

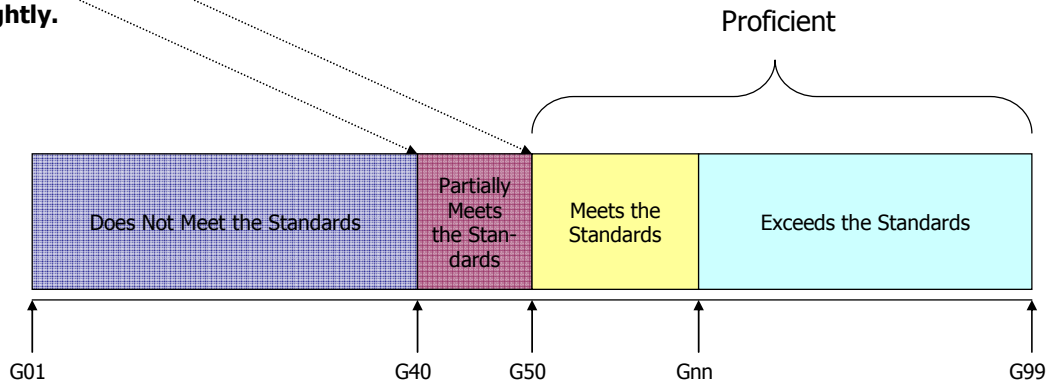
MCA-II Scale Scores and Achievement Levels

A student's performance on a Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment – Series II (MCA-II) falls into one of four achievement levels – Does Not Meet Standards, Partially Meets Standards, Meets Standards and Exceeds Standards. For accountability purposes, students who are in the Meets Standards and Exceeds Standards are considered “proficient” and each contributes one index point in the calculation of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for their school and district. Students who are in the Partially Meets Standards achievement level contribute a half index point. For more information on Achievement Levels, see [MCA-II Reports for Schools and Parents](#).

A student's scale score on the test determines their achievement level. The range of possible scale scores for grade G is G01 – G99. The graphic below shows the relationship between achievement level and scale score.

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The first two cut scores will be constant over grades, G40 and G50. The third score will vary slightly.



Each grade level will have the same score range, G01 to G99, where G = Grade.

For grade 3, scores range from 301-399, with 340 and 350 serving as the cut scores for Partially Meets the Standards and Meets the Standards, respectively.

The percent of students at each achievement level varies by subject and grade. For more information on the relationship between scale score, raw score and achievement level, see the Raw Score to Scale Score tables at the [MCA-II Technical Reports](#) section link.