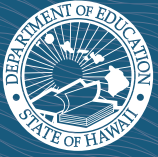


Student Name: John Doe
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Grade

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John's ELA/Literacy Score

256

Well Below Proficiency

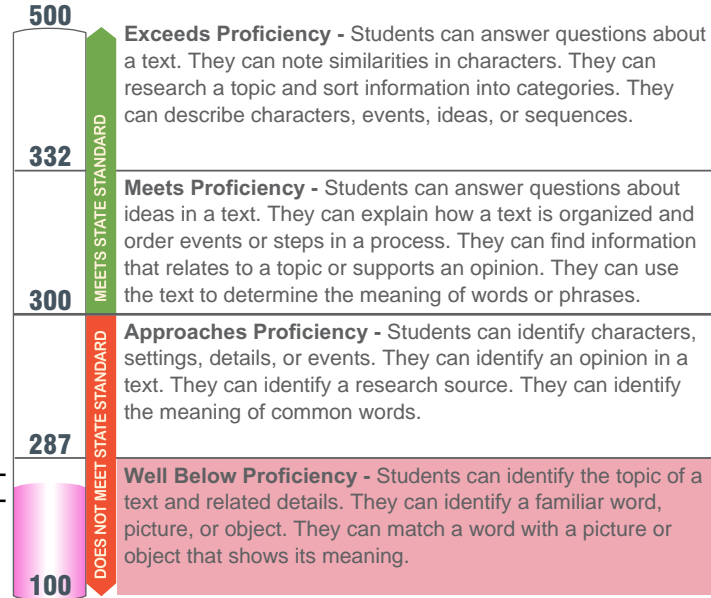
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John's Score: 256

How does this compare?

	Average Score
State Average	294
Complex Area Average	294



ELA/Literacy Areas Being Assessed in Grade 3

Literature

Literature skills are based on understanding fictional texts such as fables, folktales, stories, poems, plays, and myths. Skills that are tested include: answering questions about ideas clearly stated in a text; identifying events, details, characters, or settings in a text; matching a word with a picture or object to show its meaning; and finding similar characters in more than one story.

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Language

Language skills are based on understanding written and spoken English. Skills that are tested include: explaining the meaning of common words and phrases, including those with more than one meaning; sorting words into categories; and using the right words to show the order of events or a change in time.

Writing

Writing skills are based on understanding written English and how it is used to express ideas. Skills that are tested include: finding information that supports an opinion stated in a text; developing a topic by adding facts, definitions, and details; choosing a source that is relevant to a topic; and finding a fact or example about the same topic.

Performance Level

John scored in the Well Below Proficiency range. Students who score in this range should be able to:

- Identify the subject of a text.
- Identify a familiar word, picture, or object.
- Match a word with a picture/object that shows its meaning.
- Express or choose an opinion.

Next Steps

Based on John's Performance This Year

Find reading material that matches your child's interests and needs (such as sports magazines, large-print books, videos, and audio books). Take your child to the library to borrow materials that you can read together. Make time to read with your child at home. Start by reading for short amounts of time and build up to longer periods as his/her attention span increases. As you read, ask your child to look at or touch the pictures on the page or hold an object related to the text. Ask simple questions about information clearly stated in the text (like "Does the storyteller like to cook?" or "Which character likes to paint?" or "What did we read about?"). Play word association games, such as asking your child to pick out an item from a set of familiar objects (like "Which one is the ball?"). Ask your child's teacher about other ways you can continue your child's learning at home.



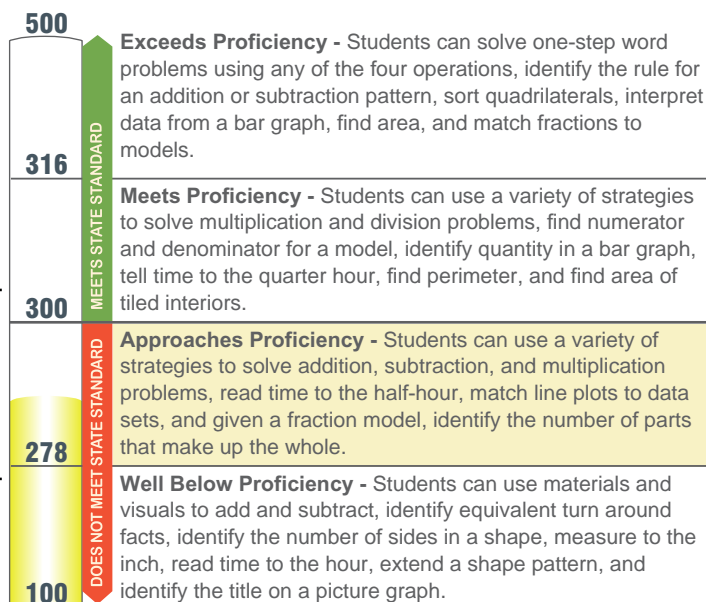
John's Mathematics Score

288
Approaches Proficiency

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John's Score: 288



How does this compare?

	Average Score
State Average	290
Complex Area Average	303

Mathematics Areas Being Assessed in Grade 3

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

Operations and Algebraic Thinking skills are based on the understanding of whole number computation (+, -, x, ÷). Tested skills include using objects and/or equations to represent and solve problems; identifying and continuing patterns; and adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing whole numbers.

Numbers and Operations in Base Ten

Numbers and Operations in Base Ten skills are based on the understanding of place value (ones, tens, etc.) and whole numbers with many digits. Tested skills include using place value to represent, round, and compare whole numbers, and determining the unknown quantity in equations.

Numbers and Operations - Fractions

Numbers and Operations - Fraction skills are based on the understanding that fractions represent part to whole relationships with equal partitioning of the whole essential. Tested skills include using fraction models to represent, compare, and order fractions; identifying equivalent fractions; and comparing fractions with the same numerator or denominator.

Measurement and Data

Measurement and Data skills are based on the understanding of what can be measured (time, distance, volume, and weight) and how data can be collected, analyzed, and displayed. Tested skills include: telling time; measuring lengths; using appropriate units of measure; finding perimeter, area, and volume; and matching data sets to line plot displays.

