



# Box Elder

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Dear Families,

In the spring of 2014, your student took one or more of the SAGE tests in grades 3-11 in English language arts, mathematics and science. These tests were designed to measure their knowledge and skills on the Utah core Standards. These standards reflect the expectations for what students should know and be able to do by the end of grade or course and be on track for college and career readiness after graduation.

Along with the Utah Core Standards, educators have also established proficiency levels on the tests. Proficiency levels determine a “passing score” for the test. These passing scores have been set to identify the level of preparation for the next grade or course and on track for college and career. Proficiency levels are divided into four categories: Highly Proficient, Proficient, Approaching Proficient, and Below Proficient.

Your student’s score will also be reported with a scaled score. A scaled score is a number from 100-900 for each test. This allows you to compare the subject results from year to year.

The passing score for SAGE is more challenging than in prior tests, and many students may receive lower scores than they did in the past. This is not a reflection of decreased student achievement, rather, it reflects an increase in expectations. It is important to remember that SAGE results are one of the many student performance indicators; including class assessments, quizzes, homework assignments, projects and other day-to-day learning activities.

November 5, 2014, your child will be bringing home their Individual Student SAGE Report. This report will provide detailed descriptions of your child’s academic strengths and weaknesses, relative to the measured standards, and we encourage parents to review the report with your child. If you have questions regarding the report, please contact your child’s school. An interpretive guide to further explain the SAGE scores will be sent home with each child. You can also review individual school data by accessing the Data Gateway, found on the homepage of the Utah State Office of Education. <http://www.schools.utah.gov/main/>

Sincerely,

Keri Greener  
Assessment Director