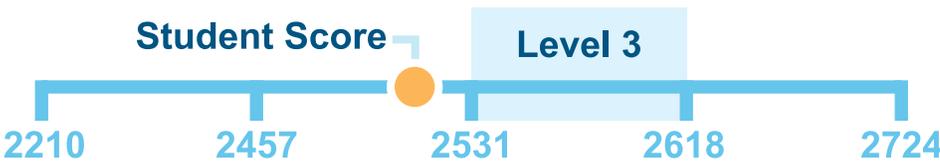




Academic Indicator

The Academic Indicator measures district and school performance on the Smarter Balanced English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics assessments. This indicator applies to districts and schools with grades three through eight.* One performance level will be calculated for ELA and one for mathematics.

Students receive a score on the Smarter Balanced ELA and mathematics assessments that falls into one of four levels. Level 3 is called “Standard Met”. How far a student’s score falls from the lowest possible Level 3 score is called Distance from Level 3 (DF3).



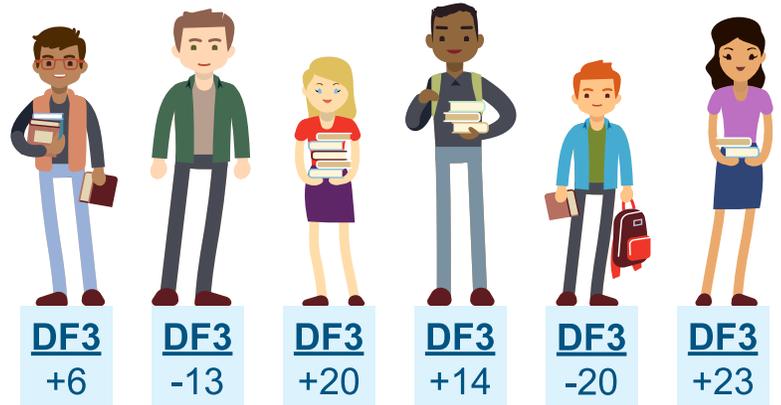
The student scored 2502. This is 29 points below the lowest possible score for Level 3, which is 2531. The DF3 for this student is -29 points.

The lowest possible score for Level 3 changes for each grade level and subject area. Scale score ranges can be found on the California Department of Education Smarter Balanced Scale Score Ranges Web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/sbscalerange.asp>.

Example

The Academic Indicator takes the average DF3 score for all students. The combined DF3 scores for the displayed students, divided by the total number of students, produces an average DF3 of five points.

$$\frac{6 - 13 + 20 + 14 - 20 + 23}{6} = 5 \text{ points}$$



Level	Change: Declined Significantly by more than 15 points	Change: Declined By 3 to 15 points	Change: Maintained Declined by less than 3 points or Increased by less than 3 points	Change: Increased by 3 to less than 15 points	Change: Increased Significantly By 15 points or more
Status: Very High 45 points or higher	Green*	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue
Status: High 10 to 44.9 points	Green*	Green*	Green	Green	Blue
Status: Medium -5 points to +9.9 points	Yellow*	Yellow*	Yellow	Green	Green
Status: Low -5.1 to -70 points	Orange*	Orange	Orange*	Yellow	Yellow
Status: Very Low -70.1 points or lower	Red	Red	Red	Orange	Orange*

The average DF3 for the current year indicates the Status level, ranging from Very Low to Very High, as shown in the colored grid. Subtracting current year DF3 from prior year DF3 results in a Change level, ranging from Increased Significantly to Declined Significantly. The performance level, or color, is determined by the intersection of Status and Change levels. A level of Blue or Green is needed in order to demonstrate success on this state indicator. Several changes have been made to the Academic Indicator; results reported in the spring and fall 2017 Dashboards should not be compared.

*Grade 11 assessment results are included in the College/Career Indicator.