Geometry

Geometry skills are based on the understanding of geometric shapes and their properties. Tested skills include sorting and labeling shapes based on their characteristics (for example, the number of sides of a shape).

Performance Level

John scored in the Approaches Proficiency range. Students who score in this range should be able to:

- Add or subtract using different strategies.
- Identify rules for addition or subtraction patterns using visuals.
- Recognize equivalent addition expressions.
- Given visuals, round whole numbers to the nearest 10.
- Given a fraction model, identify the number of parts that make up the whole.
- Tell time to the half hour.
- Match line plots with their data set.
- Distinguish between quadrilaterals and non-quadrilaterals.

Next Steps

Based on John's Performance This Year

With your child, solve real-world problems using addition/subtraction/ multiplication of whole numbers. Help your child relate addition and multiplication [for example, $(2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 2 \times 4 = 8)$]. Use a tape measure to compare the location of whole numbers. Measure the dimensions of a rectangular space. Ask your child to identify whole numbers on a number line. Cook together and compare measuring cup sizes: 1, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, and 1/8. Work with your child on identifying the next shape in a shape pattern. Ask your child's teacher about other ways you can continue your child's learning at home.

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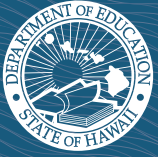
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Hawai'i



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Grade

4

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Jane's ELA/Literacy Score

406
Exceeds
Proficiency

Jane's ELA/Literacy score is 406. This score is higher than the average score of fourth graders in her complex area, and higher than that of fourth graders statewide for this test.

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How does this compare?

	Average Score
State Average	290
Complex Area Average	329

Jane's
Score:
406



Exceeds Proficiency - Students can compare characters, themes, or ideas in similar texts. They can understand the way information is organized (such as cause/effect). They can explain information about a topic. They can use words correctly.

Meets Proficiency - Students can use details from a text to answer questions about that text. They can write about a topic by adding facts, definitions, or details. They can use clues in a sentence or paragraph to find the meaning of unknown words.

Approaches Proficiency - Students can identify important events in stories. They can identify an opinion about a topic. They can identify a sequence of steps and categorize information. Students can identify descriptive words or phrases.

Well Below Proficiency - Students can recognize details about characters, settings, or events. They can answer questions about information directly stated in a text. They can identify an event or a step in a process. They can match a word to a picture or object that shows its meaning.

ELA/Literacy Areas Being Assessed in Grade 4

Literature

Literature skills are based on understanding fictional texts such as stories, poems, plays, fables, and folktales. Skills that are tested include: finding details to answer a question based on facts in the text; describing characters, settings, or events; pointing out words and phrases in texts that describe feelings; and describing how two stories are alike.

Informational Text

Informational Text skills are based on understanding non-fiction texts like biographies, articles, and short step-by-step procedures. Skills that are tested include: finding facts to support an answer; pointing out details to support a main idea; describing steps or events using information from a text; connecting words that have similar meanings; comparing two texts about the same topic; recognizing facts from a text; and collecting information about a topic from different sources.

Language

Language skills are based on the student's understanding of written and spoken English. Skills that are tested include: figuring out the meaning of unknown words by using clues in the sentence where the words appear; making real-life connections between words and the way they are used; and using words learned from texts.

Writing

Writing skills are based on the student's understanding of written English and how it is used to express ideas. Skills that are tested include: explaining an opinion on a given topic; organizing information about a topic; finding supporting statements for an opinion; developing a topic by adding related facts, definitions, or details; and connecting research and a topic.

Performance Level

Jane scored in the Exceeds Proficiency range. Students who score in this range should be able to:

- Identify a detail to answer a question about a text.
- Identify a relationship between characters in the text.
- Explain how themes in related stories are alike.
- Explain how texts are organized (like cause/effect).
- Organize research to address a specific purpose.
- Use different strategies to find word meanings.
- State an opinion.

Next Steps

Based on Jane's Performance This Year

Read different types of texts with your child, such as editorials or comic books. Have your child tell you the main idea or the author's message and find key details to support it. He/she can circle those details in the text or mark them with sticky notes. Ask your child to retell a story in his/her own words, including a beginning, a middle, and an end. Help your child practice word meanings by playing an "I Spy" game. Give him/her a clue about a word; for example, "I spy something I wear on my foot" (a sock) or "I spy something I like to eat" (nuts). Your child can work on his/her word knowledge by making a picture book. Staple together a few blank papers and write a word at the top of each one. Below the word, help your child write a sentence that uses the word correctly. Have your child paste or draw a picture of that word. Ask your child's teacher about other ways you can continue your child's learning at home.



Jane's Mathematics Score

341

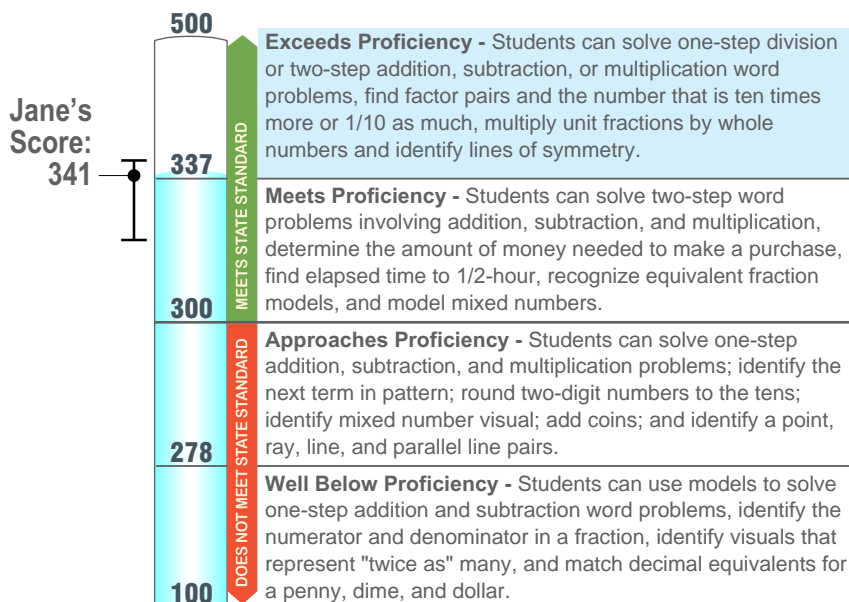
Exceeds Proficiency

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How does this compare?

