

Parent & Student Information

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What is STAAR?

The State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) are new assessments that will focus on increasing **college readiness** of high school students and help to ensure that Texas students are competitive with other students both nationally and internationally.

What is College Readiness?

College readiness means the level of preparation a student must attain in **English language arts and mathematics** courses to enroll and succeed, without remediation, in an entry-level general education course for credit in that same content area for a baccalaureate degree or associate degree program.

(HB 3, Section 39.024a)

So What is Different about STAAR?

- More rigorous
- Contains more test questions
- Course specific
- Four-hour time limit
- STAAR EOC assessment score will count 15% of the course grade

When do we take the EOC's?

- End of spring semester

March 26 – EOC English I Writing

March 27 – EOC English I Reading

May 7-18 – Testing Window for Algebra I, World
Geography, and Biology

- Summer Re-testing

July 9-13

Assessment Framework

Students first enrolled in 9th grade this year

High School

English I	Algebra I	Biology	World Geography
English II	Geometry	Chemistry	World History
English III	Algebra II	Physics	U.S History

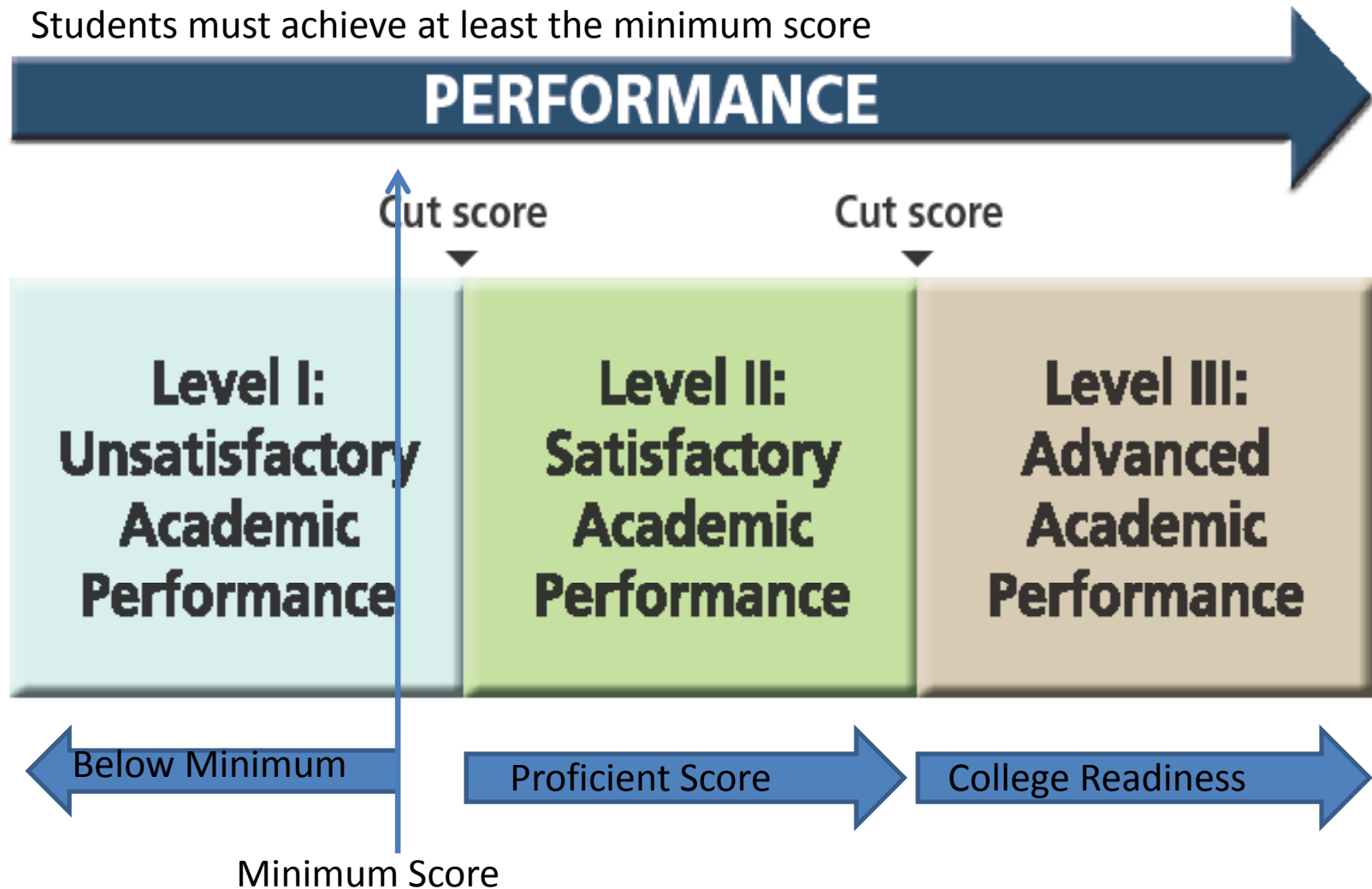
The high school level STAAR tests are COURSE tests, NOT grade level tests.

