

**Maria A. Doe**  
ABC School (123654)  
ABC District (987456)

**Grade 3 English Language Arts (ELA) Assessment**

**About This Assessment**

Maria took the AzMERIT Grade 3 ELA assessment in spring 2015. The questions in this assessment measure the knowledge and skills taught in this grade and subject area.

Maria's score shows how well she understands Grade 3 ELA content. A student who scores **Proficient** or **Highly Proficient** on AzMERIT is likely to be ready for the next grade level of ELA.

**About This Report**

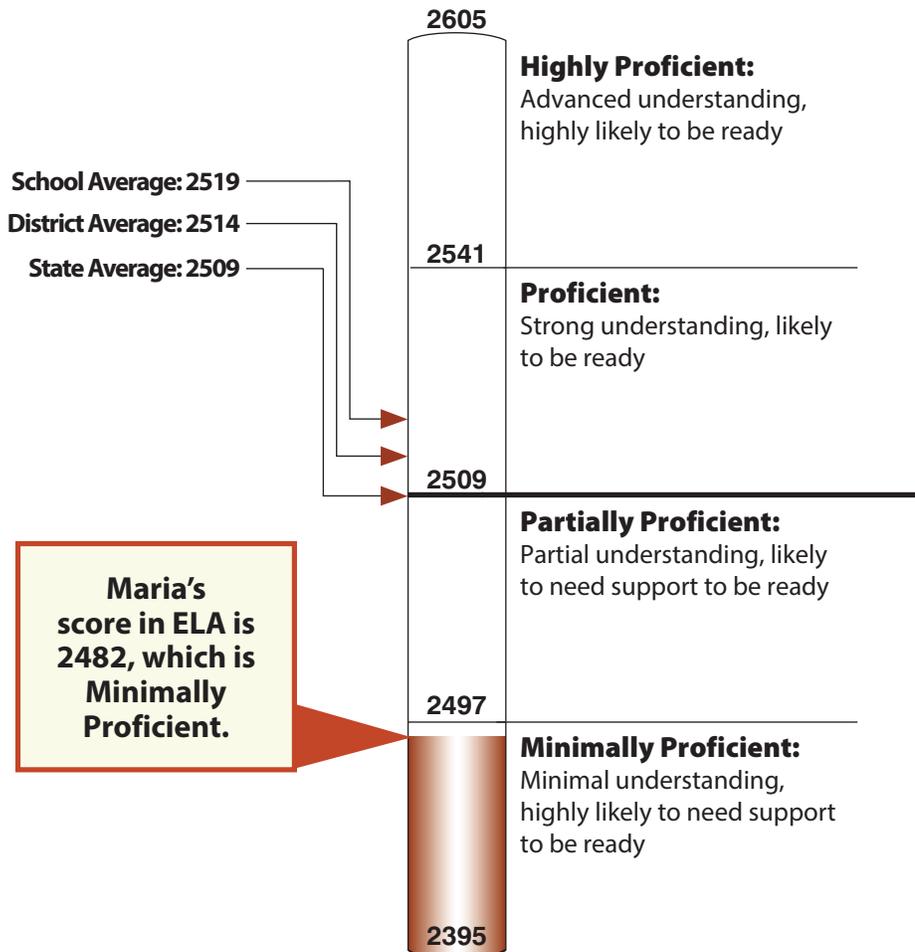
Front:

- Maria's overall score for this assessment includes a numeric score and a proficiency level.
- Her numeric score can be compared with the school, district, and state averages.
- The proficiency level indicates how well students understand current grade-level material and how likely they are to be ready for the next grade.

Back:

- Maria's level of mastery is shown for each scoring category.
- Scoring categories represent specific knowledge and skills included in this assessment.
- There is a detailed description of the mastery level for each scoring category.

**Maria's Performance on the ELA Assessment**



**Maria's score is Minimally Proficient.**

She shows a **minimal** understanding of the expectations for her tested grade. She is highly likely to need support to be ready for ELA in the next grade.

**Has Maria met the Move On When Reading requirement?**

**Yes**

This determination is made based on the Reading component of the ELA assessment.

**Legend: Scoring Categories**



Below Mastery



At/Near Mastery



Above Mastery

**ELA Scoring Categories**

**Reading for Information**



Maria performed **below mastery** in Reading for Information.

**What was assessed?**

Students find the main idea and the supporting details of a text. They connect events, ideas, steps, sentences, paragraphs and illustrations to one another. They find similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic.

**What do these results mean?**

Your student may have trouble answering questions about a text; finding the main idea and supporting details; using clues in the text (like charts, key words) to find information; using pictures to understand a text; and telling the author's point of view in a text.

**Reading for Literature**



Maria performed **at or near mastery** in Reading for Literature.

**What was assessed?**

Students ask and answer questions about a text. They tell how characters and their actions affect a story. They explain how pictures help tell a story. They read two texts by one author and tell the similarities and differences. They find the central message of a story.

**What do these results mean?**

Your student can often find similarities and differences between the settings or plots of stories written by the same author, tell how one part of a story affects another part, use key details to retell a story and find the main idea, and tell the point of view in a story.

**Writing and Language**



Maria performed **below mastery** in Writing and Language.

**What was assessed?**

Students write to give information or state opinions. They write on a topic giving supporting details or facts. They use correct capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. They use sentences, a glossary, or a dictionary to figure out the meaning of new words.

**What do these results mean?**

Your student may have trouble organizing writing for a purpose (like to give information or give opinions); using clues in a text to understand the meaning of new words; spelling commonly used words correctly; and writing simple sentences with correct capitalization and punctuation.

The Writing and Language portion of the ELA assessment requires that each student complete an essay. The essay is evaluated on three criteria. The chart below shows your child's performance on each criteria.

**Writing Essay Performance**

Statement of Purpose, Focus & Organization	Evidence & Elaboration	Conventions & Editing
Your student earned 2 out of 4 possible points. Your student's essay is somewhat on topic but may drift or include unrelated ideas. The opinion is stated but may become unclear throughout the essay. It has a weak structure with an unclear beginning and end. The use of transitions is inconsistent. Ideas are unclear as the opinion develops from beginning to end.	Your student earned 1 out of 4 possible points. Your student's essay includes details, facts, and sources that minimally support its opinion. This evidence is not integrated into the response. The words used are not appropriate for audience and purpose.	Your student earned 1 out of 2 possible points. Your student's essay shows some understanding of sentence formation and other conventions. There is inconsistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling rules.

**For more information about AzMERIT, go to [azmeritportal.org](http://azmeritportal.org).**