

AzMERIT 2015 Scores

“The story is not that the scores dove. It is that expectations soared.”
Joe O’Reilly Executive Director at Mesa Public Schools

New state standardized test shows most students lack mastery and a widespread lack of proficiency. The assessment reflects higher expectations, and for now, there is no cutoff that mandates extra help or holding students back.

Terms you’ll need to know:

- **PLD:** Performance Level Descriptors: Based on the AzCCRS
 - Drafts can be found at:
www.azed.gov/assessmet/azmeritsuportmaterials
- **OIB:** Ordered Item Booklet: Items from the assessments placed along the continuum from easiest to hardest. Used to create the cut score divisions
 - Items were placed based on how many students answered the test item correctly
- **Levels of achievement on AzMERIT: ELA**
 - **Minimally (Below) Proficient:** Level 1 student: grade-appropriate, low complexity texts
 - **Partially (Approaching) Proficient:** Level 2 student: grade-appropriate, low-to-moderate complexity texts
 - **Proficient: Level 3 student:** grade-appropriate, moderate-to-high complexity texts
 - **Highly Proficient:** Level 4 student: high-complexity texts.
 - **For Math, the labels are stated with no individual descriptions**

Scores broken down. Source: ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Reading

	Minimally Proficient	Partially Proficient	Proficient	Highly Proficient
Grade 3	44%	15%	31%	10%
Grade 4	43%	19%	33%	5%
Grade 5	37%	33%	27%	3%
Grade 6	39%	27%	30%	4%
Grade 7	41%	26%	29%	4%
Grade 8	40%	27%	26%	6%
Grade 9	47%	26%	21%	6%
Grade 10	49%	21%	22%	8%
Grade 11	54%	20%	17%	8%

Math

	Minimally Proficient	Partially Proficient	Proficient	Highly Proficient
Grade 3	27%	31%	27%	15%
Grade 4	29%	29%	32%	10%
Grade 5	29%	31%	27%	13%
Grade 6	38%	30%	21%	11%
Grade 7	48%	22%	18%	13%
Grade 8	43%	24%	20%	13%
Algebra I	45%	23%	23%	9%
Geometry	47%	24%	24%	6%
Algebra II	47%	24%	23%	6%