

Standards, Assessments, and Accountability

Grade			STANDARDS							
			State has adopted standards in the core subjects (2007-08)	State has standards that are clear, specific, and grounded in content (2007)				State has a regular timeline for revising standards (2007-08)	State has supplementary resources or guides for educators that elaborate on official academic standards documents (2007-08)	
				English/ language arts	Mathematics	Science	Social studies/ history		All core-subject areas	Particular student populations
Indiana	A	95.8	EMSH	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	MS HS	Yes	Yes	Yes
Louisiana	A	95.5	EMSH	ES MS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	MS HS	Yes	Yes	Yes
West Virginia	A	95.1	EMSH	ES HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	HS	Yes	Yes	Yes
New York	A	94.0	EMSH	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	HS	MS HS	Yes	Yes	Yes
South Carolina	A	93.5	EMSH	ES	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	MS HS	Yes	Yes	Yes
Virginia	A	93.3	EMSH	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ohio	A	93.2	EMSH	ES	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	MS HS		Yes	Yes
Arizona	A-	92.3	EMSH	ES	ES MS	ES MS	ES MS	Yes	Yes	Yes
Massachusetts	A-	92.0	EMSH		ES MS	HS	ES MS HS	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tennessee	A-	91.5	EMSH	ES MS HS	ES MS	ES MS HS	MS		Yes	Yes
Michigan	A-	90.9	EMSH	ES MS	ES MS	ES MS HS	MS HS	Yes	Yes	
Florida	A-	90.8	EMSH	ES MS	ES MS HS	MS		Yes	Yes	Yes
Oklahoma	A-	90.7	EMSH	ES MS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	HS	Yes	Yes	Yes
Georgia	A-	90.2	EMSH	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	MS HS	Yes	Yes	Yes
California	A-	90.1	EMSH	ES MS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	MS HS		Yes	Yes
New Mexico	A-	89.8	EMSH	ES MS HS	ES MS	ES MS	MS	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alabama	A-	89.6	EMSH	HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	MS HS	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arkansas	B+	89.4	EMSH	ES HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	MS HS	Yes	Yes	Yes
Delaware	B+	88.3	EMSH		ES MS HS	ES MS HS			Yes	Yes
North Carolina	B+	88.2	EMSH	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	HS	Yes	Yes	Yes
Texas	B+	88.1	EMSH		ES MS HS	MS HS	HS	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kentucky	B+	87.0	EMSH		MS	MS	HS		Yes	
Rhode Island	B+	87.0	EMSH		ES MS				Yes	Yes
Mississippi	B	84.4	EMSH	ES	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		Yes		
Maryland	B	83.9	EMSH		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	MS	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alaska	B	83.0	EMSH		ES MS HS	MS HS			Yes	Yes
Hawaii	B-	82.3	EMSH		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	MS HS	Yes	Yes	
Colorado	B-	80.5	EMSH					Yes		
Vermont	B-	80.4	EMSH		ES MS			Yes		Yes
New Jersey	B-	80.1	EMSH	ES	MS			Yes	Yes	Yes
Washington	B-	79.6	EMSH	ES	ES MS			Yes	Yes	
Pennsylvania	C+	79.2	EMSH					Yes		Yes
Wyoming	C+	78.9	EMSH	MS				Yes	Yes	
South Dakota	C+	78.4	EMSH		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	MS HS	Yes		Yes
Nevada	C+	78.2	EMSH	ES MS	ES MS			Yes	Yes	
Oregon	C+	78.2	EMSH	ES	ES MS			Yes	Yes	Yes
Utah	C+	78.2	EMSH	HS	ES MS HS	MS HS	MS HS	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wisconsin	C+	78.0	EMSH						Yes	Yes
Illinois	C+	77.5	EMSH					Yes	Yes	
Kansas	C+	77.1	EMSH		ES MS		MS HS	Yes	Yes	
Maine	C+	76.7	EMSH		MS			Yes	Yes	
District of Columbia	C+	76.6	EMSH	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	MS HS		Yes	Yes
Connecticut	C	76.4	EMSH	ES MS	ES MS	ES MS HS			Yes	Yes
Minnesota	C	76.0	EMSH		ES MS	ES MS		Yes		Yes
Idaho	C	75.4	EMSH		ES MS HS	ES MS			Yes	
North Dakota	C	75.0	EMSH	HS	ES MS	ES MS	MS	Yes	Yes	
Missouri	C	74.6	EMSH		ES MS	ES MS HS	MS		Yes	
New Hampshire	C	74.2	EMSH		ES MS			Yes	Yes	
Montana	C-	70.8	EMSH					Yes		Yes
Iowa	D+	68.5	EMS ¹							Yes
Nebraska	D	65.3	EMSH					Yes	Yes	
U.S. ²	B	83.6	50	8	24	22	2	38	43	35

Note: Core subjects: E=English/language arts, M=mathematics, S=science, and H=history/social studies. Grade spans: ES=elementary school, MS=middle school, and HS=high school. Grade spans: ES=elementary school, MS=middle school, and HS=high school.