Middle School Assessments

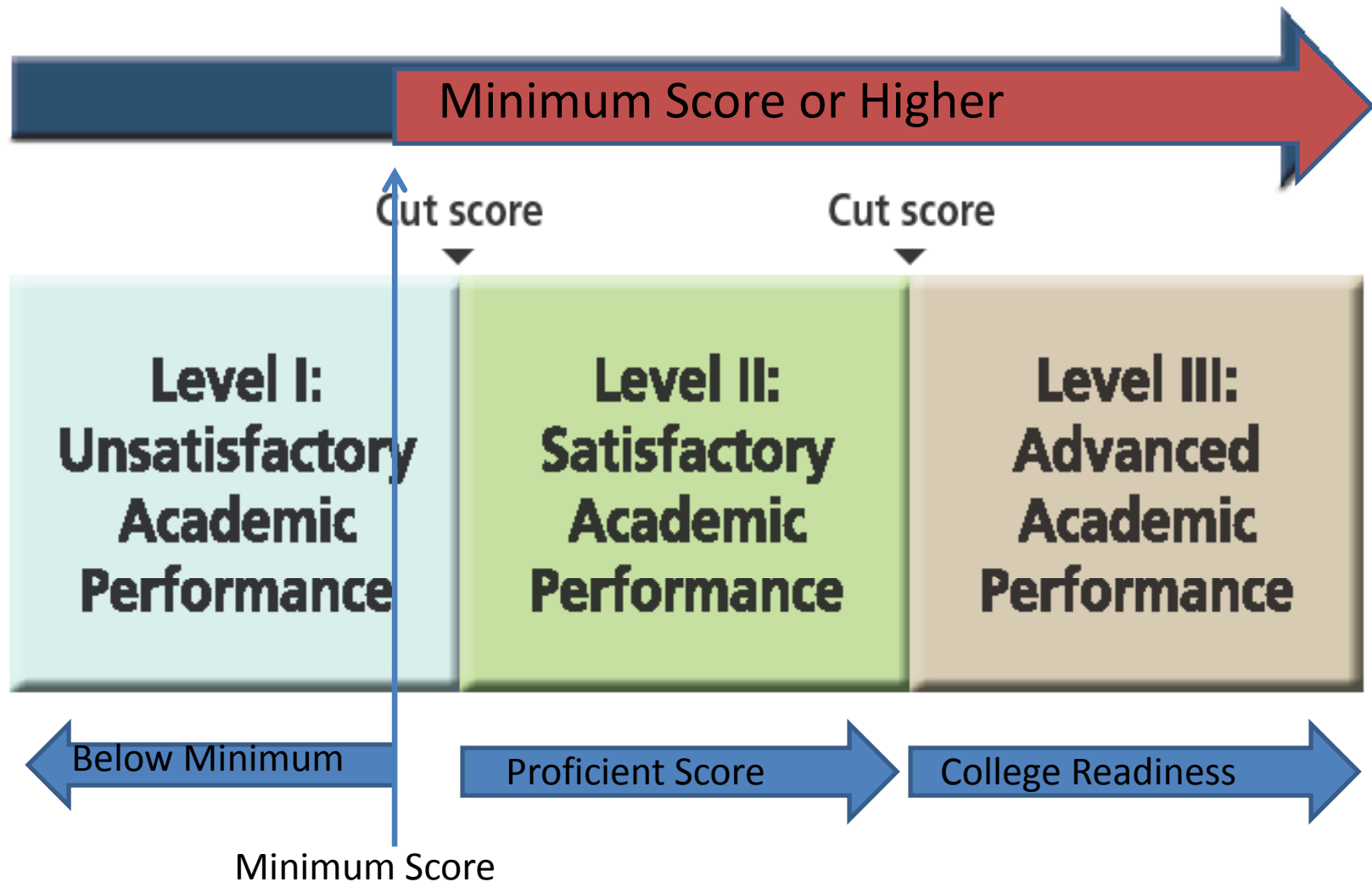
8th Grade Students taking the EOC Algebra I will
not take the 8th Grade Math STAAR

