

# College and Career Ready Benchmarks

## New WKCE cut scores

The Department of Public Instruction has established performance standards (cut scores) for the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE) reading and mathematics content areas to more closely align with national and international expectations of what is required to be college and career ready. The higher cut scores are comparable to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) cut scores. The performance level descriptors that accompany the college and career ready cut scores have been revised to reflect the higher expectations required with these higher performance benchmarks.

	New WKCE Reading Scale Score by Grade						
Performance Level	3	4	5	6	7	8	10
Advanced	507	536	546	573	590	613	644
Proficient	475	498	503	525	535	548	566
Basic	445	462	464	479	486	493	496
Minimal Performance	270	280	290	300	310	330	350

	New WKCE Mathematics Scale Score by Grade						
Performance Level	3	4	5	6	7	8	10
Advanced	492	526	553	573	591	605	618
Proficient	438	474	501	524	544	558	574
Basic	388	425	449	475	500	510	528
Minimal Performance	220	240	270	310	330	350	410

These new WKCE cut scores and performance level descriptors will serve as a bridge to the more rigorous Smarter Balanced assessments, which will be introduced in the 2014-15 school year. Smarter Balanced is developing assessments aligned to the Common Core State Standards in English language arts and mathematics—academic standards that are designed to help prepare all students to graduate high school college and career ready.

	Old WKCE Reading Scale Score by Grade						
Performance Level	3	4	5	6	7	8	10
Advanced	466	489	497	514	523	539	555
Proficient	430	440	444	457	467	480	503
Basic	394	396	401	418	434	445	456
Minimal Performance	270	280	290	300	310	330	350

	Old WKCE Mathematics Scale Score by Grade						
Performance Level	3	4	5	6	7	8	10
Advanced	452	484	505	532	555	573	595
Proficient	407	438	463	485	504	513	541
Basic	392	421	445	464	480	483	516
Minimal Performance	220	240	270	310	330	350	410