and subjects.

Performance is also broken down into subcategories within each subject, as shown in the example below.

In each subcategory, your child is provided a rating of one to three stars, with a description of performance in this specific area and the support needed moving forward.

HOW SHOULD I, OR MY CHILD’S TEACHER, USE THESE RESULTS?

The scores and ratings will be used to make grade placement decisions about your child and help teachers identify students who need additional support or more challenging work in each subject area.

As a parent, you can use the test results to guide a discussion with your child’s teacher(s) about additional supports or enrichment that may be needed in class and at home.

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTED QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN DISCUSSING THE RESULTS WITH YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER(S):

- Where is my child doing well and where does he or she need improvement?
- What can be done in the classroom to help improve his or her area(s) of weakness?
- What can be done to appropriately challenge my child in areas where he or she exceeds the expectations?
- How can I help support my child’s learning at home?
- How do we ensure that my child continues to progress?

FOR ADDITIONAL TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU SUPPORT STUDENT LEARNING AT HOME, visit the Family Support Toolbox at https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/family-support-toolbox

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