

Oklahoma School Testing Program (OSTP)
Use of the Raw Score

How will a student know if the raw score is a passing score? The student cannot tell if he/she passed the test based on the raw score. Criterion-Referenced Tests are not scored the same way classroom tests are scored. One year's minimum raw score may not be exactly the same as the previous or the next. Cut scores for state tests are set by a process called Standard Setting.

Standard Setting

This nationally known and accepted methodology takes into consideration individual item difficulty and utilizes the expertise of educators, business leaders, and community members who serve on a Standard Setting committee. The committee members refer to the state's Performance Level Descriptors to make determinations about what items a student should know in order to be placed at a certain Performance Level. The process involves multiple rounds of review and occurs over several days. This information is then converted by Psychometricians to a scaled score. Typically, for the OCCT assessments the minimum scale score to be considered Satisfactory is 700. Tables that show raw scores and scale scores for each subject and grade level are included in each year's Technical Manuals. These manuals are available on the SDE Web site.