

The cutscore is specific to the TABE Level, which is the NRS cutscore that would place a student into the next highest NRS level. This IRT look-up table approach for the domain-level scoring, which utilizes the IRT parameters within a domain and the SEM at the cutscore, allows for a more reliable score at the domain level. This IRT approach also creates comparable performance level scores across Forms 11 & 12, even if they have different numbers of score points or items, compared to simple number- or percent-correct scoring.

Interpreting Locator Test Scores

In order to obtain the most reliable test results for each examinee, it is important to administer the level of TABE that best targets the examinee’s skill level in each content area of the test.

The scores an examinee receives on the Locator tests indicate the level(s) of TABE the examiner should administer.

If an examinee’s Locator Test scores indicate significant differences in Reading, Mathematics, and Language skills (e.g., more than two TABE levels apart), the examinee could be administered TABE tests from different levels. (For example, an examinee’s Locator Test scores might indicate that an examinee should take Level M Reading, but Level D Mathematics.)

NOTE: The cut points are guidelines. Use them in conjunction with any knowledge of the examinee’s previous performance to help determine placement in TABE levels.

Reading	Mathematics	Language	TABE Level to Administer
0-5	0-5	0-5	E
6-11	6-9	6-10	M
12-15	10-12	11-13	D
16-19	13-16	14-16	A

If an examinee scores fewer than 6 points correct on the Locator Test, it may indicate that

Level L tests should be administered. Use any previous knowledge of the examinee’s performance to determine the appropriate TABE levels to administer.

Converting Number-Correct or Total Points Obtained Scores for Each Print Subtest

The majority of the tables in this scoring guide have the same configuration. The points obtained or number-correct (NC) scores for each subtest are listed in the first column of each table. Scale scores appear next to the number-correct scores. They are followed by the conditional standard error of measurement (SEM) and then NRS Level. However, at the Domain level, the tables show number correct or points obtained to Proficiency Level 1 (Non-Proficiency), Level 2 (Partial Proficiency), or Level 3 (Proficiency). Note that these tables can only be used with the Print versions of the TABE test.

NRS Level to Scale Score Range and TABE Level

Literacy Level	NRS Level	Reading SS	Language SS	Math SS	TABE Level
Beginning ABE Lit.	1	300-441	300-457	300-448	L
Beginning Basic Ed	2	442-500	458-510	449-495	E
Low Int. Basic Ed	3	501-535	511-546	496-536	M
High Int. Basic Ed	4	536-575	547-583	537-595	D
Low Adult Sec. Ed	5	576-616	584-630	596-656	A
High Adult Sec. Ed	6	617-800	631-800	657-800	