

How to Read Your WEST–B Score Report

General Information. This score report provides your results for the Washington Educator Skills Test—Basic® (WEST–B®). Specifically, the report includes your cumulative WEST–B status, your performance by subtest for the administration date indicated, and your testing history by subtest.

Cumulative WEST–B Status. The report provides your cumulative WEST–B status for all WEST–B subtests. Cumulative status is reported for each subtest as “Taken” or “Not Taken.” This report also provides your status with regard to the entire WEST–B requirement as “Taken” or “Not Taken.”

Subtest Scores. Results for each subtest are reported on a scale with a range of 100 to 300. A passing score on each subtest is not required by the state of Washington for entry into an educator preparation program or for teacher certification. A scaled score of 240 represents the state benchmark for each subtest. State benchmark scores have been established by the Washington Professional Educator Standards Board based on the recommendations of a panel of Washington educators. The state benchmark score is designed to reflect the level of knowledge required for entry-level teaching in Washington schools and is designed to only be used as a reference. Your scaled scores for the Reading and Mathematics subtests are based on the number of multiple-choice questions you answered correctly. Your scaled score for the Writing subtest is based on the number of multiple-choice questions you answered correctly combined with your scores on the constructed-response questions. Your status for each subtest taken on the administration date indicated on the report is listed as “Taken” or “Not Taken.”

Testing History. This score report also indicates the highest score attained on each subtest you have taken and the test date of the highest score.

Diagnostic Information. This section of your score report contains information regarding your performance on each objective on the test. This information can help you identify your relative strengths and weaknesses.

Please keep in mind that minor fluctuations in objective scores are expected over repeated testing. While large differences in percent correct across objectives indicate relative strengths and weaknesses, small differences in objective performance may be due to these fluctuations in performance that are typical of multiple test administrations.

Multiple-Choice Questions. For the multiple-choice section, you will find the number of questions included in each objective, as well as the percentage of these questions that you answered correctly.

Constructed-Response Questions. If your subtest contained constructed-response questions, you will find your question score(s) in this section of your score report. If your constructed-response question score is labeled as “B,” this means that you provided a blank response to this question. If your constructed-response question score is labeled “U,” this means that your response was designated as unscorable. A response is considered unscorable when it is unrelated to the assigned topic, when it is not primarily in the target language, when it is inaudible or illegible, or when it does not contain a sufficient amount of original work to score.

Cautions. The subtest scores indicated on this report are NOT intended to be used for employment decisions, other college admissions decisions, or any other purpose. These results have been reported directly to the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Office of Professional Education and Certification, and to any institution(s) you specified during registration, and may be reported to other institutions or offices authorized or required by law to receive this information.

This score report is for your records only. Keep a copy for your permanent records.