

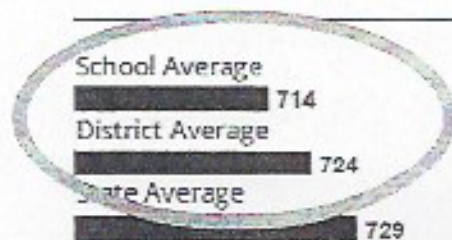
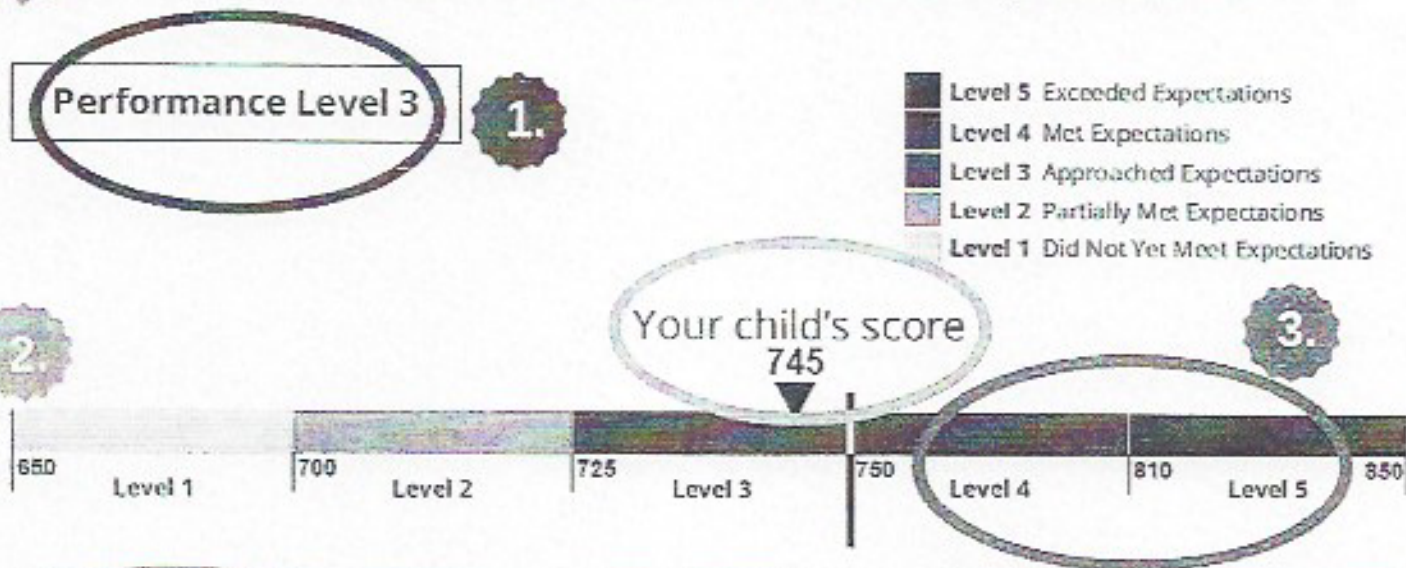
Understanding the New PARCC Home Score Report for English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics Tests



The 2015-16 school year was the second year of the PARCC assessments for English Language Arts/Literacy and mathematics which align to the Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards. The tests measure complex skills such as critical thinking and problem solving, with an emphasis on supporting an argument and synthesis in writing. The PARCC assessments require students to read, write, and reflect; analyze and show results; and utilize information from multiple sources in a real-world context. PARCC scores should be used along with a student's classroom performance, report card grades, and teacher feedback to form a clear picture of a student's progress toward meeting academic standards.

How to Read Your Student's Score Report

- 1.** Overall Performance- Students receive an overall score in each subject that falls into one of five performance levels. Performance levels range from Level 1 which indicates that a student has not yet met grade level expectations to Level 5 which indicates that the student has exceeded the grade level expectations.
- 2.** Score Range- This scale includes the score ranges for each performance level and shows where your student's score falls within that range.
- 3.** On Track for College and Career- Students scoring a 4 or 5 meet or exceed grade-level expectations and are on track to be ready for college-level coursework when they graduate from high school.
- 4.** Overall Score Comparisons – This section shows how your student is performing compared to students in the same grade at the same school, across the school district, and around the state. It also details the percentage of students who achieved at the different performance levels.



How Students in Maryland Performed

