

## **How Can I Best Understand How these State Test Results are Analyzed?**

**PSSA-** this is the state test that measures the students performance levels on the tested materials at the time of the test.

**PVAAS-**the is the growth measure in PA that includes more than one test result to determine if the student grew or moved toward required performance levels during the year.

On the PVAAS Charts provided below:

**Achievement** measures the student against an expected standard, like a grade. Did the student achieve (score) at the level expected? Did the student learn to the level expected (as measured on the test)?

Clearly, we want all student to achieve at a high level; but not all student enter school with the same level of ability; so it is also important to determine the level that the student grows or improves each year.

**Growth** measures the degree of improvement as student makes toward expected levels. Did the student improve their learning as could be expected in one year?