

# Ohio's State Tests Interpretive Guide Family Reports High School

## Understanding Your Student's Test Scores Spring 2021

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This guide explains what each part of your student's score report means. The following pages show a sample report for a student named Jolyne Smith. Your student's scores and progress are in a report like Jolyne's.

This guide applies to score reports for the following high school subjects:

- Algebra I
- American Government
- American History
- Biology
- English Language Arts I
- English Language Arts II
- Geometry
- Integrated Mathematics I
- Integrated Mathematics II

What information is in this guide?



Family of Jolyne W. Smith  
Birth Date: 03/17/2005  
School: ABC School (123456)  
District: ABC District (987654)

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### Ohio's State Tests

ALGEBRA I  
SPRING 2021

This report provides the score for the state test in Algebra I that Jolyne took in spring 2021, explains what the score means, and includes ideas for how your family can help Jolyne improve, if needed.

Visit [reportcard.ohio.gov](http://reportcard.ohio.gov) to view your school and district report card.

For information on how you can help your child do better in school, subscribe to parent text alerts. Visit [education.ohio.gov/test](http://education.ohio.gov/test) and sign up.

#### Algebra I Test Competency Score

Preparing students to achieve after high school means understanding the knowledge, skills and competencies required to be successful. Ohio law enacted new, long-term graduation requirements for the classes of 2023 and beyond. As part of these graduation requirements, students now must demonstrate competency in the foundational areas of English language arts and mathematics. Based on feedback from education and business stakeholders and in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Higher Education and Office of Workforce Transformation, the Ohio Department of Education determined the competency score would be set at 684 on the Algebra I test.

Students achieving 684 or higher on the test have met the competency score requirement for the subject area. Students not achieving the competency score may have alternative options to demonstrate competency for graduation. For more information, visit <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/OhioNewGraduationRequirements>.

Jolyne's score is 686. She meets the competency score.

Your student's **name, birth date, school, and district** appear at the top of the first page, along with introduction text.

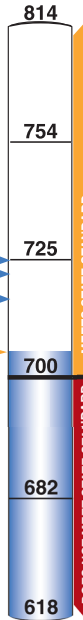
Parents can find **resources and information** by visiting the websites near the bottom of the page.

*Disclaimer: The data in the Family Report sample are for display purposes only and do not represent actual results. The student's name on the sample is fictitious, and any similarity to an actual student name is purely coincidental.*

FAMILY SCORE REPORT

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Algebra I assessment

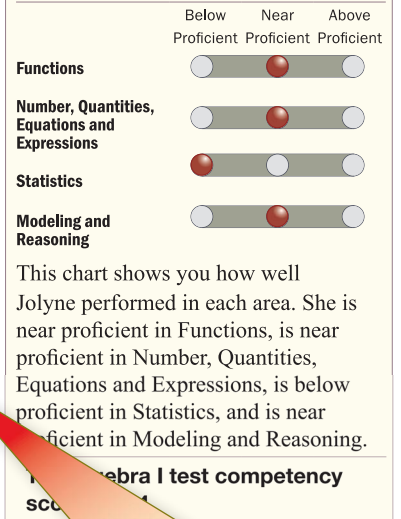


**Jolyne's score is 706.**  
She has performed at the proficient level and meets standards for Algebra I.

School Average Score: 725  
District Average Score: 721  
State Average Score: 717

- Advanced** - A student with a score of Advanced can create quadratic and exponential equations and inequalities to solve non-routine problems, and can interpret function notation and data in terms of its context.
- Accelerated** - A student with a score of Accelerated can rewrite exponential expressions in multiple forms appropriate to the context, interpret the graphs of functions in context, and interpret categorical data displays in context.
- Proficient** - A student with a score of Proficient can solve multi-step linear equations, interpret key features of functions, compare functions, and summarize categorical data in two categories using tables or graphs.
- Basic** - A student with a score of Basic can create and solve simple linear equations and inequalities in one or two variables, recognize exponential functions, and interpret key features of scatterplots.
- Limited** - A student with a score of Limited can solve simple linear equations and inequalities, graph simple linear functions, and describe the comparison center (mean, median) of two data sets.

Has Jolyne reached proficient in the areas of Algebra I?



This chart shows you how well Jolyne performed in each area. She is near proficient in Functions, is near proficient in Number, Quantities, Equations and Expressions, is below proficient in Statistics, and is near proficient in Modeling and Reasoning.

What is in my student's score report?

What are your child's strengths and weaknesses in Algebra I?

Functions

Students analyze and compare functions represented...

Your student's Ohio's State Test **score** and **performance level** are shown in a box with an arrow pointing to the shaded portion of the barrel graph. Provided for comparison are average scores for all students in the same grade at your student's school (School Average Score) and school district (District Average Score) and for all students in the same grade in Ohio public schools (State Average Score).

**Scores above the solid black line** meet the state standard. **Scores below the solid black line** do not meet the state standard.

**Detailed performance level descriptors** for each subject appear in your student's score report and describe the general skills and abilities of students who take Ohio's State Tests. For additional information, please refer to the reporting resources page of the Ohio's State Tests Portal.

Jolyne Scored Below Proficient

Students summarize and interpret one- and two-variable data. They represent the data using box plots, line plots and histograms, two-way tables and scatterplots. They identify and express trends in two-variable data using linear models.

**WHAT THESE RESULTS MEAN**  
Your child describes the median and mean of two different data sets but may struggle summarizing categorical data using two-way frequency tables or fitting a linear function to data.

**NEXT STEPS**  
With your child, discuss examples of two-variable data that seem strongly correlated and what the variables have in common that leads to an appearance of causation (ice cream and sunscreen sales).

