



Star standardized test score groups

Star Reading, Star Early Literacy, and Star Math English Only Back to School 2024/25 New norms available at back-to-school 2024/25 for the English versions of Star Reading, Star Early Literacy, and Star Math are based on data from the 2018/19 school year which were implemented from the 2022/23-2023/24 school year. For more information about the updated norms, including an in-depth description, links to videos and additional documentation, and an FAQ, please see Updated Star Assessment National Norms. Renaissance STAR Assessments are standardized tests designed to evaluate students' skills in reading, math, and early literacy. These assessments provide valuable insights into a student's academic performance, helping educators and parents understand a child's abilities and guide individualized instruction. Many types of scores go into the report compiled to monitor your child's academic progress. 1. Scaled Score (SS) Meaning: A fundamental score that tracks student performance over time Range: Star Reading and Star Math: 600-1400 Star Early Literacy: 200-1100 Calculation: Based on the number of correct answers and question difficulty Purpose: Compare performance to national grade-level standards Example: A 4th-grader with a GE of 5.2 performs like a 5th grader, 20% into the school year suggesting above-grade-level performance Example: A 6th-grade student with a GE of 4.8 is performing at a level typical for the eighth month of fourth grade, indicating below-grade-level performance 3. Percentile Rank (PR) Meaning: Compares student performance to peers nationwide. A PR of 75 means your child is performing better than 75% of students in their grade nationwide. Range: 1-99 Interpretation: A PR of 85 means the student performed better than 85% of peers 4. Student Growth Percentile (SGP) Meaning: Measures individual student progress relative to academic peers. A score of 60 means your child has grown more than 60% of other students with similar prior achievement. Range: 1-99 Significance: Indicates improvement compared to students with similar prior achievement. Range: 1-99 Significance: Indicates improvement compared to students with similar prior achievement. (domain) for their current grade. Purpose: These scores help identify strengths and areas needing improvement, allowing for targeted instruction in specific domains like number sense, operations, problem-solving, or reading comprehension. By understanding what each score means, parents can better support their child's academic journey. The Star Reading, Star Math, and Star Early Literacy scores provide actionable insights into your child's progress and areas of strength and challenge. Whether the goal is improving literacy, strengthening math skills, or building early foundational knowledge, these scores are a tool for targeted support and growth. 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These assessments help identify your child's strengths and areas where they might need additional support in both reading and math. Achievement Categories for STAR TestsBoth STAR Reading and STAR Math use the same four categories to classify student performance: At/Above Benchmark (40th percentile and above): Your child is meeting or exceeding grade-level expectations. They may benefit from some additional support to strengthen specific reading or math concepts. Intervention (10th-24th percentile): Your child is struggling with grade-level concepts and needs targeted help. This often means they'll receive specialized instruction in problem areas to help them catch up. Urgent Intervention (20th-24th percentile): Your child is struggling with grade-level concepts and needs targeted help. intensive support. Without prompt attention, they may fall significantly behind their peers in reading comprehension or mathematical understanding. By understanding these results, you and your child's teachers can work together to provide the right level of support and challenge in both that provides multiple scores to help educators and parents gain a deeper understanding of a student's performance. By deciphering these scores, you can identify areas of strength and weakness, and develop targeted strategies to support your child's learning journey. One of the key benefits of the Scaled Score (SS): is that it allows parents and teachers to track a child's progress over time, even across different grade levels. By comparing the current score to previous test results, parents and teachers can gauge whether the child is improving in key areas like reading comprehension, vocabulary, or math fluency. Growth percentile (SGP): If a student's growth percentile is high (e.g., 70+), it shows that the child is making more progress than the average student nationwide, indicating successful interventions and teaching strategies. If the growth percentile is lower, it might signal that the child is not progressing as expected and may need additional support. The Star Reading, Star Math, and Star Early Literacy assessments offer a comprehensive view of where a child excels and where they may need additional support. For Reading at, above, or below grade level. If a student's scaled score is lower than expected for their grade, teachers and parents can provide additional STAR reading practice