	Average Score
State Average	282
Complex Area Average	311



Mathematics Areas Being Assessed in Grade 4

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

Operations and Algebraic Thinking skills are based on the understanding of whole number computation (+, -, x, ÷). Tested skills include solving problems with all four operations; using objects and/or equations to represent and solve word problems; and finding the factor pairs for a whole number.

Numbers and Operations in Base Ten

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Numbers and Operations - Fractions

Numbers and Operations - Fraction skills are based on the understanding that fractions represent part to whole relationships. Tested skills include comparing fractions with the same denominator; creating equivalent fractions; finding sums and differences for fractions with the same denominator; and multiplying a unit fraction by a whole number.

Measurement and Data

Measurement and Data skills are based on representing measurable characteristics and understanding what they mean. Tested skills include changing feet to inches; matching time on a schedule to time on a clock; recognizing decimal equivalents for coins; calculating money sums; interpreting line plots; and understanding how to measure an angle.

Geometry

Geometry skills are based on the understanding of geometric shapes and their properties. Tested skills include identifying point, ray, line, angle, right angle, parallel and perpendicular line pairs, and lines of symmetry drawn through a shape.

Performance Level

Jane scored in the Exceeds Proficiency range. Students who score in this range should be able to:

- Identify rules for number patterns.
- Solve one-step division or two-step addition/subtraction/multiplication word problems.
- Find factor pairs.
- Find the number that is ten times more or 1/10 as much.
- Compare three-digit numbers.
- Add or subtract fractions and mixed numbers and multiply unit fractions by a whole number.
- Translate between dollars and cents notation.
- Find elapsed time to the quarter hour.
- Interpret line plots that display halves and wholes.
- Add two or more angles and identify lines of symmetry.

Next Steps

Based on Jane's Performance This Year

With your child, find real-world situations where math is used. For example:

Calculate the cost of purchases or how much change you should get.

Convert units of measure. Ask: "Can a table that is 27 inches wide fit through a door that is 2 feet wide?" (12 inches in a foot, so the door is $2 \times 12 = 24$ inches and the table is too wide to fit).

Create rules for patterns you find.

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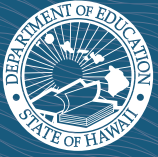
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Grade

5

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Jane's ELA/Literacy Score

352
Exceeds Proficiency

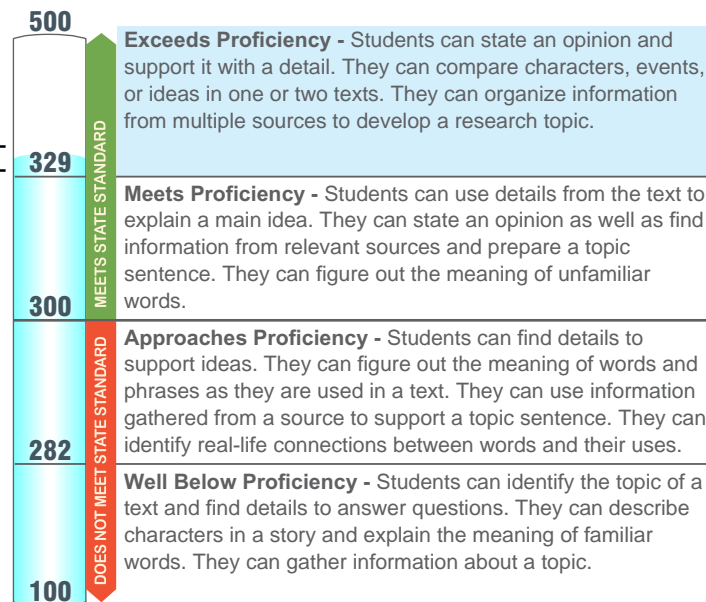
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How does this compare?

	Average Score
State Average	301
Complex Area Average	312

Jane's Score: 352



ELA/Literacy Areas Being Assessed in Grade 5

Literature

Literature skills are based on the understanding of fictional texts such as stories, poems, fables, and folk tales. Skills that are tested include: finding details to answer a question about information not stated directly in the text; recognizing the theme of different types of stories or poems; comparing or contrasting characters, settings, or events; explaining the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text; and describing differences between stories of the same type (like folk tales).

Informational Text

Informational Text skills are based on understanding non-fiction texts such as news articles, advertisements, and instruction manuals. Skills that are tested include: finding details to support main ideas or to answer questions about information not stated directly; making connections between events or procedures; identifying meanings of unfamiliar words in a text by making connections with other key words; noting whether information in texts is organized in the same or in different ways; using print or graphic sources to answer questions; or researching a topic.

Language

Language skills are based on the student's understanding of written and spoken English. Skills that are tested include: using different strategies to determine the meanings of words and phrases; identifying synonyms (same meaning) or antonyms (opposite meaning) of familiar words; and using words and phrases associated with a specific topic.

Writing

Writing skills are based on the understanding of written English and how it is used to express ideas. Skills that are tested include: expressing and supporting an opinion; providing details that support an author's purpose; developing a topic by adding related facts, definitions, specific details, quotations, or examples; and summarizing information gathered from research.

Performance Level

Jane scored in the Exceeds Proficiency range. Students who score in this range should be able to:

- State an opinion and support it with a detail.
- Connect story elements (like setting or plot) to a theme.
- Tell how characters/settings/ideas are alike or different.
- Tell how a theme or topic is discussed similarly or differently in two texts.
- Organize information from multiple sources to develop a research topic.
- Identify words that have opposite meanings.

