

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

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Grade 5 Achievement Level Descriptors

For descriptions of the skills and sample test questions in each performance area, please visit https://or.startingsmarter.org/

English Language Arts/Literacy

Performance	
Level and	
Scale Score	Description
Range	
Level 4	A student performing at Level 4 demonstrates a thorough ability to:
Scale Score:	• read closely and analytically to comprehend texts of unusually high complexity and use textual evidence to demonstrate complex critical thinking.
2533 and	• produce compelling, well-supported writing for a diverse range of purposes and audiences.
above	critically interpret and use information delivered orally or audio-visually.
	• conduct simple research to investigate a topic and locate information and cite evidence to support ideas and opinions.
Level 3	A student performing at Level 3 demonstrates an adequate ability to:
	• read closely and analytically to comprehend texts of moderate to high complexity and use textual evidence to
Scale Score:	demonstrate critical thinking.
2473 - 2532	• produce effective and well-grounded writing for a range of purposes and audiences.
	accurately interpret and use information delivered orally or audio-visually.
	• conduct simple research to investigate a topic and locate information and cite evidence to support ideas and
	opinions.
Level 2	A student performing at Level 2 demonstrates a partial ability to:
	comprehend texts of moderate complexity and use partial text evidence to demonstrate critical thinking
Scale Score:	• produce writing for a range of purposes and audiences.
2416 - 2472	• interpret or use information delivered orally or audio-visually.
	• conduct simple research to investigate a topic and locate information and cite evidence to support ideas and
	opinions.
Level 1	A student performing at Level 1 demonstrates a minimal ability to:
	• comprehend texts of low complexity and uses minimal textual evidence to demonstrate thinking.
Scale Score:	• produce writing for a range of purposes and audiences.
2415 and	• interpret or use information delivered orally or audio-visually.
below	• conduct simple research to investigate a topic and locate information and cite evidence to support ideas and
	opinions.

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Mathematics

Performance	
Level and	Description
Scale Score	
Range	
Level 4	A student performing at Level 4 is able to:
	Interpret and carry out mathematical procedures with high precision and fluency.
Scale Score:	Make sense of a range of complex and unfamiliar problems in pure and applied mathematics with no
2549 and	scaffolding.
above	Thoroughly apply mathematical concepts.
	Analyze and interpret the context of an unfamiliar situation for problems of increasing complexity.
	Construct chains of logic about abstract concepts autonomously.
Level 3	A student performing at Level 3 is able to:
	Interpret and carry out mathematical procedures with adequate precision and fluency.
Scale Score:	Make sense of and persevere in solving a range of unfamiliar problems in pure and applied mathematics with a
2485 - 2548	limited degree of scaffolding.
	Adequately explain and apply mathematical concepts. Use stated assumptions, definitions and previous results
	to identify and repair a flawed argument.
	• Reason abstractly and quantitatively to analyze complex, real-world scenarios. Construct and use mathematical
	models and appropriate tools to accurately solve problems.
Level 2	A student performing at Level 2 is able to:
	• Interpret and carry out mathematical procedures with partial precision and fluency.
Scale Score:	Make sense of and solve familiar problems in pure and applied mathematics with a moderate degree of
2411 - 2484	scaffolding.
	• Partially explain and apply mathematical concepts. Find and identify the flaw in an argument.
	Analyze familiar real-world scenarios, and use mathematical models and given tools to partially interpret and
	solve basic problems.
Level 1	A student performing at Level 1 is able to:
	• Interpret and carry out mathematical procedures with minimal precision and fluency.
Scale Score:	Make sense of and solve simple and familiar problems in pure and applied mathematics with a high degree of
2410 and	scaffolding.
below	• Minimally explain and apply mathematical concepts. Construct arguments using concrete referents such as objects, drawings, diagrams, and actions.
	Identify familiar real-world scenarios, and use simple mathematical models and given tools to solve basic
	problems.
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Science

Performance Level and Scale Score Range	Description
Level 4 Scale Score: 3198 and above	Student can synthesize the application of science and engineering practices, core ideas, and cross-cutting concepts to local and global phenomena, becoming community members who are critical consumers of scientific information capable of engaging in scientific argumentation from evidence on track for post high school college and career readiness. Elementary science assessments include topics such as earth, the environment, matter, forces, and energy. Students ask questions and solve problems, use and develop models, compare and contrast data, make sense of phenomena, use math to answer questions and solve problems, and use evidence to construct explanations.
Level 3 Scale Score: 3162* - 3197	Student can demonstrate the application of science and engineering practices, core ideas, and cross-cutting concepts to local and global phenomena, becoming community members who are critical consumers of scientific information on track for post high school college and career readiness. Elementary science assessments include topics such as earth, the environment, matter, forces, and energy. Students ask questions and solve problems, use and develop models, compare and contrast data, make sense of phenomena, use math to answer questions and solve problems, and use evidence to construct explanations.
Level 2 Scale Score: 3131 - 3161	Student can demonstrate some application of science and engineering practices, knowledge of core ideas, and understanding of cross-cutting concepts tied to local and global phenomena. Elementary science assessments include topics such as earth, the environment, matter, forces, and energy. Students ask questions and solve problems, use and develop models, compare and contrast data, make sense of phenomena, use math to answer questions and solve problems, and use evidence to construct explanations.
Scale Score: 3130 and below	The student has not yet met the achievement standard and needs continued support in the application of science and engineering practices, knowledge of core ideas, and understanding of cross-cutting concepts tied to local and global phenomena. Elementary science assessments include topics such as earth, the environment, matter, forces, and energy. Students ask questions and solve problems, use and develop models, compare and contrast data, make sense of phenomena, use math to answer questions and solve problems, and use evidence to construct explanations.

^{*}Achievement of level 3 or higher demonstrates proficiency on the OSAS Science Assessment.

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Additional Information:

- Oregon Department of Education website concerning Statewide Assessment https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Pages/Statewide-Assessments.aspx
- Oregon Statewide Assessment System Design and Purpose https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/OSAS_One-Pager.pdf
- Why State Testing Matters
 https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/FamilyFlyer_English.pdf
- Oregon Department of Education website concerning Statewide Assessment
 https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Pages/Statewide-Assessments.aspx
- Sample Test Scoring Guides for ELA https://osasportal.org/resources/student-and-families/sample-test-scoring-guides-for-ela
- Sample Test Scoring Guides for Math https://osasportal.org/resources/student-and-families/sample-test-scoring-guides-for-math
- Sample Test Scoring Guides for Science https://osasportal.org/resources/student-and-families/sample-test-scoring-guides-for-science