



What is the West Virginia General Summative Assessment (WVGA)?

The WVGA is an online summative test given toward the end of the school year to measure student performance on the state's content standards, which provide clear, consistent guidelines for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level.

What subjects and grades are tested?

The WVGA measures student performance in English language arts/literacy and math in grades 3-8 and 11, and in science in grades 5, 8, and 10.

What information do the student reports provide?

The student test results provide information on where students stand on their path to success in college and career. We are committed to ensuring that all students are prepared with the critical thinking, problem solving, and reasoning skills that they need to be successful in life.

What do the different levels on the test mean?

Students scoring a Level 3 or Level 4 as indicated on their reports are on target for being academically ready for college-level coursework or entering the workforce following graduation. In fact, many colleges and universities now accept a Level 3 or 4 on the grade 11 ELA or math test as an indication that the student is ready for college-level classes. Students in grade 11 who score a Level 3 or 4 on the WVGA are exempt from having to take non-credit-bearing, college remedial courses in West Virginia's public colleges and universities, as well as many other colleges and universities throughout the country. Students scoring a Level 1 or Level 2 may need additional support to become college and career ready.

What can teachers do with the results?

Our dedicated teachers are focused on helping all students succeed. These test results are one of many factors that provide teachers with feedback as to how they can better meet the needs of the students in their classrooms. Districts will work with teachers to reflect on their practices and strengthen instruction through continued professional learning and collaboration.

What can schools do with the results?

Having accurate and descriptive data is an important part of ensuring that our schools are providing all students with a quality education. The data will help schools improve instruction, strategically support teachers, and assess school performance as compared with other schools across our state and country.

What can parents do with the results to help their children?

Parents should review the results and talk with teachers to identify strategies to improve student performance. For example, tutoring or after-school programs may be available to help students practice their skills. In addition, parents can support their children's learning at home by focusing on areas of difficulty. Activities that match a child's performance in both ELA and math can be found in the Be a Learning Hero Skill Builder at <http://bealearninghero.org/skill-builder>. Parents also should encourage their children to do their best and reassure them that test scores are only one indicator of progress.