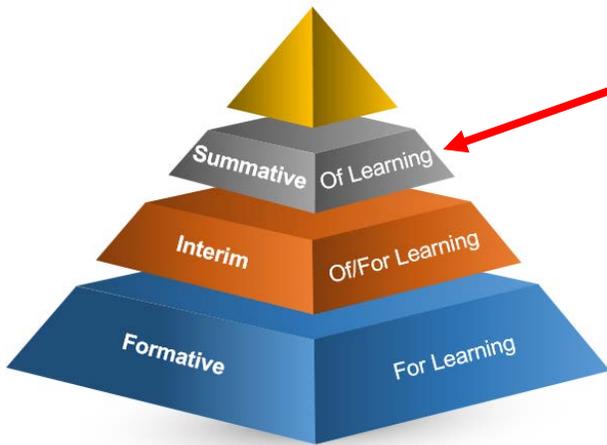


# Educator Information Sheet for Spring 2018

## PEAKS Assessment Results



The Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS) is Alaska's end-of-year summative assessment that measures a students' understanding of Alaska's English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Standards at their grade level.

Student scores on PEAKS is not the only indicator of student learning. They should be used in conjunction with other measures of student learning such as classroom work, grades, and other school assessments.

### Student Scores

For each grade level and subject, the PEAKS assessment scores range from 400-600. There are four levels of achievement: advanced, proficient, below proficient, far below proficient.

The scale score that defines proficient is 500 for all grades and subjects.

Additional Information about student scores, including sample score reports, can be found in the Educator and Parent Guides to Assessment Reports on the [PEAKS webpage](#).

### Types of Items

- multiple-choice
- multiple-select
- evidence-based selected response
- drag and drop
- drag and paste
- drop-down list input
- matching
- highlighting text
- hot text selection
- text-dependent analysis

Definitions and additional details on types of items included on PEAKS can be found in the *Spring 2018 Alaska Assessment Item Types* document located on the [PEAKS webpage](#).

### Item Scoring

All items are machine-scored with the exception of the Text-Dependent Analysis (TDA) items that are hand-scored by readers hired and trained by the test contractor.

The spring 2018 TDA was a field test item and was not scored. It will be an operational item in spring 2019. The TDA will be hand-scored and used in calculations for a student's overall English Language Arts score.

Additional information on the hand-scoring process can be found in the *Handscoring Requirements & Process* document located on the [PEAKS webpage](#).



## Reporting Categories

Alaska's standards define what a student should know and be able to do. The standards are broken down into groups of similar standards. PEAKS items assess student skills on reporting categories that correspond to a group of standards. The reporting categories for PEAKS were determined by Alaska educators during the standards adoption process.

## English Language Arts

### Number of Items by Grade Level

- Grade 3 – 44 items – 24 writing/language; 20 reading
- Grades 4-8 – 45 items – 24 writing/language; 20 reading; 1 text-dependent analysis
- Grade 9 – 65 items – 27 writing/language; 37 reading; 1 text-dependent analysis

### Estimated Student Test Times

- Grade 3 – 75 minutes
- Grades 4 – 8 – 100 to 105 minutes
- Grade 9 – 120 minutes

## Mathematics

### Number of Items by Grade Level

- Grades 3-5 – 47
- Grades 6-8 – 51
- Grade 9 – 72

### Estimated Student Test Times

- Grades 3-5 – 70 minutes
- Grades 6-8 – 80 minutes
- Grade 9 – 120 minutes

**Additional resources are located on the [PEAKS webpage](#).**

Educator Guide to Assessment Reports (includes sample reports)

Parent Guides to Assessment Reports (includes sample reports)

Assessment Blue Prints and Test Design

Text-Dependent Analysis Resources

Achievement Level Descriptors

Student Preparation Resources

