# Understanding Your child's Scores Percentite Ranks and Standard Scores 

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## What are Standard Scores?

So that we can better compare scores on different test measures, we convert your child's score into a standard score. Most tests have average standard scores of 100 . Increments of 15 are used to separate sections of the population into average, below average, and above average sections. For example, if your child gets a standard score between 85 and 115 , these scores are considered within the average range. The curve is higher for this section because most people in the world fall in the average range. If your child has a standard score below 85 , their score is considered below the average range. See the curve above for information on other divisions based on other standard scores.

## What are Percentlle Ranks?

Percentile ranks are an easy way to compare your child to other children his or her age. For example, if your child has a percentile rank of 16 , they fall in the $16^{\text {th }}$ percentile and scored higher than $16 \%$ of children the same age who took the same test. If your child earned a percentile rank of 75 on a standardized test, your child scored as well or better than 75 percent of his peers.
Percentile ranks are not the same as percent of correct answers on a test.

