

The Scoring Process

Districts
Return
Materials

Pearson
Scans all
Documents

Materials
are
Handscored

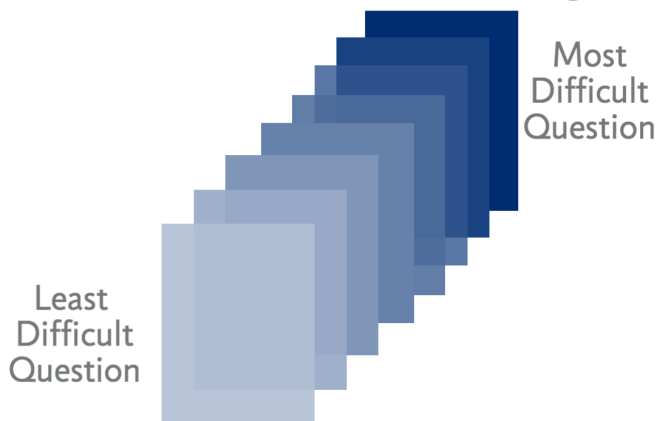
TVAAS
Data
Available

Conduct
Standards
Setting

Grade 3-8
Raw Data
Available

High School
Data
Released

What is standards setting?



Actual student performance determines where the questions fall from least difficult to most difficult; that's why you can only do standards setting after students take the test.

Based on broad definitions of what students should know and be able to do at each level, Tennessee educators look at each question, determining the cut off between each level of proficiency. This process is called standards setting.

What is a cut score?



The point where two levels meet is called the cut score. Three cut scores determine four levels of performance.

What is a performance level?

The cut score is the minimum score a student must earn to be considered at a certain performance level.

Performance level is not the same as proficiency; rather, performance levels are used to determine proficiency.

