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**English Language Arts**  Your child's performance level is **Level 1**

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**Mathematics**  Your child's performance level is **Level 1**

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English Language Arts

Your child’s performance level is Level 3

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Mathematics

Your child’s performance level is Level 1

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Mathematics

Your child's scale score is **1239**

**Your child's performance level is Level 2**

**Level 2** Children performing at this level use built-in supports to show what they know and can do. A child is generally able to: solve simple multiplication problems using mathematical language and symbolic representations (e.g., <, >, =); round numbers; identify parts and wholes; identify equivalent fractions; identify one set of objects divided into two equal parts; identify the parts of 2-dimensional shape; and compute the perimeter of a rectangle.
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English Language Arts

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Mathematics

Your child's scale score is 1232
Your child's performance level is Level 2

Level 2 Children performing at this level use built-in supports to show what they know and can do. A child is generally able to: solve simple problems with decimals using mathematical language and symbolic representations (e.g., <, >, =); identify place values; round decimal numbers; identify the effects of addition and multiplication; identify a representation of addition of fractions; and convert standard measurements.
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Mathematics

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Your child’s performance level is Level 2

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## Mathematics

Your child's scale score is **1241**

Your child's performance level is **Level 3**

**Level 3** Children performing at this level use built-in supports to show what they know and can do. A child is generally able to:
- demonstrate an understanding of positive and negative values on a number line;
- describe mean, median or mode in a data set;
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Mathematics

Your child's scale score is **1249**

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English Language Arts  

**Your child's scale score is 1237**  
**Your child's performance level is Level 2**

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Mathematics  

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**Your child's performance level is Level 1**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This report shows your child’s scale score and performance level for the 2017 Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) in Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA).

The MSAA is a group of states that have partnered to develop and administer your state's online alternate assessment for Mathematics and ELA for grades 3 - 8 and 11. The MSAA is designed to assess students with significant cognitive disabilities and measures academic content that is aligned to and derived from your state's content standards. The test contains many built-in supports that allow students to take the test using materials they are most familiar with and to communicate what they know and can do as independently as possible. These are some of the built-in supports found in the MSAA:

- shortened ELA reading passages
- pictures, charts, tables, and maps to help students understand the reading passages
- models and examples that explain important ideas and concepts that students can use during the ELA and mathematics tests
- common geometric shapes such as circles, triangles, and squares
- smaller numbers on the mathematics tests
- the option to have the entire test read aloud

In order to support communication independence to the greatest extent possible, the MSAA is designed to work with different communication modes and systems. Please discuss the supports your child used on the MSAA with your child's teacher.

On the following pages, the scale score and performance levels for each content area summarizes your child’s performance on the ELA and mathematics. The performance level descriptors describe the knowledge and skills that children who perform at this level generally demonstrate.

More information and resources for helping your child are available at your state’s alternate assessment web page or by talking with your child’s teacher. If you require this letter or your child’s report in a different format, please contact your state’s department of education.
English Language Arts

Your child's performance level is Level 1

Level 1

Children performing at this level use built-in supports to show what they know and can do. A child is generally able to: use brief literary text with simple sentences to identify a summary of a text, events, identify a word used to describe a person, place, thing, action or event, and use context to define words; use brief informational text with simple sentences to identify central idea, facts, what an author tells about a topic, a word used to describe a person, place, thing, action or event, and use context to define words; and develop an explanatory text by identifying information which is or is not related to the topic.

Mathematics

Your child's performance level is Level 1

Level 1

Children performing at this level use built-in supports to show what they know and can do. A child is generally able to: solve simple real world problems with numerals and symbols; write equations; represent quantities in multiple combinations; complete the formula for area of a figure; determine whether a given point is or is not part of a data set shown on a graph; and identify an extension of a line graph.