

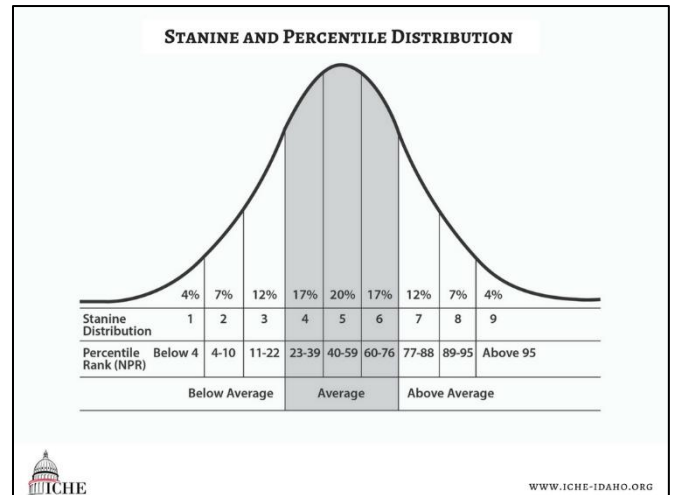
Understanding Your Student's Performance Profile

National Percentile Rank (NPR)

- A student's percentile rank indicates the percentage of students in a particular group that scored at or below the score of that student.
- Percentiles describe performance only in terms of comparison with the group; they do not indicate mastery over tested material.
- For example, if your student is ranked at the 56th percentile on a given test, that means that he or she performed better than 55% of students who took the same test.
- Percentile **is not** the percentage of correct answers on the test.

National Stanine (NS)

- Stanine (from STANDARD NINE) is a way of indicating the percentile rank as a single digit.
- The Stanine score ranges from a low of 1 to a high of 9.
- Stanines are a convenient way to identify areas of strength or weakness in your student's profile.



Grade Equivalent (GE)

- The GE is often misunderstood to mean a student's level of mastery.
- The GE is a decimal number that describes the grade level and month. A GE of 4.2 on a test means 4th grade level in the second month of the school year.
- *The GE indicates what an average student in the grade indicated would achieve if given the same test.*
- For example: A 4th grade student scores a GE of 8.3. This means her score is the same as an average student in the 3rd month of 8th grade taking the same test. This **does not** mean the 4th grade student would achieve the same score as the 8th grader on the 8th grade test.

Using the Results

- Testing is a tool – not a label
- ICHE recommends keeping scores private
- Confirm student strengths and/or weaknesses
- Monitor student progress over time