

2. CURRENT RESULTS OF THE 2008 MSA-READING

This part provides information about the 2008 MSA-Reading results for students in grades 3 through 8. Table 2.1 contains information about the cutoff score of each performance level. Table 2.2 contains the pass rate of each performance level based on the cutoff score. It should be noted that the same cutoff scores have been applied since the 2003 assessment (for grades 3, 5, and 8) or the 2004 assessment (for grades 4, 6, and 7).

Table 2.1 MSA-Reading Cut Scores: Grades 3 through 8

Grade	Cut Score of Performance Level	
	Proficient	Advanced
3	388	456
4	371	437
5	384	425
6	381	421
7	385	425
8	391	425

Note. These cut scores have been applied since the 2003 assessment (for grades 3, 5, and 8) or the 2004 assessment (for grades 4, 6, and 7).

Table 2.2 The 2008 MSA-Reading Pass Rates: Grades 3 through 8

Grade	N	Percentage of Performance Level		
		Basic	Proficient	Advanced
3	58,301	17.02	66.12	16.87
4	59,697	11.50	60.55	27.95
5	60,486	13.28	35.72	51.00
6	61,036	18.18	38.85	42.97
7	62,513	18.78	38.34	42.88
8	63,858	27.14	38.72	34.14

Note. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Note. Analysis was conducted with a statewide population.