



**State Board of Education Resolution
To Approve DC Science Cut Scores
SR17-10**

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia administers multiple assessments annually in accordance with local and federal law to measure students’ proficiency and progress toward college and career readiness;

WHEREAS, in December 2013, the District of Columbia adopted the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), which define what students should know and be able to do at each grade level in Science so that they will graduate high school ready to succeed in college and careers;

WHEREAS, adopting and implementing the NGSS meant the District of Columbia needed to adopt a high-quality assessment aligned to the NGSS that would allow students to demonstrate their knowledge in a more accurate and engaging way, and help the District ensure that every student graduates from high school ready for college or a career;

WHEREAS, in the 2013-2014 school year, the District of Columbia designed an assessment aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards and developed performance level descriptors, in partnership with content experts and NGSS writers;

WHEREAS, in the 2015-2016 school year, the District of Columbia administered the DC Science assessment for the first time;

WHEREAS, in April 2017, performance level panels of educators met to provide recommendations on cut scores for grade 5, grade 8 and high school biology;

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education received presentations from OSSE regarding the DC Science assessment at public meetings held on May 17, 2017 as well as at working sessions held on April 5, 2017, May 3, 2017 and June 7, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education has recommended that the State Board approve cut scores for grade 5, grade 8 and high school biology as follows:

| Grade 5 | Scale Score |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Level 1/2 | 450 |
| Level 2/3 | 473 |
| Level 3/4 | 493 |
| Level 4/5 | 518 |
| Grade 8 | Scale Score |
| Level 1/2 | 459 |



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| Level 2/3 | 483 |
| Level 3/4 | 500 |
| Level 4/5 | 550 |
| Biology | Scale Score |
| Level 1/2 | 441 |
| Level 2/3 | 467 |
| Level 3/4 | 500 |
| Level 4/5 | 517 |

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Board of Education approves the cut scores for the DC Science assessment as proposed by the State Superintendent and listed above for grade 5, grade 8 and high school biology in the District of Columbia.

Date Adopted: June 21, 2017 Signed: *Jane L. Holliman*

