



A New TASC Test Performance Level: Distinguished Achievement Benchmark

Recently some states and institutions of higher education have indicated that it would be helpful to have an additional higher set of cut scores, with an added level of insight into the skills, knowledge, and abilities examinees bring to their postsecondary endeavors or job pursuits. Data Recognition Corporation is proud to introduce these new cut scores which are called the TASC Test Distinguished Achievement Benchmarks.

Distinguished Achievement cut scores acknowledge an advanced level of achievement earned by examinees in the areas of Mathematics, Reading, and Writing.

Passing Standards/Cut Scores

While the scale for the TASC test was established to have a common high school equivalency (HSE) scale score cut of 500 for passing across subject areas, the TASC Test Distinguished Achievement scale score cuts vary, with the Reading cut score higher (580) than those for Mathematics and Writing (560). Note that the Writing test requires a minimum score on the Essay, in addition to the scale score cut of 500, as shown in the table below.

Benefits of Distinguished Achievement Cut Scores

- Help examinees, college admissions officers, and employers make better decisions regarding potential academic and career success.
- Enable the community to recognize examinees that have demonstrated a higher level of ability as compared to examinees earning the passing score.

Subject	Passing Score	Distinguished Achievement Score
Language Arts Reading	500	580
Mathematics	500	560
Language Arts Writing	500 and at least a 2 out of 8 on the Writing essay	560 and at least a 6 out of 8 on the Writing essay

For additional information on the TASC Test Distinguished Achievement Benchmark please visit TASCTest.com.

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