or focused literacy interventions. For example, a low Grade Equivalent score might indicate that a child is struggling with comprehension, fluency, or phonics. For Math test scores show whether a student is meeting the expected math standards for their grade level. A Domain Score will point out specific areas, such as number sense, operations, or problem-solving, where the student may need focused instruction. If a student's Percentile Rank (PR) is low, teachers can review which areas of math are challenging for the student and create a plan for improvement. For Early Literacy: Early literacy assessments are particularly useful for younger students. The Star Early Literacy score can show whether a child is ready for more advanced reading activities or if they need more work on basic skills like letter recognition, phonics, or fluency Ready to Prepare Your Child for STAR Success? Shop PrepPacks by Grade! The Grade Equivalent (GE) and Percentile Rank scores allow both parents and teachers to set realistic academic goals. For Teachers: Teachers can set individual learning goals for each student based on where they are performing compared to national norms. For instance, if a student is reading at a Grade Equivalent level of 4.2 but is in 3rd grade, the teacher may focus on keeping the student challenged with 4th-grade material while also reinforcing core skills that they might be missing. For Parents: Parents can use these scores to understand where their child is excelling and where they need to focus their attention. A percentile rank of 85 means that the child is doing better than 85% of their peers, which is something to celebrate, but a percentile rank of 40 might signal that extra help is needed. This allows parents to approach areas where their child needs support in a strategic way. The Student Growth Percentile (SGP) and changes in Scaled Scores over time are excellent indicators of how well a child is responding to interventions. For Teachers: If a teacher has implemented a specific intervention (e.g., extra reading practice, math tutoring, or phonics drills), they can look at the child's SGP and other scores to see if the child's academic growth has increased. If there is minimal progress, the intervention might need to be adjusted or intensified. For Parents: Parents can monitor whether their child's performance improves after a period of extra support at home, such as more reading time or math practice. If progress is slow, parents can collaborate with teachers to explore new strategies or additional resources. For younger children, the Star Early Literacy scores can identify gaps early in the academic journey, allowing teachers and parents to provide early interventions that can prevent more significant challenges later on. For Teachers: Teachers can use these scores to implement interventions at an early stage. For example, if a student is struggling with phonemic awareness, the teacher can provide additional literacy and math skills by using targeted practice tools and activities recommended by teachers, or using adivice and games focused on early literacy skills. Star scores also provide parents with a great way to motivate children by acknowledging achievements, no matter how small. For Parents: Sharing progress with children and celebrating milestones can boost their motivation and self-esteem. If a child shows growth, even if their scores are not yet at grade level, it's important to recognize their improvement and encourage continued effort. This positive reinforcement helps children feel confident and motivated to keep improving Ready to Help Your Child Excel? Give your child the advantage they need for success on the STAR Test. Buy a STAR Test Prep Pack Now STAR Assessment scores are powerful tools for understanding and supporting a child's academic journey. By carefully interpreting these scores and working collaboratively, parents and teachers can provide targeted support that helps children develop strong foundational skills and a love for learning. While STAR scores are valuable, it's important to remember they are just one measure of academic performance. Schools typically consider multiple factors when making educational decisions for students. comprehensive educational plan tailored to your child's needs. Renaissance is the educational technology company that develops the STAR assessments along with other educators should know about the Renaissance login system: School-Provided Credentials: Schools that use Renaissance provide unique login credentials (username and password) to students, teachers, and parents. Site Renaissance ID that might be required at login. Role-Based Access: Different login credentials provide access to different features based on user roles (student, teacher, parent, or administrator). Parents typically receive login information from their child's school that allows them to: View their child's school that allows them to: View their child's reading level Students use their credentials to: Take STAR assessments when assigned Access Accelerated Reader quizzes after reading books Complete assigned the Renaissance activities, as they can provide the correct login information and troubleshooting assistance specific to your school's setup. The STAR, and other trademark holders. None of the trademark