



Performance Levels and Policy Claims

Each performance level of the CoAlt assessment has a high-level policy claim associated with it. The policy claims give a general idea of what is expected of a student at each level regardless of their grade level. **The Advanced and At Target levels are ready for continuing study in the content area.** Grade level specific descriptions are included on the Student Performance Report and in the *CMAS and CoAlt Interpretive Guide*.

Performance Levels	CoAlt Science Policy Claims
Advanced	Students performing at this level demonstrate a solid understanding of the concepts and skills represented by the Extended Evidence Outcomes (EEOs) of the Colorado Academic Standards (CAS). They are academically well prepared to engage in further studies in the content area with appropriate supports.
At Target	Students performing at this level demonstrate a foundational understanding of concepts and skills represented by the EEOs of the CAS. They are academically prepared to engage in further studies in the content area with appropriate supports.
Approaching Target	Students performing at this level demonstrate a limited understanding of concepts and skills represented by the EEOs of the CAS. They will likely need moderate academic supports to engage successfully in further studies in the content area.
Emerging	Students performing at this level demonstrate an initial understanding of concepts and skills represented by the EEOs of the CAS. They will need extensive academic supports to engage successfully in further studies in the content area.

Cut Scores

Overall Performance Level

Students taking the CoAlt Science assessments are given an overall scale score that ranges from 150 to 350. Colorado educators set cut scores for performance levels based on the specific content that students should be able to engage with at each performance level. The cut scores were adopted by the State Board of Education in 2022. The range of scale scores at each performance level is provided below.

CoAlt Science Performance Level Cut Scores				
Grade Level	Emerging	Approaching Target	At Target	Advanced
Grade 5	150-224	225-249	250-272	273-350
Grade 8			250-276	277-350
Grade 11				