

**Definitions of Performance Levels  
for the 2019 Grades 3-8 Mathematics Tests**

**NYS Level 1:** Students performing at this level are well below proficient in standards for their grade. They demonstrate limited knowledge, skills, and practices embodied by the New York State P-12 Common Core Learning Standards for Mathematics that are considered insufficient for the expectations at this grade.

**NYS Level 2:** Students performing at this level are partially proficient in standards for their grade. They demonstrate knowledge, skills, and practices embodied by the New York State P-12 Common Core Learning Standards for Mathematics that are considered partial but insufficient for the expectations at this grade. Students performing at Level 2 are considered on track to meet current New York high school graduation requirements but are not yet proficient on Common Core Learning Standards at this grade.

**NYS Level 3:** Students performing at this level are proficient in standards for their grade. They demonstrate knowledge, skills, and practices embodied by the New York State P-12 Common Core Learning Standards for Mathematics that are considered sufficient for the expectations at this grade.

**NYS Level 4:** Students performing at this level excel in standards for their grade. They demonstrate knowledge, skills, and practices embodied by the New York State P-12 Common Core Learning Standards for Mathematics that are considered more than sufficient for the expectations at this grade.

**Scale Score Ranges Associated with Each Performance Level**

| <b>Grade</b> | <b>NYS Level 1</b> | <b>NYS Level 2</b> | <b>NYS Level 3</b> | <b>NYS Level 4</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 3            | 524-586            | 587-599            | 600-614            | 615-645            |
| 4            | 521-587            | 588-601            | 602-613            | 614-648            |
| 5            | 527-591            | 592-603            | 604-615            | 616-649            |
| 6            | 529-591            | 592-603            | 604-615            | 616-649            |
| 7            | 520-592            | 593-605            | 606-617            | 618-643            |
| 8            | 520-595            | 596-609            | 610-621            | 622-653            |