Modeling and Reasoning

Students analyze, make sense of, and apply mathematics to solve real-world problems. They draw, justify, and communicate conclusions or inferences supported by logical and mathematical thinking.

Jolyne Scored Near Proficient

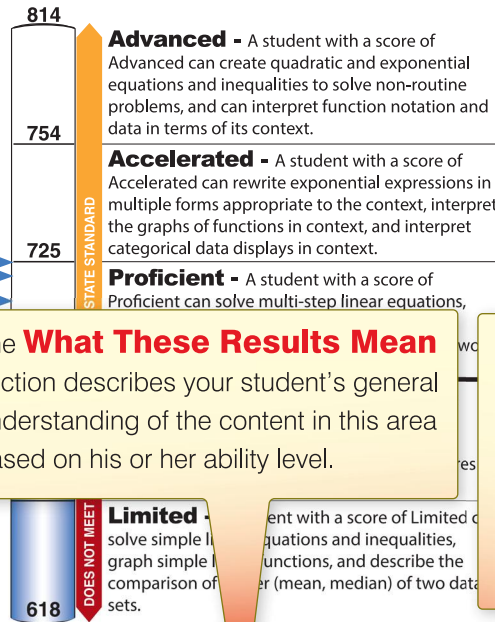
**WHAT THESE RESULTS MEAN**  
Your child solves most routine real-world problems mathematically. Your child's thinking relates skills and concepts to mathematical principles.

**NEXT STEPS**  
Your child needs to use more mathematical terms, symbols and models to solve and explain real-world problems.

FAMILY SCORE REPORT

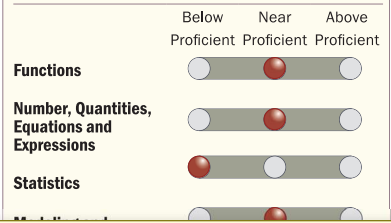


Algebra I assessment



**Jolyne's score is 706.**  
She has performed

Has Jolyne reached proficient in the areas of Algebra I?



A **description of each area** appears in the far left column and describes tasks that students who are proficient in each area are able to perform.

The **What These Results Mean** section describes your student's general understanding of the content in this area based on his or her ability level.

The **Next Steps** recommendations are based on your student's overall subject performance level. This section provides information on activities you can do with your student to build on strengths and alleviate weaknesses in the subjects assessed.

What are your child's strengths and weaknesses in Algebra I?

Area	Score	Performance Level
<b>Functions</b>	706	Jolyne Scored Near Proficient
<b>Number, Quantities, Equations and Expressions</b>	706	Jolyne Scored Near Proficient
<b>Statistics</b>	706	Jolyne Scored Below Proficient
<b>Modeling and Reasoning</b>	706	Jolyne Scored Near Proficient



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the purpose of Ohio's State Tests?

State achievement tests tell us how well our students are performing in the knowledge and skills outlined in Ohio's Learning Standards. These tests help guide and strengthen future teaching so we can be sure that we are preparing our students for long-term success in school, college, careers and life. Test results also allow citizens to know how their local schools are performing compared to others around the state.

### How were the tests developed?

Test development is an extensive, ongoing process for ensuring that state tests are valid and appropriate measures of student knowledge and skills.

The Ohio Department of Education worked with Ohio educators and the American Institutes for Research to develop the state tests. Content advisory committees, as well as fairness and sensitivity committees discussed whether test items were accurate and fair, were suitable for the course and measured an aspect of Ohio's Learning Standards.

After the tests were built, another group of educators serving on a standard-setting committee recommended cut scores for five performance levels. The State Board of Education approved these recommendations. Find all performance standards and performance-level descriptors on the [reporting resources](#) page of the Ohio's State Tests portal.

### What if there are blanks or no score on the score report?

If your student's test was invalidated, no scores will appear on the report. In addition, the section about student strengths and weakness detailed on page 3 of this guide will say "No data available. Talk with your student's teacher if you have questions." Please contact your student's school if you have a question or concern about these statements.

## Glossary of Terms/Definitions

**Content Areas**—Content areas are also known as subjects (for example, English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies).

**Ohio's Learning Standards**—Ohio's Learning Standards define what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. Find information about Ohio's Learning Standards on the Ohio Department of Education website at [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov).

**Performance Levels**—There are five performance levels of achievement in each subject area. Three of the performance levels (Advanced, Accelerated and Proficient) are above the "passing" score of 700. Two performance levels (Basic and Limited) are below the "passing" score. The accelerated level of performance suggests that a student is on track for college and career readiness. Each subject area has its own specific descriptions of each of these performance levels, called Performance Level Descriptors. Performance Level Descriptors for all content areas may be found on the [reporting resources](#) page of the Ohio's State Tests portal.

**Reporting Categories**—Each test has three to five reporting categories. Reporting categories are the major areas tested within each subject. For example, areas for integrated mathematics I are Geometry, Statistics, Algebra, Number & Quantity Functions, and Modeling and Reasoning.

**Reporting Category Indicators**—The test results present groups of similar skills or learning standards measured on the test in reporting categories. For example, a reporting category within integrated mathematics I would be statistics. Student performance on statistics or other areas within the reporting category is reported with an indicator. These indicators are *below proficient*, *near proficient* and *above proficient*.

**Scores**—Raw scores (points earned) cannot be compared across different test forms, so they are converted to scaled scores for reporting purposes. Scaled scores may be compared across different administrations of the same test. For example, scaled scores for students who took the English language arts I state test this year may be compared with those of students who took it last year. Scaled scores are not comparable across different subjects.