What is Performance Series®?

An exciting assessment tool, Scantron’s Performance Series, has been adopted for use as one of the tools to help identify your child’s abilities. You may be familiar with the paper-and-pencil bubble tests from Scantron—this assessment tool is from Scantron as well, but a different type of assessment. Because it is online and adapts, Performance Series adjusts to your child’s abilities.

Unlike other forms of assessment, Performance Series tests are completely computer-based and adjust to each child’s ability level. All tests begin in relation to your child’s current grade. As your child answers each question, however, the test adapts according to his or her response. Questions get easier when your child answers incorrectly and get more challenging when he or she answers correctly. This individualizes every testing experience and more accurately measures your child’s ability.

Why is this helpful to you?

• Unique tests matched to your child’s abilities more accurately determine his or her next steps in the classroom.
• Results from these tests provide information to help you understand your child’s growth academically, through this year and across years.

Why is this helpful to your child’s teacher?

• Immediate results mean they can adjust instruction more quickly to help your child master important concepts.
• Educational materials can be customized (based on the results for each student and group) which help teachers improve learning.
• Detailed reports allow teachers to evaluate current or new teaching strategies and programs.

For more information, visit us at www.scantron.com or contact your Scantron representative at 800-SCANTRON (722-6876) or email sales@scantron.com.
### What Subject Areas Are Covered?

**Mathematics**

- Algebra
- Functions
- Number & Operations
- Geometry
- Measurement
- Data Analysis & Probability
- Statistics

**Reading Foundations**

- Phonics
- Phonological Awareness
- Vocabulary
- Text Comprehension
- Reading Rate
- Long Passage

**Reading**

- Reading Foundations
- Reading Rate
- Lexile Measure

**Algebra**

- Polynomials and Rational Expressions
- Building Functions
- Creating Equations
- Interpreting Functions
- Linear and Exponential Models
- Reasoning with Equations and Inequalities
- Seeing Structure in Expressions
- Trigonometric Functions

**Geometry**

- Congruence
- Similarity, Right Triangles and Trigonometry

### Gains

Gains are simply the number of Scaled Score points by which your child has improved over time. Through the year, this can be used to gauge if he or she is ‘on track’ or not.

### Unit Score Ranges (USRs)

Unit Score Ranges identify your child’s ability on a specific unit within a subject. The center line in the USR bar shows your child’s unit ability estimate, and the green bar shows the highest and lowest scores your child might get if he or she took the test again.

### What Else Should I Know?

**Does Performance Series align to my state standards?**

Yes, your diocese worked with Scantron to ensure that your state standards are used as the guide to assess your child.

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**Math (English and Spanish)**

- Algebra
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**Lexile Measure**

The Lexile Measure identifies your child’s place on a developmental scale that matches his or her reading ability to appropriate books. You can use this score to locate books online at your child’s level at www.lexile.com.

**Do all students see the same test?**

All children see the same topic areas, but all children do not see the same test question, because Performance Series is computer-adaptive—each test is unique for each child.

**How many test items does each student receive?**

The test is online and computer-adaptive, so each child receives a unique test and the number of items may vary. There is no set number of questions. The average number of questions in a testing session is about 50.

**Are the tests timed?**

No, children are allowed as much time as needed to take the test.

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* Directions for all tests are available in English and Spanish.

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