# The Guide to Your Child's Student Report for the Washington Access to Instruction \& Measurement (WA-AIM) Alternate Assessment 

This guide will help you understand the scores on your child's report.
A note from the State of Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
The WA-AIM assessment measures how well students have learned the Washington Content Areas and Categories. Student Scores on WA-AIM are reported as three-digit scores. These scores connect to Alternate Achievement levels ( $1,2,3$, and 4 ) and provide information about your child's achievement on WA-AIM.

Use this report to help you play a more active role in your child's education. Please take the time to study your child's results, to contact your child's school for additional documentation of learning progress, and to understand how the staff will utilize this WA-AIM report to support your child during the upcoming school year.

## 1-Total Scores and Alternate Achievement Levels

Your child received two kinds of test scores: a number score and an Alternate Achievement level score. You can see in the bar chart that our child's number score must be within certain ranges of numbers to achieve a Proficient Alternate Achievement level. The Alternate Achievement level indicators show that your student can consistently perform the knowledge and skills of the associated content area at the level displayed and the levels below. Your student may also be capable of performing some of the knowledge and skills described at higher levels, but not consistent enough to attain a corresponding score. Detailed Alternate Achievement level descriptions can be found on the back of the report.

2-How to access more information about WA-AIM
Detailed information on the WA-AIM alternate assessment can be found at https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/testing/state-testing/assessment-students-cognitive-disabilities-wa-aim

## 3-Performance by Content Category

This section of the report provides even more specific information about your child's score. Within each tested subject, there are several important content categories. Be sure to review the results for each category to help you understand your child's areas or greatest need. Note: The content category scores cannon be added together to equal the total score for the content area.

## 4-Understanding Your Student's Score and Complexity Levels

The scores for your student are derived through a weighting design based on the complexity (more complex, intermediate complexity, less complex) of the chosen standard assessed and the number of points earned. The weighting formula derives higher point values for student knowledge and skills demonstrated at higher complexities.

## 5-Alernate Achievement Level Descriptors

This section of the report provides examples of knowledge and skills represented by your child's score. The WA-AIM test is divided into four achievement levels. Based on their scores, student performance for each content area is placed into one of four alternate achievement levels. In Washington achievement levels 3 and 4 are considered proficient.


