Dear Parent/Guardian,

Beginning in 2005–06, students in grades 3 through 8 will take part in the annual New York State Testing Program (NYSTP) for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. These tests are required by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and are used by schools as a measure of student progress in meeting NYS Learning Standards in English language arts and mathematics.

This report explains your child’s scores and lists resources available to you to support your child’s education. We encourage you to refer to this report when talking with teachers and other education providers. A strong partnership between parents and teachers is critically important to your child’s success. Use this report, along with the rich collection of work your child has produced, to help you and your child’s teacher improve your child’s achievement.

Richard P. Mills
Commissioner of Education

Your Child’s Score and Performance Level

Your child’s scale score: 642
Your child’s performance: Level 2

Your child partially demonstrated the knowledge and skills required by the Mathematics Learning Standard. Therefore, the school is required to provide academic intervention services for your child. For students scoring close to Level 3, monitoring the performance may be sufficient. Discuss the school’s plan for these services with your child’s teacher.

Your child’s scale score is an estimate of achievement based on one test. Discuss with the teacher how these test results compare with your child’s classroom performance on similar tasks.
More about the Mathematics score for JOE A. STUDENT

Student ID 987432108
Assessment Grade 4
School SANDY VALLEY

Your Child’s Performance on This Test: Level 2, Partially Meeting Learning Standards

About mathematics content strands and your child’s results:
The information below is based on the New York State Learning Standards. These standards describe what your child should know and be able to do at this grade level. The Mathematics Learning Standard contains five content and five process strands. While the content strands focus on specific math skills, the process strands focus on how your child uses math skills. Your child’s performance on each content strand is presented as a Standard Performance Index (SPI).

The SPI estimates the number of questions your child would answer correctly if there were 100 items per strand. Your child’s performance on each strand is compared with the SPI target range. A student scoring within the target range demonstrates the expected understanding of the content strand. The target ranges vary across content strands because some strands may contain more difficult items than others.

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<th>Tested Content Strand</th>
<th>Your Child’s SPI: 50</th>
<th>SPI Target Range: 46–58</th>
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<td>Number Sense and Operations Strand</td>
<td>Students understand numbers, multiple ways of representing numbers, relationships among numbers, and number systems. They also understand meanings of operations and procedures, and how they relate to one another. They compute accurately and make reasonable estimates.</td>
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<td>Algebra Strand</td>
<td>Students will represent and analyze algebraically a wide variety of problem solving situations. They also perform algebraic procedures accurately and recognize, use, and represent algebraically patterns, relations, and functions.</td>
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<td>Geometry Strand</td>
<td>Students use visualization and spatial reasoning to analyze characteristics and properties of geometric shapes. They identify and justify geometric relationships, formally and informally and apply transformations and symmetry to analyze problem solving situations. They also apply coordinate geometry to analyze problem solving situations.</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>69–75</td>
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<td>Measurement Strand</td>
<td>Students determine what can be measured and how, using appropriate methods and formulas. They use units to give meaning to measurements and understand that all measurement contains error and are able to determine its significance. They also develop strategies for estimating measurements.</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>49–62</td>
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<td>Statistics and Probability Strand</td>
<td>Students collect, organize, display, and analyze data. They make predictions that are based upon data analysis and understand and apply concepts of probability.</td>
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Using Data Thoughtfully: Results by content strand should be used as a starting point to help you understand your child’s performance in mathematics. The scale score and performance level are better indicators than the SPIs of your child’s performance on the New York State Learning Standard for mathematics.

What’s Next?
To meet New York State Learning Standards, students need to perform at Level 3 or above.
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Discuss your child’s test performance with the teacher.
To gain a complete and accurate picture of your child’s strengths and needs, review classroom work, other test results and progress reports with your child’s teacher. Also, discuss your child’s ability to apply mathematical skills to new problems and situations.

Build a plan toward meeting the NYS Learning Standards.
Talk with your child and your child’s teacher about how to improve school performance. Take into account your child’s strengths and needs as well as his or her interests and afterschool activities.

Visit www.NYSParents.com to find:
- Learning activities at home
- Tips for communicating with your child’s teacher
- Information on the NYS Mathematics Learning Standard, content and process strands and the testing program
- Information about academic intervention services and tutoring programs

Use these tools to help your child learn and improve.