EOC Performance Levels & Cut Scores

Students must achieve at least the minimum score



EOC Scores that Count Toward Cumulative Score



Cumulative Score Framework

High School

English I +	Algebra I	Biology	World Geography
English II +	Geometry	Chemistry	World History
English III _____	Algebra II _____	Physics _____	U.S History _____
Cumulative Score in English	Cumulative Score in Math	Cumulative Score in Science	Cumulative Score in Social Studies

What is the “cumulative” score to graduate?

It is the total of all 3 scores in the subject area. For example:

- Biology – 700 “satisfactory”
 - Chemistry – 750 “satisfactory”
 - Physics – 650 “minimum”
- 2,100

*Cumulative score requirement for science is 2100.

*These are just examples. The scores have not been determined by TEA.

Graduation Requirement Plans

- Minimum Graduation Plan
- Recommended Graduation Plan
- Distinguished Achievement Plan

Minimum High School Program Graduation Requirements

In addition to the credit requirements

- Take the STAAR EOC assessments for courses in which they are enrolled and which an EOC assessment exists,
- Meet cumulative score requirement in each of the four core content areas for courses specifically required on the MHSP

Recommended High School Program Graduation Requirements

In addition to the credit requirements

- Take all 12 STAAR EOC Assessments
- Meet cumulative score requirement in each of the four core content areas
- Achieve LEVEL II: Satisfactory Academic Performance on English III & Algebra II



Distinguished Achievement HS Program Graduation Requirements

In addition to the credit requirements

- Take all 12 STAAR EOC Assessments
- Meet cumulative score requirement in each of the four core content areas
- Achieve LEVEL III: Advanced Academic Performance on English III & Algebra II



Testing and Grading Procedures

Final Course Grade (with EOC Exam) Calculation

$$\left\{ \frac{(1^{\text{st}} \text{ Sem Avg} + 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Sem Avg})}{2} \times 0.85 \right\} + \left\{ \text{EOC Exam Score} \times 0.15 \right\} = \text{Final Course Grade}$$

Students must earn a final course grade ≥ 70 in order to earn 1.0 credit for the course.

EOC Course Credit

Examples

Example #1

Student made a 75 first semester, a 72 second semester, and a 70 on the EOC Exam.

$$\left\{ \frac{(75+72)}{2} \times 0.85 \right\} + (70 \times 0.15) = 73$$

- 1st Semester average $\geq 70\%$, so student gets .5 credit for 1st semester
- Final course grade $\geq 70\%$, so student gets .5 credit for 2nd semester
- Student earned 1 full credit for course

Example #2

Student made a 73 first semester, a 71 second semester, and a 50 on the EOC Exam.

$$\left\{ \frac{(73+71) \times 0.85}{2} \right\} + (50 \times 0.15) = 69$$

- 1st Semester average $\geq 70\%$, so student gets .5 credit for 1st semester
- Final course grade $\leq 70\%$, so student does not get .5 credit for 2nd semester
- Student earned .5 credit for course (still needs .5)

Example #3

Student made a 69 first semester, a 68 second semester, and a 76 on the EOC Exam.

$$\left\{ \frac{(69+68)}{2} \times 0.85 \right\} + (76 \times 0.15) = 70$$

- 1st Semester average is less than 70%
- Final course grade \geq 70%
- Student earned 1.0 credit for course

Example #4

Student made a 87 first semester, a 89 second semester, and a 98 on the EOC Exam.

