

Wisconsin Forward Exam Proficiencies

2019-20

The Forward Exam is a summative assessment which provides information about what students know and can do in relation to the Wisconsin State Standards. Students receive a score based on their performance in each content area. Each score will fall in one of four levels:

- Advanced – Student demonstrates thorough understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.
- Proficient – Student demonstrates adequate understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.
- Basic – Student demonstrates partial understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.
- Below Basic – Student demonstrates minimal understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.

Subject Scores

- Forward Exam results are reported on a 3-digit score scale for English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.
- The tables below provide performance categories and cut score ranges for each performance level for each content area.

Content Area	Grade	Score Ranges			
		Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
English Language Arts	3	330 - 521	522 - 569	570 - 623	624 - 900
	4	340 - 545	546 - 591	592 - 649	650 - 930
	5	350 - 563	564 - 609	610 - 669	670 - 940
	6	360 - 571	572 - 621	622 - 670	671 - 950
	7	370 - 584	585 - 637	638 - 696	697 - 960
	8	380 - 591	592 - 651	652 - 707	708 - 970
Mathematics	3	360 - 516	517 - 559	560 - 610	611 - 760
	4	405 - 535	536 - 587	588 - 632	633 - 800
	5	430 - 573	574 - 610	611 - 657	658 - 830
	6	440 - 581	582 - 625	626 - 687	688 - 870
	7	450 - 605	606 - 646	647 - 711	712 - 880
	8	470 - 619	620 - 666	667 - 717	718 - 890
Science	4	190 - 347	348 - 398	399 - 446	447 - 600
	8	390 - 551	552 - 599	600 - 644	645 - 770
Social Studies	4	200 - 362	363 - 395	396 - 435	436 - 570
	8	420 - 562	563 - 598	599 - 639	640 - 780
	10	490 - 669	670 - 702	703 - 740	741 - 890

More information can be found at: <https://assessment.madison.k12.wi.us/wisconsin-forward-exam>