Next Steps

Based on Jane's Performance This Year

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Jane's Mathematics Score

309

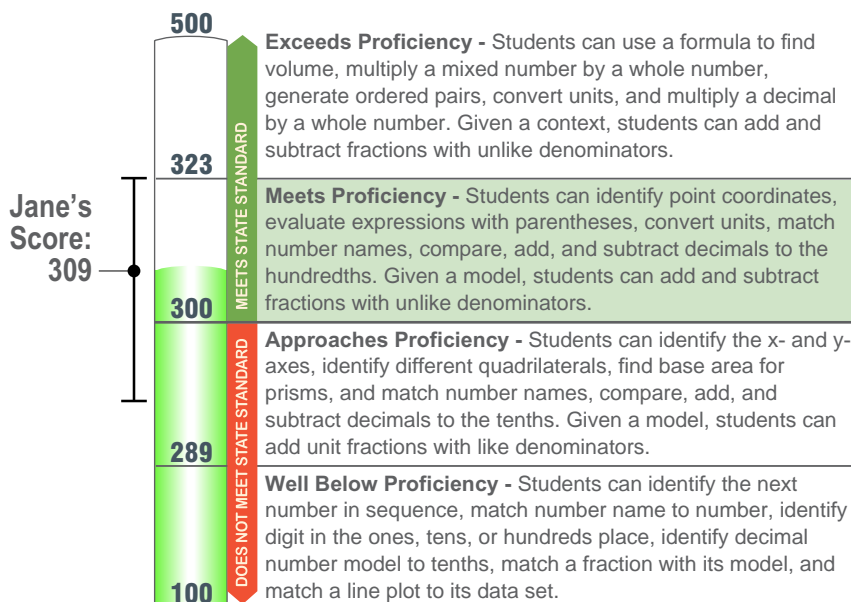
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How does this compare?

	Average Score
State Average	299
Complex Area Average	304



Mathematics Areas Being Assessed in Grade 5

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

Operations and Algebraic Thinking skills are based on the understanding of patterns and whole number computation. Tested skills include interpreting expressions and evaluating expressions that contain parentheses, and creating two patterns that follow two different rules.

Numbers and Operations in Base Ten

Numbers and Operations in Base Ten skills are based on understanding place value within multi-digit numbers. Tested skills include identifying the patterns seen when a number is multiplied by ten; representing decimals with models, rounding and comparing decimals to the ones, tenths or hundredths position, and adding and subtracting monetary amounts.

Numbers and Operations - Fractions

Numbers and Operations - Fraction skills are based on the understanding that fractions represent part to whole relationships. Tested skills include solving problems that call for addition and subtraction of fractions with unlike denominators, multiplication of a whole number by a unit fraction, and division of a whole number by a unit fraction.

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Measurement and Data skills are based on the ability to represent characteristics (like length) and understand what they mean. Tested skills include understanding that volume for rectangular prisms can be found by packing unit cubes or multiplying length, width, and height, using measurement conversions, and interpreting line plots with halves and wholes.

Geometry

Geometry skills are based on the understanding of geometric shapes and their properties. Tested skills include classifying two-dimensional figures based on their properties (like the numbers of sides, the presence or absence of parallel sides angles or a right angle) and plotting coordinates in the first quadrant.

Performance Level

Jane scored in the Meets Proficiency range. Students who score in this range should be able to:

- Evaluate expressions containing parentheses.
- Compare, add, subtract decimals to the hundredths and match them with their number names.
- Add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators given models and multiply and divide whole numbers by a unit fraction.
- Convert units.
- Interpret information in a line plot (halves and wholes).
- Identify the origin, x- and y- axes, and coordinates of points in the first quadrant.
- Find volume and sort shapes with parallel or perpendicular sides.

Next Steps

Based on Jane's Performance This Year

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Ask your child to convert units of measure.

Play a game where you find countries on a world map using the coordinate system (north, south, east, west).

Ask your child which containers store different size packets of food to help apply the concept of volume.

Show how fractions can be used to bake/cook.

Ask your child how many pieces of pizza are left after you have eaten $\frac{3}{8}$ of a whole pizza?

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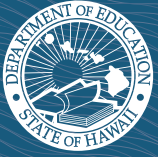
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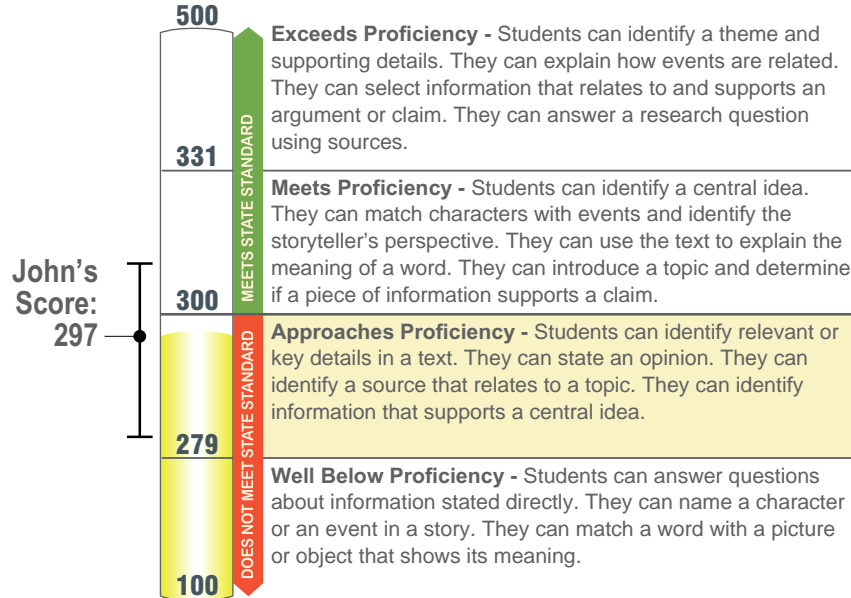
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How does this compare?