$$\left\{ \frac{(87+89)}{2} \times 0.85 \right\} + (98 \times 0.15) = 90$$

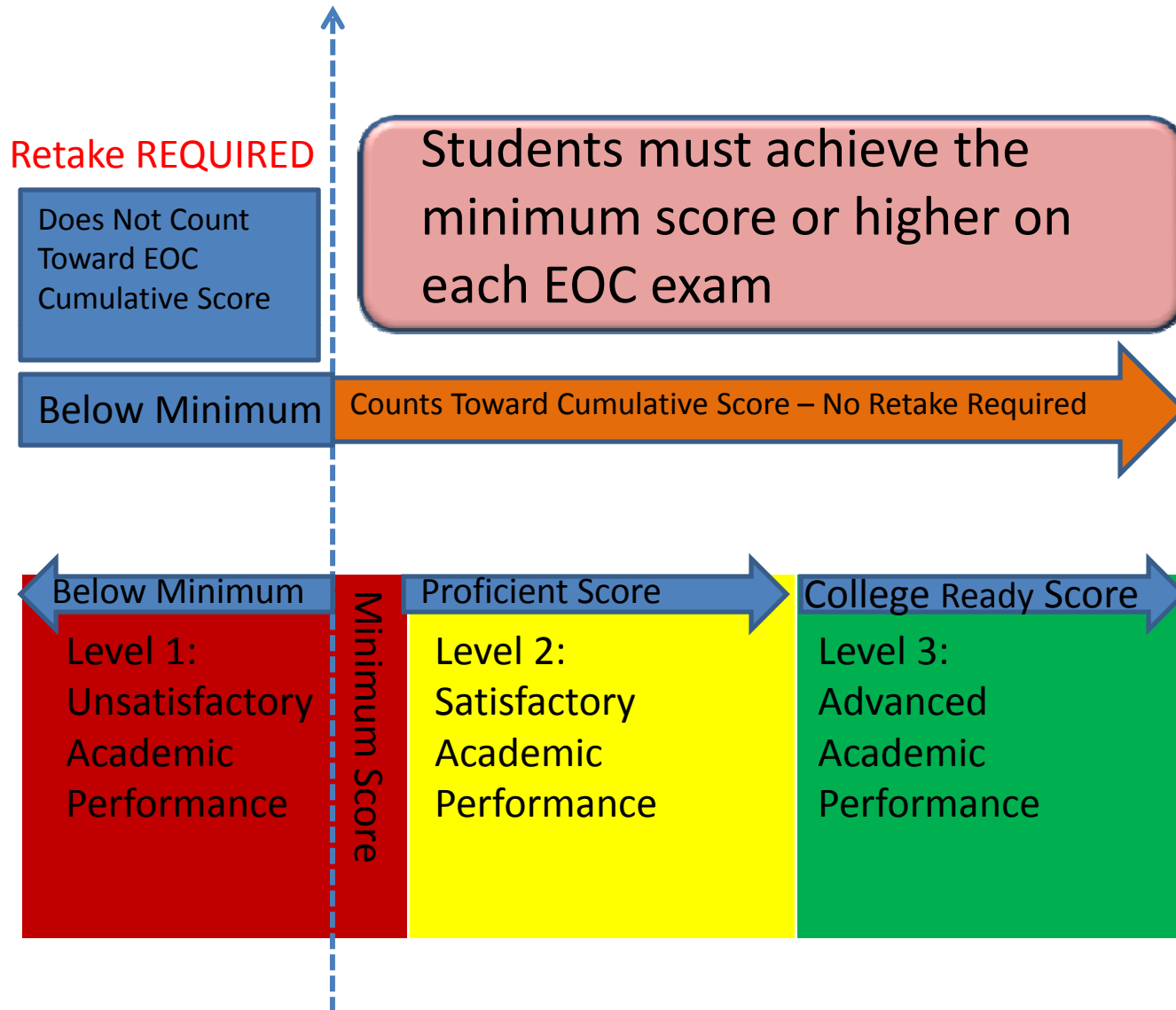
- In this situation, both semesters are passing and the EOC exam increased the final average for the course

STAAR EOC RETAKES

Who Retakes EOC?

- If score is less than minimum score, must retake exam
- If less than satisfactory, but greater than minimum score, may retake exam
- If no credit for course – may retake exam
- If score is greater than satisfactory, but student would like to increase their cumulative score – may take the exam at anytime.
- Retakes will not be used to increase GPA or Class Rank

