

Changes to the Grades 3-8 NYS ELA and Math Assessments

In July 2010, the Board of Regents made the decision to raise Grades 3-8 ELA and mathematics achievement standards so that academic proficiency in New York State will now mean that a student is on track to meet high school exit examination requirements and pass first year college courses in ELA and Mathematics without the need for remediation.

-Ira Schwartz, Assistant Commissioner for Accountability, September 2010

- ELA and math assessments are administered at a later date (May rather than January and March, respectively) and scores are released in July rather than June
- Due to the later administration date, both the ELA and math assessments now test students' knowledge of *more* performance indicators
- The old cut score was 650 for grades 3-8 ELA and math proficiency (Level 3)
- The revised grades 3–8 ELA and math cut scores reflect the new definition of proficiency (see charts below)

Revised 2009-10 ELA Cut Scores

	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Grade 3	643	662	694
Grade 4	637	668	720
Grade 5	647	666	700
Grade 6	644	662	694
Grade 7	642	664	698
Grade 8	627	658	699

Revised 2009-10 Math Cut Scores

	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Grade 3	661	684	707
Grade 4	636	676	707
Grade 5	640	674	702
Grade 6	640	674	699
Grade 7	639	670	694
Grade 8	639	673	702

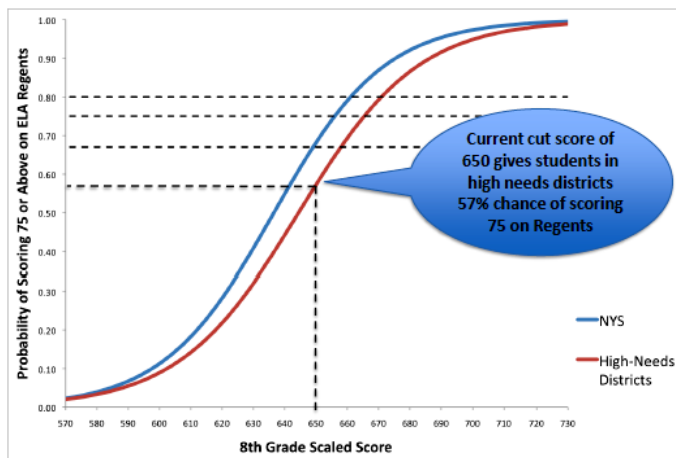
New Performance Level Labels

Performance Level	Level Label
Level 1	Below Standard
Level 2	Meets Basic Standard
Level 3	Meets Proficiency Standard
Level 4	Exceeds Proficiency Standard

Raising the Standards to a New Proficiency: College Readiness

PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Students in high needs districts at the current Level 3 Proficiency standard on their 8th grade ELA exam have about a 50-50 chance of earning a 75 on their ELA Regents



Source: NYSED Administrative Data, English Regents, 2006-2010 Cohort



8th-grade Proficiency scores are set at a level that provides students a **75%** chance of earning a college-ready Regents score

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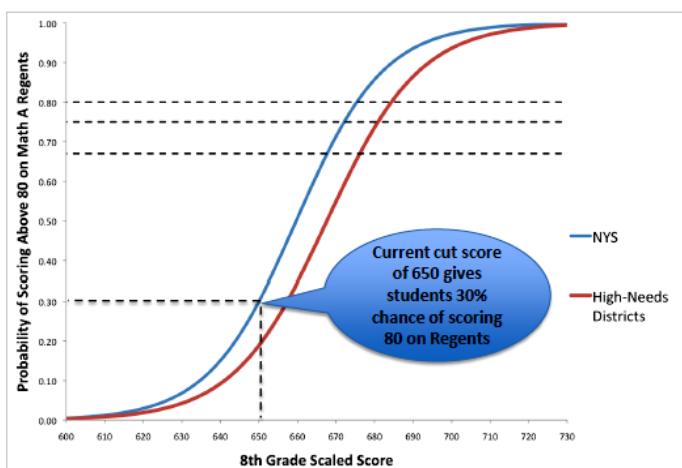
3rd-7th grade Proficiency scores are set so that if a student makes a year's worth of developmental growth they will be on track for a college-ready Regents score

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PROFICIENCY IN MATHEMATICS

Students at the current Level 3 Proficiency standard on their 8th grade Math exam have less than a 1 in 3 chance of earning an 80 on their Math Regents



Source: NYSED Administrative Data, Math A Regents, 2006-2010 Cohort