	Average Score
State Average	302
Complex Area Average	279



ELA/Literacy Areas Being Assessed in Grade 6

Literature

Literature skills are based on understanding fictional texts such as myths, stories, poems, fables, folktales, and dramas. Skills that are tested include: answering questions about information in the text; recognizing a character's conflict in a story; determining the meaning of a word as it is used in the text; identifying the storyteller's perspective; and recognizing similarities and differences between two different types of texts about the same topic.

Informational Text

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Language

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Writing

Writing skills are based on understanding written English and using it to express ideas. Skills that are tested include: identifying a claim based on given information; introducing a topic; summarizing a source that relates to a research topic; and organizing information from multiple sources.

Performance Level

John scored in the Approaches Proficiency range. Students who score in this range should be able to:

- Answer questions about a text.
- Identify details that relate to a topic or central idea.
- Match information to an appropriate paragraph or section.
- Point out a sentence that supports a central idea.
- State an opinion.
- Find a source that relates to a topic.

Next Steps

Based on John's Performance This Year

Read different types of texts with your child, such as books, magazines, newspapers, websites, and brochures about topics or activities that are interesting to him/her. As you read a text, pause after every few paragraphs and ask your child to tell you the main idea in the last paragraph he/she read. Point out the different parts of a text, such as a sentence, a paragraph, or dialogue (words that characters say). Note the main events throughout the text and point out words that are used to show how those events are related (such as "however," "next," or "then"). Have him/her point out who is telling the story. Ask your child's teacher about other ways you can continue your child's learning at home.



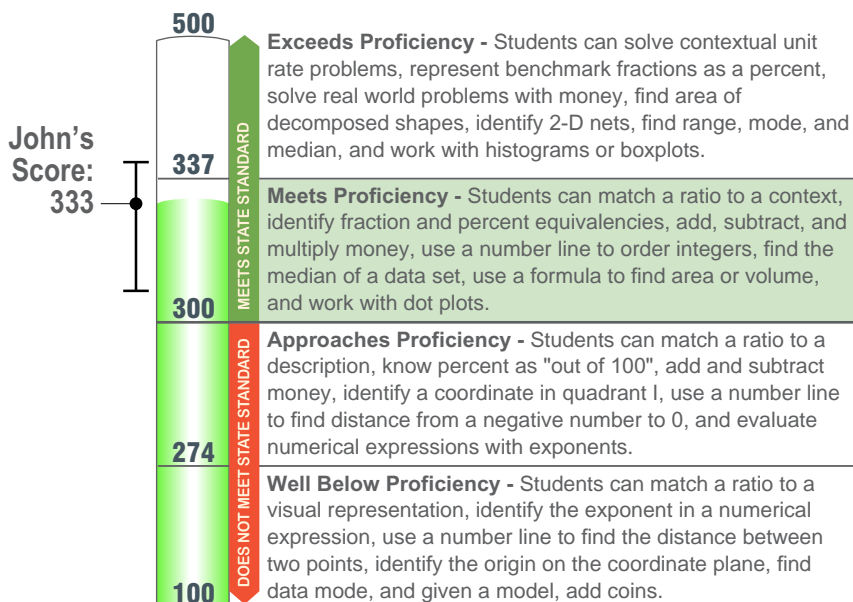
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333

Meets Proficiency

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How does this compare?

	Average Score
State Average	286
Complex Area Average	272

Mathematics Areas Being Assessed in Grade 6

Ratios and Proportional Relationships

Ratios and Proportional Relationships skills are based on the understanding of ratios. Tested skills include using ratios to describe contexts, models, or relationships and using proportional reasoning to solve a real-world ratio problem.

Expressions and Equations

Expressions and Equations skills are based on the understanding of equations, inequalities and expressions. Tested skills include identifying equivalent numerical expressions; evaluating numerical expressions containing exponents; and solving one-step linear equations

Geometry

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Performance Level

John scored in the Meets Proficiency range. Students who score in this range should be able to:

- Match a ratio to a context or a picture.
- Identify fraction and percent equivalencies.
- Work with money (add, subtract, and multiply).
- Identify the coordinates for a point.
- Use a number line to order integers and find the distance between an integer and its opposite.
- Evaluate numerical expressions involving exponents.
- Find area or volume of a figure.
- Find the median for a set of data.

Next Steps

Based on John's Performance This Year

With your child, find real-world situations where math is used. For example:

Demonstrate proportionality when making lemonade; e.g. 5 scoops of lemonade powder: one gallon of water.

Show your child how positive and negative numbers relate to the real world by describing how spear fishing or scuba diving at increasing depths below the surface results translate into negative numbers: -5, -10, -15, -20...

Have your child track temperatures from a northern or southern hemisphere geographic cold spot.

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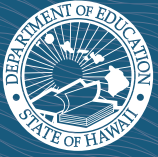
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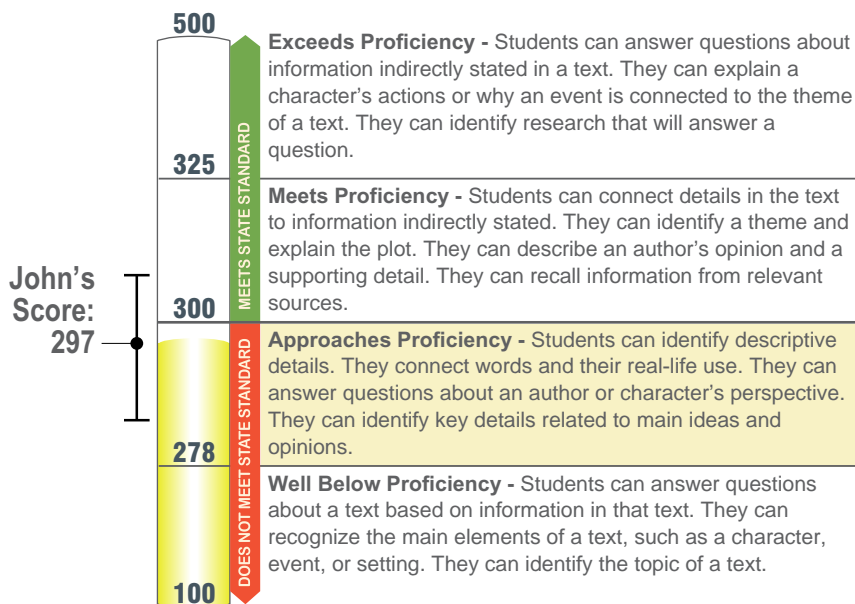
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Performance Level

John scored in the Approaches Proficiency range. Students who score in this range should be able to:

- Identify details that describe characters, events, or settings.
- Identify details that describe a central idea or message.
- Answer questions about an author or character's perspective.
- Identify a relevant research question.
- Find supporting information for a claim.
- Demonstrate understanding of word relationships.