holders are affiliated with TestPrep-Online or this website. Support all pre-K - 12 students' learning journeys with assessments designed to drive instruction and accelerate reading, math, early literacy, and custom assessment Renaissance takes a holistic approach to assessments, combining computer-adaptive assessments (CAT) and curriculum-based measures (CBM), along with custom-built, standards-based assessments and non-academic assessments provides consistent data that helps educators inform instructional decisions, including next steps, throughout the year. Star Reading Guide literacy growth for K-12 students. Star Math Lead students in grades K-12 to amazing math achievement. Star CBM Get in-depth insight into elementary students' literacy development in Spanish. Star Custom Measure instruction with skill-based pre-made or custom-built assessments. ESSENTIAL INSIGHTS INTO YOUR STUDENTS' LEARNING Comprehensive reporting Visualize Screen Goals Monitor Mastery Predict performance Student growth Interactive data visualizations provide leaders with an enhanced view of Star's district reporting for more powerful insights. Dig deeper into your data than ever before using Renaissance Analytics' multiple filters, demographic comparisons, and longitudinal views. Make the most of instructional time by knowing who is performing above or at benchmark and who may need additional support or intervention. See valid, reliable data immediately after testing. Know how students are performing against school, district, or state benchmarks so you can prioritize needs and allocate resources more effectively. Take the guesswork out of setting the right goals to motivate and engage every student. An embedded, research-based goal-setting tool helps teachers set reasonable, attainable goals. Confidently move students in RTI/MTSS and an intuitive user interface. Monitor students in RTI/MTSS and an intuitive user interface. are responding to intervention in time to adjust instruction. See which students are meeting their goals and determine if students are responding to intervention with easy-to-interpret reports. See who is on track to perform well on your state's summative assessments. state's standards. Data from Star Assessments, along with instruction and practice activities, combine to provide a single, comprehensive view of students' performance. State performance reports show which students may be at risk for not meeting state proficiency requirements in time to adjust instruction. Monitor achievement and growth with one report. Student Growth Percentile (SGP) scores show you precisely how much students are growing, showcasing changes in scores between testing events. Knowing scores increased is not enough. The Star Growth Report uses growth norms and SGP to show if growth was below, above, or on par with expectations. Learn more about Star Assessments Why Star is quick and accurate How it works 1 Screen students in minimal testing time and get accurate, reliable results immediately after testing. 2 Prioritize student need and establish instructional groups that motivate, engage, and accelerate student learning. 3 Determine the early literacy, phonics, reading, and math skills students are ready to learn. 4 Support student learning with embedded resources and integrated practice activities. A closer look Dive deeper into Star Star data is linked to the ACT and SAT college entrance exams. You'll know as early as sixth grade which students are on track for meeting college expectations. In addition to achievement, Star measured, and why it matters. Help struggling readers achieve literacy with a flexible assessment solution. Star has been approved by more than two dozen states as a sole assessment solution or as part of an approved list. CODiE Awards finalist for the best solution for English language learners Learn More Trusted by educators and researchers nationwide Decades of research prove the reliability and validity of Star Assessments Data points Billions of real-world student data points guide the development of Star tests. Research studies show Star strongly correlates with other achievement tests. Independent research publications support Star Assessments. Peer-reviewed studies rely on Star as an outcome measure. The Tech Edvocate Awards finalist for Best Assessment App/Tool Learn More STAR ASSESSMENTS PROVIDE RELIABLE, VALID DATA Research-based on more than thirty years of data about how children learn and grow, the research-based Star Assessments provide educators with accurate, trustworthy data about their students' achievement and growth. Star Assessments are: Highly rated by the National Center for Intensive Intervention (NCII) Relied on by over 34,000 schools and districts across the US Proven to forecast concurrent and future state test performance See the science behind Star Learn more about how Star Assessments allow teachers to teach with confidence State linking studies for Star Assessments Forecast which students are on track to perform well on your state's summative tests with Star, you can forecast which students are on track to perform well on your state summative tests. get all students on track for success. Select your state and review the state study. Searching for schools in ZIP code --- Don't see your school? Support Login Help