

All parents should have received in the mail their child's NJASK report. A general summary of our school's results is listed below and should provide additional insight and understanding of your child's score.

At Helen Morgan, the NJASK scores are used for a multitude of purposes. Classroom teachers use the scores for baseline data that help in the differentiation of instruction and assessment. We also use the scores to help identify students for our intervention and enrichment programs. It is important to note that we use additional assessment data and teacher input to identify students for these programs.

How can you use this report to gain a greater understanding of your child's progress and level of performance?

-If you have a current 5th grader, how did they do compared to last year? Look at your child's score compared to the state's mean scale score. Did the gap increase or decrease from 2013 to 2014?

-Compare your child's "Points Earned" in each subject with the "Just Proficient Mean" (the average score of students who scored 200). Are there any distinct gaps in some areas and not others?

-Look at the grade-level data below to provide more specific comparisons.

-Comparing your child's "Points Earned" to the "Total Points Possible" is helpful but only in the context of the column "Just Proficient Mean". For example a 6 out of 10 in Operations and Algebraic Thinking should not be interpreted as a "60%" or a "D". Comparing a "6" to the Just Proficient Mean of "3.9" changes the meaning of the score. In fact, a "6" in this category is considered to be above average.

2014 Results Summary

2014 Grade 3 Results (Current Grade 4 students)

English Language Arts:

86% of Sparta's Grade 3 students tested Proficient (200 or higher) or Advanced Proficient (250 or higher)

8% of Sparta's Grade 3 students tested Advanced Proficient

Sparta's Grade 3 Scale Mean Score: 218

Statewide Grade 3 Scale Mean Score: 206

Math:

93% of Sparta's Grade 3 students tested Proficient or Advanced Proficient

67% of Sparta's Grade 3 students tested Advanced Proficient

Sparta's Grade 3 Scale Mean Score: 256

Statewide Grade 3 Scale Mean Score: 231

Grade 4 (current Grade 5) below...

2014 Grade 4 Results (Current Grade 5 students)

English Language Arts:

79% of Sparta's Grade 4 students tested Proficient (200 or higher) or Advanced Proficient (250 or higher)

8% of Sparta's Grade 4 students tested Advanced Proficient

Sparta's Grade 4 Scale Mean Score: 216

Statewide Grade 4 Scale Mean Score: 203

Math:

90% of Sparta's Grade 4 students tested Proficient or Advanced Proficient

58% of Sparta's Grade 4 students tested Advanced Proficient

Sparta's Grade 4 Scale Mean Score: 251

Statewide Grade 4 Scale Mean Score: 229

NJASK Parent Guide sent prior to last year's NJASK:

[https://www.measinc.com/nj/Downloads/NJASK/NJASK 3 5 Parent Student Teacher Guide %202014.pdf](https://www.measinc.com/nj/Downloads/NJASK/NJASK%203%205%20Parent%20Student%20Teacher%20Guide%202014.pdf)