Next Steps

Based on John's Performance This Year

With your child, look through the sections of a newspaper (like Travel, Sports, News, Food, Opinion, and Weather). Talk about the type of information in each section (like the weekly forecast in the Weather section and recipes in the Food section). While reading an article with your child, talk about the meaning of words used in the article (like "What does the word 'shield' mean? Can you think of another word that means the same as 'shield'?"). Have your child find details in the article to answer questions about the author's argument or claim. Talk about how the author organizes the information in the article; does the author describe an idea or does he/she introduce a problem and offer a solution? Extend your child's learning by helping him/her find more information related to the topic in another source. Ask your child's teacher about other ways you can continue your child's learning at home.



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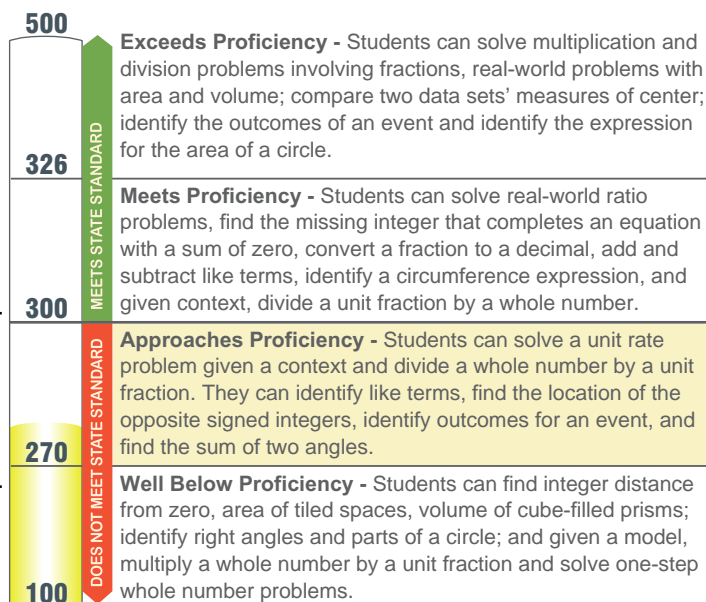
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Mathematics Areas Being Assessed in Grade 7

Ratios and Proportional Relationships

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Expressions and Equations

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- Solve a unit rate problem.
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- Find the area of rectangles, triangles and the volume of rectangular prisms.
- Identify mode or median.
- Identify outcomes for an event (rolling a die).

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With your child, find real-world situations where math is used. For example:

Ask: "If a dozen eggs costs \$3.85, including tax and we buy 2 dozen eggs paying with a \$20 bill, how much is our change?" ($3.85 \times 2 = \$7.70$; $20 - 7.70 = \$12.30$).

Double a pancake recipe.

Roll a die and write down the number you roll each time. Find the mode, then order and find the median.

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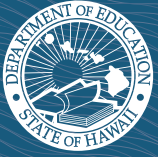
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Grade

8

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John's ELA/Literacy Score

243

Well Below Proficiency

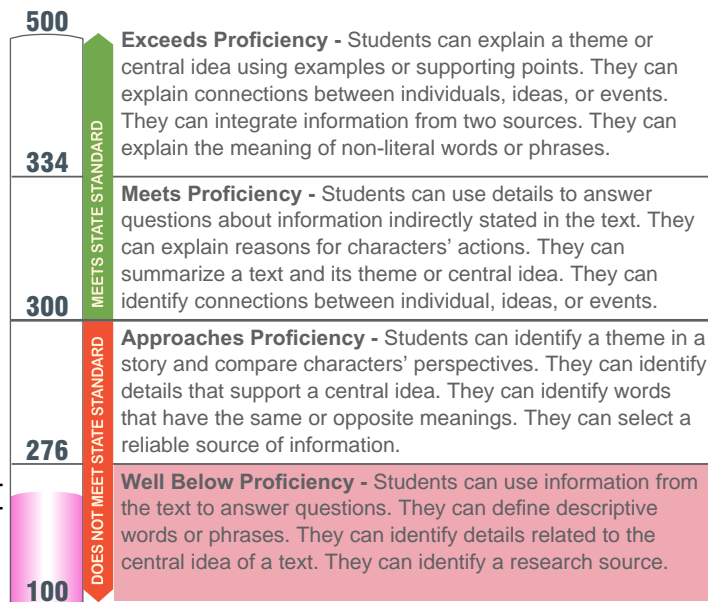
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John's Score: 243

How does this compare?

	Average Score
State Average	289
Complex Area Average	



ELA/Literacy Areas Being Assessed in Grade 8

Literature

Literature skills are based on understanding fictional texts such as myths, stories, poems, fables, and folktales. Skills that are tested include: using details to answer questions about information not directly stated; identifying a theme; explaining how characters and/or the setting are related to events; explaining the meaning of words and phrases; comparing the storyteller's viewpoints to the student's; and explaining how themes in two stories are alike.

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Language

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Writing

Writing skills are based on understanding written English and using it to express ideas. Skills that are tested include: organizing information in a logical way; identifying a sentence or phrase that gives a point of view; supporting a claim with reasoning; and summarizing information from research.

Performance Level

John scored in the Well Below Proficiency range. Students who score in this range should be able to:

- Use information from the text to answer questions.
- Define descriptive words or phrases.
- Identify details related to the central idea of a text.
- Identify a research source.