STAAR EOC RETAKES



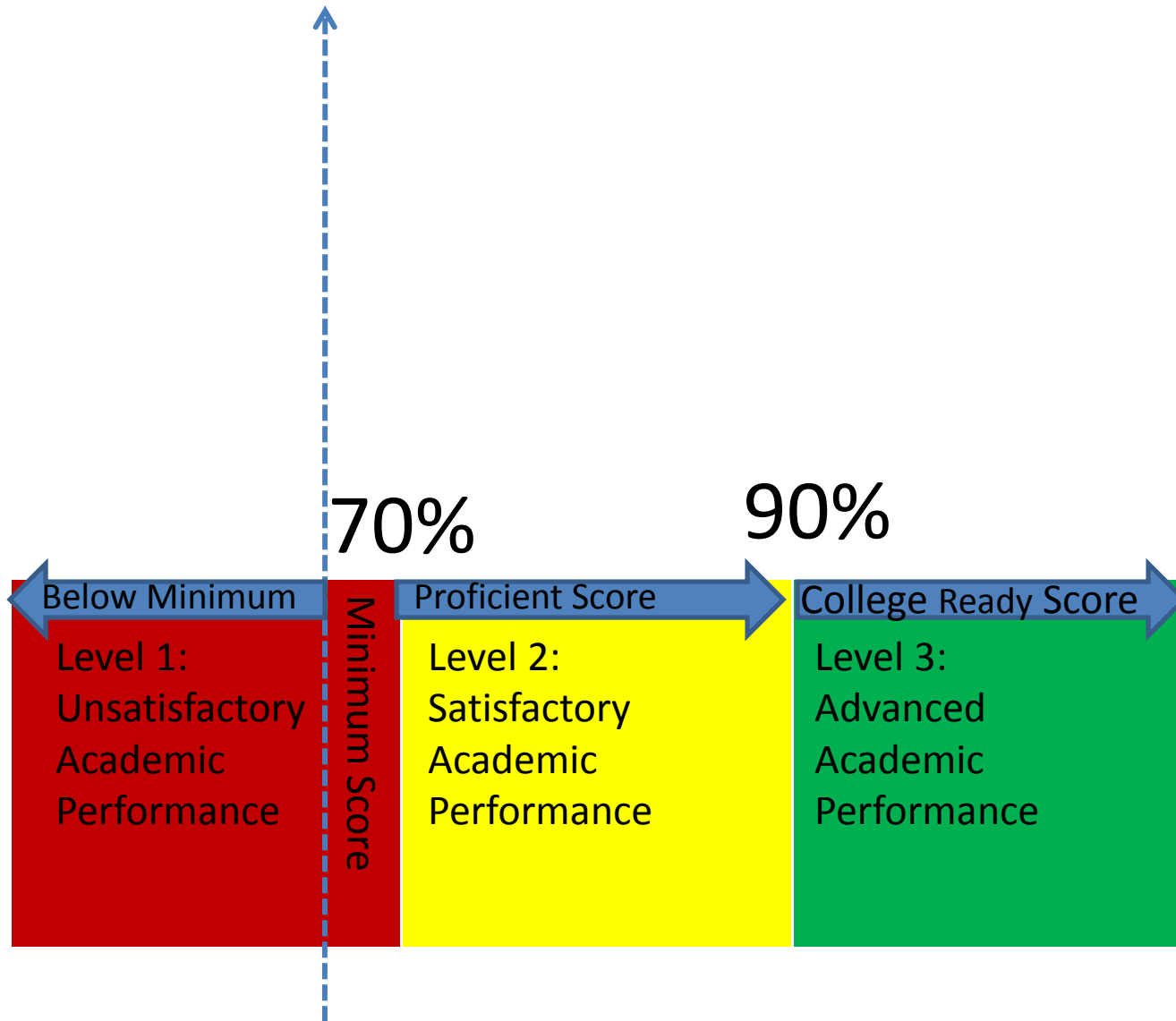
CLASS RANK & GPA

- Class Rank and GPA are effected by the EOC exam

SCALED SCORE CHART

- We will develop our scale after we receive the grade reports back from the TEA.

Scaled Score Example



What if I take a course through dual credit or online, do I still have to take the EOC?

Yes,
if there is an EOC for the course.

What are we doing for our students to get ready for STAAR EOC's

- Using CSCOPE as our base curriculum (3rd Year)
 - TEKS driven
 - Professional Development for Teachers and Administrators
 - Both CSCOPE and EOC's were developed using backward design
 - Bundles the TEKS which mirrors the depth and rigor of the EOC

What are we doing for our students to get ready for STAAR EOC's

- Multi-level questioning
- Focus on critical thinking
- Focus on vocabulary
- Providing SAT Prep Courses for students