

Creating and Using Thresholds

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Information

Thresholds are used in conjunction with the Results Scale. Thresholds define the Results Scale at the individual assessment level. The Results Scale determines how many units (categories) there are while thresholds decide where cutoff points for each category are for an individual assessment. This means that thresholds are customizable and set at the individual assessment level.

To create or adjust thresholds, users must be entering results for an assessment. User should select the appropriate method they want to use to enter assessment results. The way a user creates thresholds is the same across the different options for entering assessment results. See the [Adding Results to an Assessment resource](#) to review the different options for entering results.

Entering Thresholds

Thresholds will be entered in the thresholds fields for each category. The Outcomes platform will automatically generate the correct Threshold fields in relation to a campus's chosen Results Scale. The example shown used a four-point scale.

*Please note, your highest threshold cannot be the same as your maximum score.

The screenshot shows a web interface for configuring thresholds. At the top, there is a link "Remove Score Threshold" and two tabs: "Scale Type" (with "Default" and "Pass/Fail" options) and "Scoring Type" (with "Percentage" and "Points" options). Below this is the heading "Thresholds" and a sub-heading "Enter the minimum scores/percentages for each of the following achievement level thresholds." A green bar indicates the range "0-100%". Below this, a yellow box highlights a row of four input fields: "Minimum Score *", "Satisfactory", "Outstanding", and "Maximum Score *". Each field consists of a text input box and a percentage sign dropdown. The "Minimum Score *" field contains "0", and the "Maximum Score *" field contains "100".

Thresholds can be entered as either points (up to 200) or percentages. Users can toggle between the options by clicking the appropriate Scoring Type option.

This screenshot is similar to the one above, but the "Scoring Type" tabs are highlighted with a yellow box. In this view, the "Points" tab is selected instead of "Percentage". The input fields below are now labeled "Minimum Score *", "Partially Met", "Met", "Exceeded", and "Maximum Score *". The "Minimum Score *" field contains "0", and the "Maximum Score *" field contains "100".

Users will enter a number under a category label that will act as a threshold for that scale unit. When a user enters a threshold, the number entered defines the minimum point at which an assessment score qualifies for that category. Consequentially, when a user enters different cutoff points, they automatically create ranges of results for other categories. The minimum score defines the threshold for the lowest scale unit and the maximum score defines the upper bound of the highest unit.

Thresholds

Enter the minimum scores/percentages for each of the following achievement level thresholds.

0-49%		50-69%		70-79%		80-100%	
Minimum Score *	Partially Met	Met	Exceeded	Maximum Score *			
<input type="text" value="0"/> %	<input type="text" value="50"/> %	<input type="text" value="70"/> %	<input type="text" value="80"/> %	<input type="text" value="100"/> %			

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