Next Steps

Based on John's Performance This Year

Have your child read a text that tells a story, such as a folktale. While reading, help your child figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words and phrases by reading the sentences before and after the unfamiliar word. Extend your child's learning by asking him/her to think of words that have the same meaning as the unfamiliar word. Have your child draw or cut and paste pictures of characters from important scenes in the folktale. After reading, ask your child to retell the folktale and explain its theme. Talk about the storyteller's point of view (for example, "What does the storyteller think about coyotes raising Pecos Bill?"). Find an article about a topic related to the folktale, like coyotes. Read the article and point out the author's opinion ("How do we know the author thinks coyotes are fast runners?"). Ask your child's teacher about other ways you can continue your child's learning at home.



John's Mathematics Score

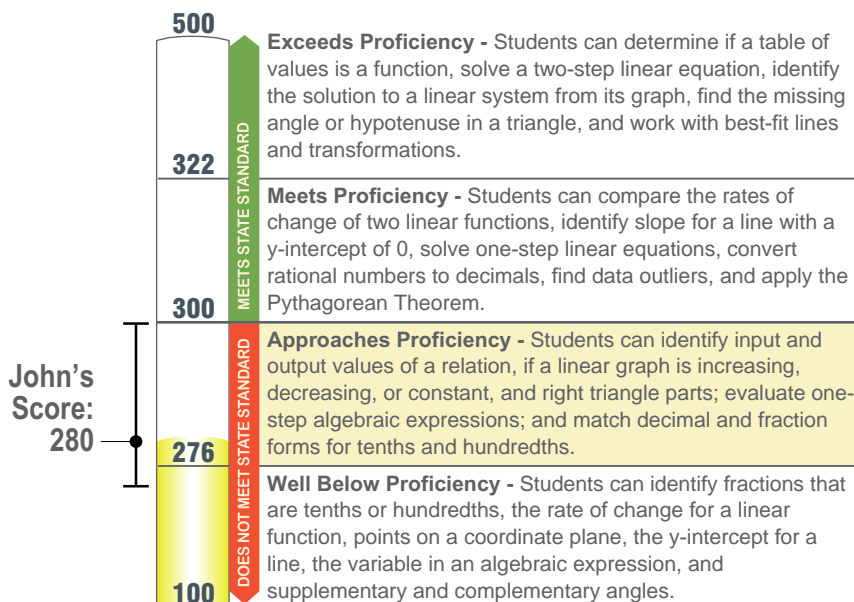
280
Approaches Proficiency

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How does this compare?

	Average Score
State Average	282
Complex Area Average	



Mathematics Areas Being Assessed in Grade 8

Expressions and Equations

Expressions and Equations skills are based on applying operations to numbers. Tested skills include writing equivalent exponential expressions; evaluating square roots; using scientific notation; and identifying the slope of a line and the intersection point for a graph of a linear system.

Functions

Functions skills are based on understanding that a function is a relation with one-to-one correspondence (each input corresponds to exactly one output). Tested skills include identifying linear functions in equations, tables, and graphs and comparing the rate of change of two functions

Geometry

Geometry skills are based on the understanding of geometric shapes and their properties. Tested skills include matching shapes in different orientations and sizes; applying the Pythagorean Theorem to solve problems; finding vertical angle, supplementary, or triangle angle measures.

Statistics and Probability

Statistics and Probability skills are based on the understanding of collecting, representing, and interpreting data. Tested skills include determining if a scatter plot shows a linear or nonlinear association; identifying outliers in a scatter plot; and finding values in a two-way table.

Number System

Number System skills are based on an understanding of sets and relations (rational and irrational numbers are part of the real number system). Tested skills include converting rational numbers to decimals, estimating irrational equivalents, and finding square roots for perfect squares.

Performance Level

John scored in the Approaches Proficiency range. Students who score in this range should be able to:

- Identify the rate of change for two linear functions.
- Identify the input/output values of a relation.
- Identify if lines are increasing, decreasing, or constant.
- Evaluate a one-step algebraic expression.
- Identify if the graph of a linear system intersects.
- Evaluate numerical exponential expressions.
- Represent tenths/hundredths as fractions in decimal form.
- Find the complement of an angle and identify the parts of a right triangle.
- Match familiar objects that have been reflected or rotated.

Next Steps

Based on John's Performance This Year

With your child, find real-world situations where math is used. For example:

Calculate cost of purchases (including after a discount) and change due. (1/2 off 10% tip or taxes due.)

Point out streets that have positive (uphill), negative (downhill), and zero (flat) slope.

Find equivalent expressions with exponents [for example, "What is five cubed, 5^3 ?" ($5 \times 5 \times 5$)].

Identify right triangles (triangles with a 90° angle) around the house. Discuss their parts (right angle, legs, hypotenuse).

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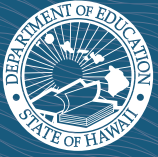
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Hawai'i



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Grade

11

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Jane's ELA/Literacy Score

273

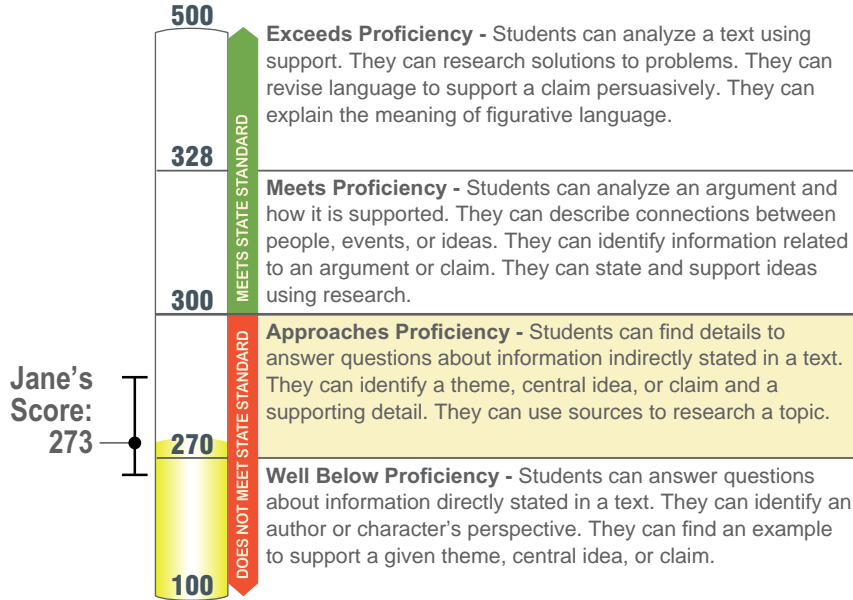
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How does this compare?

