



## Understanding the New York State Report for Parents

### Your Child's Score and Performance Level

#### The New York State Parent Report tells you:

- How your child scored overall on the New York State Standardized tests.
- How your child scored on each section of the test.
- Specific areas your child is doing well in and meeting the standards, as well as what areas your child needs to work on.

This report can be used to talk with the teacher about your child's strengths and needs.

#### Understanding Scale Scores:

- Your child's score on the New York State Standardized test is given as a scale score.
- Scale scores can be compared from year to year.
- This individual score report will show your child's performance last year, as well as this year and allow you to see if he is improving.
- For example, if she scored at 620 last year and 650 this year, then you can easily see that her skills are improving.

#### Understanding Performance Levels:

- The scale score is then used to determine your child's performance level.
- The performance levels are explained on the Parent Report and show you how well your child is meeting the New York State standards.

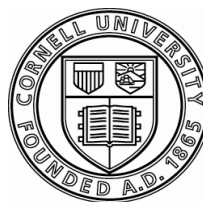
Level 1—Not meeting learning standards

Level 2—Partially meeting learning standards

Level 3—Meeting learning standards

Level 4—Meeting learning standards with distinction

Visit the New York State Department of Education's website at [www.NYSParents.com](http://www.NYSParents.com) for more information about how to help your child develop needed skills in math and English language arts.



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## Your Child's Performance on this Test

This section explains what your child should know and be able to do at this grade level based on the New York State Standards.

- Your child's performance on each learning standard is shown using the Standard Performance Index (SPI).
- SPI estimates the number of questions your child would answer correctly if there were 100 questions about each standard.
- The SPI Target Range is the range that your child's SPI needs to be in to meet the New York State Learning Standards.
- For example, if the SPI Target Range for an English Language Arts standard is 66-78 and your child's SPI is 70, then your child's SPI is *In the Target Range*.

## What if your child is not meeting the standards?

- This report only shows the results for one measure of your child's academic achievement and ability to meet the New York State Learning Standards. Talk with your child's teacher about this test as well as how she does in class and on other assessments.
- Talk with your child's school about Academic Intervention Services (AIS) that may be available to help your child gain needed skills.
- Do activities at home to help your child practice needed skills. You can get ideas from your child's teacher and from the New York State Education Department's website at [www.NYSParents.com](http://www.NYSParents.com).
- You can get more information about helping your child succeed in school by visiting the New York State Parental Information and Resource Center's website at [www.nyspirc.org](http://www.nyspirc.org).

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