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### **State Assessment Achievement Levels and Descriptors**

To support the public release of our state assessments, we want to highlight the achievement levels and achievement level descriptors for our state assessments as important resources for educators in understanding the performance of students on state assessments. Achievement levels and descriptors give meaning and context to scale scores by describing the knowledge and skills students must demonstrate to achieve each level.

Below are the approved achievement levels and descriptors for each of our state assessments:

[PSAT and SAT School Day English Language Arts \(pdf\)](#)

[PSAT and SAT School Day Mathematics \(pdf\)](#)

[RICAS English Language Arts Achievement Level Descriptors \(pdf\)](#)

[RICAS Mathematics Achievement Level Descriptors \(pdf\)](#)

[NGSA: Science Overall Performance Levels, Cut Scores, and Domain Performance Levels \(pdf\)](#)

[DLM Performance Level Descriptors in English Language Arts \(pdf\)](#)

[DLM Performance Level Descriptors in Mathematics \(pdf\)](#)

[DLM Performance Level Descriptors in Science \(pdf\)](#)

[ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS Performance Level Descriptors \(pdf\)](#)