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State Average	288
Complex Area Average	291



ELA/Literacy Areas Being Assessed in Grade 11

Literature

Literature skills are based on understanding fictional texts such as novels, dramas, and short stories. Skills that are tested include: using details to support answers to questions; explaining why events occur in a particular order; describing characters in a story; noting when characters from different stories behave in the same or different ways; and explaining how one text might be different from another text.

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Language

Language skills are based on the student's understanding of written and spoken English. Skills that are tested include: using reading strategies to figure out the meaning of words; identifying real-life connections between words and their use; identifying words that have the same, opposite, or multiple meanings; and explaining the meaning of figurative language (such as "Sonia runs like the wind" or "His smile was a mile wide").

Writing

Writing skills are based on understanding written English and using it to express ideas. Skills that are tested include: revising an argument by organizing information and ideas in a logical order, using a writing style that fits the purpose, adding supporting information, researching a topic and using the right words to develop it, and writing a conclusion that summarizes an argument; and identifying and integrating valid sources of information on a topic.

Performance Level

Jane scored in the Approaches Proficiency range. Students who score in this range should be able to:

- Answer questions about information indirectly stated in a text.
- Identify a theme, central idea, or claim and a supporting detail.
- Revise writing to address a task, purpose, or audience.
- Describe significant interactions in a text.
- Use sources to research a topic and share information.
- Identify words that have the same or opposite meanings.

Next Steps

Based on Jane's Performance This Year

Read a story with your child and have your child identify two characters and their relationship. As you read, choose words familiar to your child and have him/her think of words that have the same meaning. Find an advertisement for a product in a magazine or a newspaper and help your child understand what the ad claims about the product. Help him/her do research to figure out if the claim is true. Make a visual display (like a chart) to show the information collected from the research sources. Based on the research you gather, decide together if the claim in the ad is correct. Ask your child's teacher about other ways you can continue your child's learning at home.



Jane's Mathematics Score

318

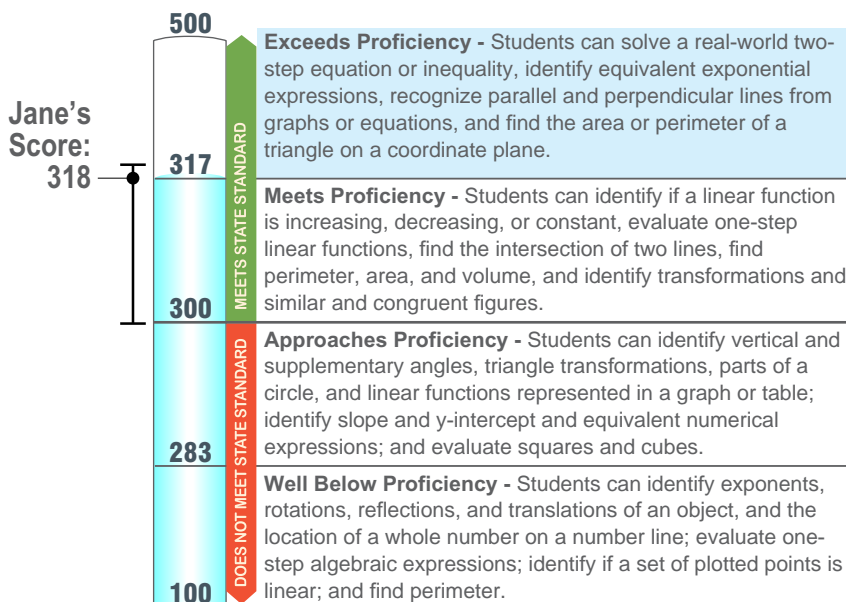
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Mathematics Areas Being Assessed in Grade 11

Algebra

Algebra skills support understanding of real-world contexts. Tested skills include combining like terms, rewriting linear expressions to show equivalence ($2x + 3 = 3 + 2x$), matching equivalent distributed forms [$2(x + 4) = 2x + 8$]; identifying linear equations in graphs and tables; and using linear equations to represent situations and solve real-world problems.

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Number and Quantity

Number and Quantity skills are based on understanding rational numbers, exponents, and their properties. Tested skills include identifying appropriate units of measure; evaluating square roots; applying the properties of rational numbers to simplify expressions; and applying the laws of exponents to create equivalent expressions.

Geometry

Geometry skills are based on the understanding of geometrical shapes and their properties. Tested skills include finding perimeter, area, and volume; identifying geometric terms; comparing similar and congruent figures; identifying the base(s) of three-dimensional figures; and working with shape transformations.

Performance Level

Jane scored in the Exceeds Proficiency range. Students who score in this range should be able to:

- Identify a linear equation that represents a given context.
- Apply the power rule to generate equivalent exponential expressions.
- Solve a two-step linear equation/inequality.
- Identify the domain/range/rate of change within context.
- Identify if graphs/equations represent parallel/perpendicular lines.
- Find the area or perimeter of a triangle on a coordinate plane.
- Find angle measures (expressed algebraically) of a triangle.

Next Steps

Based on Jane's Performance This Year

With your child, find real-world situations where math is used.

- If you make \$12/hour and work 10 hour one week and 8 hours another week, how much money do you make?
- Determine the total cost of an item after a gift card and discount is applied.
- Look at water and an electric bill and compare consumption rate over time.
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