Understanding the Criterion-Referenced Tests (CRTs) Grades 3-8

A Guide for Families

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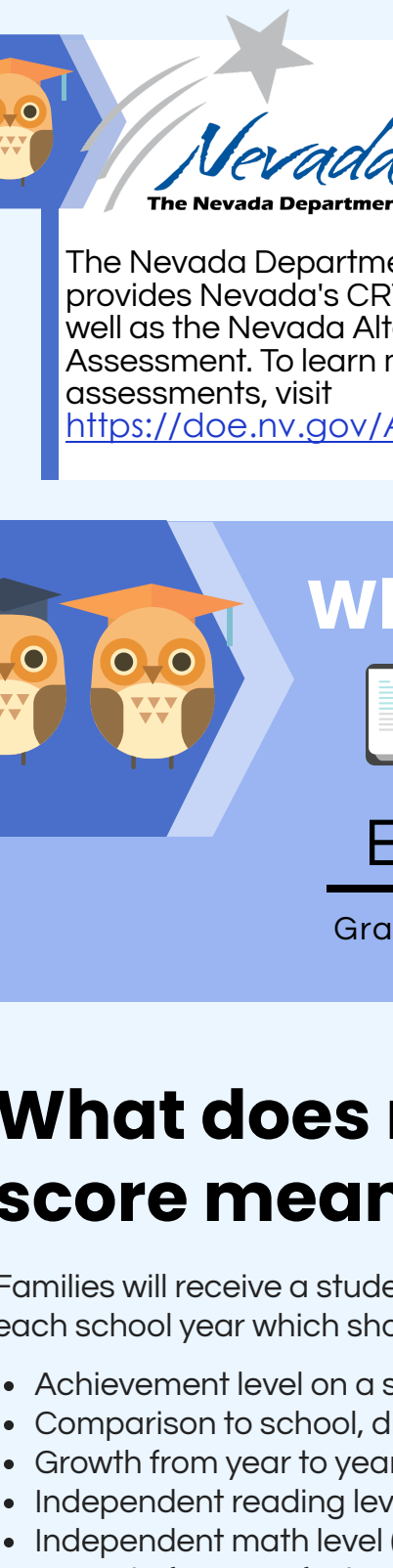
What are the CRTs?

- CRTs are state tests your child will take at the end of the school year to demonstrate their understanding of grade level standards.
- CRTs help measure student progress toward college and career readiness.
- Online CRTs are computer adaptive. As your child answers questions correctly, they see more challenging questions. As they answer incorrectly, they see less challenging items.
- Identified special education students take the Nevada Alternate Assessment (NAA) as a state test.

Why does my child take the CRTs?

Federal and state laws require all public school students receive a quality education. CRTs help the Nevada Department of Education and Clark County School District to:

- Identify schools that need additional resources (e.g., teachers, programs, and materials).
- Celebrate schools demonstrating high levels of student success.
- Measure a school's effectiveness through a star rating, along with other factors.



Click here to learn more about school star ratings.

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The Nevada Department of Education provides Nevada's CRTs for Science as well as the Nevada Alternate Assessment. To learn more about state assessments, visit https://doe.nv.gov/Assessments.

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) provides Nevada's CRTs for English language arts and Mathematics. To learn more about Smarter Balanced assessments, visit www.smarterbalanced.org.

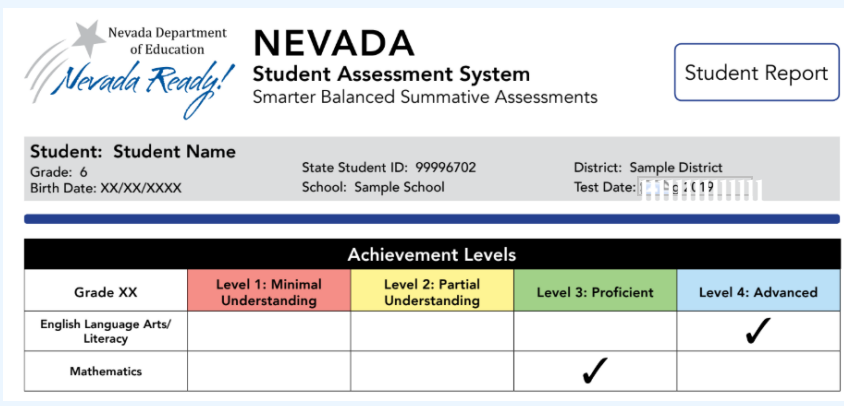
Which CRTs will my child take?

ELA	Mathematics	Science
Grades 3-8	Grades 3-8	Grades 5 and 8

What does my child's score mean?

Families will receive a student score report at the beginning of each school year which shows your child's:

- Achievement level on a scale of 1-4.
- Comparison to school, district, and state averages.
- Growth from year to year.
- Independent reading level (Lexile).
- Independent math level (Quantile).
- Areas to focus on for improvement.



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NEVADA
Student Assessment System
Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments

Student Report

Student: Student Name
Grade: 6
Birth Date: XX/XX/XXXX
State Student ID: 99996702
School: Sample School
District: Sample District
Test Date:

Achievement Levels				
Grade XX	Level 1: Minimal Understanding	Level 2: Partial Understanding	Level 3: Proficient	Level 4: Advanced
English Language Arts/ Literacy				✓
Mathematics			✓	

CRT scores are just a snapshot of your child's achievement. Students also participate in many different assessments throughout the year including:

Experiments, Reports, Discussions, Projects, Conferences, Worksheets

Speak with a school counselor or teacher to get a total picture of your child's achievement and growth.

How much time will my child spend on taking required assessments in a school year?

Elementary Schools (K-5)

Instructional Time 96.42%

Testing Time 3.58%

Middle Schools (6-8)

Instructional Time 96.19%

Testing Time 3.81%

For more information on state and district assessments, go to aarsi.ccsd.net.

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