1. Iowa has state-developed standards that may be adopted voluntarily by individual school districts. The state receives credit for these standards because 100 percent of school districts have chosen to use the state standards.

2. The U.S. row reports the grade and score for the average state and the numbers of states receiving full credit for policies in the respective columns. States receive credit for each core subject for which standards have been adopted. States receive credit for each grade span at which: standards are clear, specific, and grounded in content; specified types of test items are used; and assessments are aligned to state standards.

ASSESSMENTS

	Types of test items state uses to measure student performance (2007-08)					Subjects in which state uses assessments aligned to state standards (2007-08)			
	Multiple-choice	Short-answer	Extended-response		Portfolio	English/ language arts	Mathematics	Science	Social studies/ history
			English/ language arts	Other subject(s)					
Indiana	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Louisiana	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS
West Virginia	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS
New York	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS
South Carolina	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS
Virginia	ES MS HS		ES MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS
Ohio	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS
Arizona	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Massachusetts	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS
Tennessee	ES MS HS		ES MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS
Michigan	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	MS HS
Florida	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Oklahoma	ES MS HS		ES MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS
Georgia	ES MS HS		ES MS HS		ES	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS
California	ES MS HS		ES MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	MS HS
New Mexico	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Alabama	ES MS HS	ES MS	ES MS HS	ES MS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	HS
Arkansas	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Delaware	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS
North Carolina	ES MS HS		ES MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	HS
Texas	ES MS HS	HS	ES MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	MS HS
Kentucky	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS
Rhode Island	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Mississippi	ES MS HS		ES MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	HS
Maryland	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	HS
Alaska	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Hawaii	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS		
Colorado	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Vermont	ES MS HS	ES MS	ES MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
New Jersey	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Washington	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Pennsylvania	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Wyoming	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
South Dakota	ES MS HS		ES HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Nevada	ES MS HS	ES MS	ES MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Oregon	ES MS HS		ES MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Utah	ES MS HS		MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Wisconsin	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS
Illinois	ES MS HS	ES MS	ES MS HS	ES MS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Kansas	ES MS HS		HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	MS HS
Maine	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS	
District of Columbia	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS		
Connecticut	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Minnesota	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Idaho	ES MS HS	ES MS	ES MS HS	ES MS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS		
North Dakota	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Missouri	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
New Hampshire	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS			ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Montana	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS		ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Iowa	ES MS HS					ES MS HS	ES MS HS	ES MS HS	
Nebraska			ES MS HS			ES MS HS			
U.S.	50	29	45	24	1	51	50	46	12

			SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY					
Scores on the state assessment are vertically equated in grades 3-8 (2007-08)		State provides educators with formative assessments or item banks linked to state standards (2007-08)	State holds schools accountable for performance (2007-08)			State holds both Title I and non-Title I schools accountable for performance (2007-08)		
			State assigns ratings to all schools based on criteria other than AYP	State has a statewide student-identification system (2007)	State provides rewards to high-performing or improving schools	State provides assistance to low-performing schools	State sanctions low-performing schools	
English/ language arts	Mathematics							
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Indiana
		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Louisiana
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	West Virginia
			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	New York
Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	South Carolina
			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Virginia
			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ohio
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Arizona
		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Massachusetts
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Tennessee
			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Michigan
Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Florida
			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Oklahoma
		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Georgia
			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	California
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	New Mexico
Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Alabama
Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Arkansas
Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Delaware
Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina
			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Texas
			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Kentucky
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Rhode Island
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Mississippi
		Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Maryland
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Alaska
				Yes		Yes	Yes	Hawaii
Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Colorado
		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Vermont
		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		New Jersey
				Yes	Yes	Yes		Washington
		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pennsylvania
Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes	Wyoming
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes			South Dakota
				Yes	Yes	Yes		Nevada
Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes			Oregon
		Yes	Yes	Yes				Utah
Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes		Wisconsin
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Illinois
			Yes	Yes		Yes		Kansas
				Yes	Yes	Yes		Maine
				Yes				District of Columbia
				Yes				Connecticut
Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes				Minnesota
Yes	Yes					Yes	Yes	Idaho
Yes	Yes			Yes				North Dakota
				Yes				Missouri
		Yes		Yes	Yes			New Hampshire
		Yes		Yes				Montana
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes			Iowa
				Yes		Yes		Nebraska
24	24	21	26	48	35	39	32	U.S.