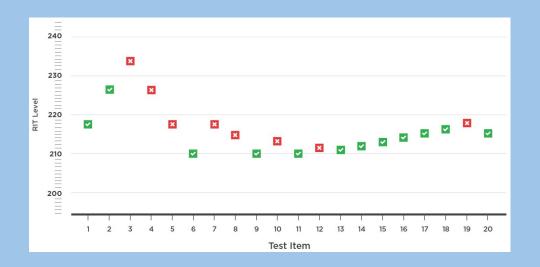
Mason Public Schools NWEA Parent Meeting



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What is NWEA Map Growth?

- An online computer adaptive assessment.
- Computer adaptive means that each student receives different questions depending on how they respond to the previous questions.
- The purpose of the test is to see what students know and do not know in order to help inform instruction.





How often do students take NWEA?

- 3 times per year
- It allows teachers to measure the overall growth and track progress.
- Each assessment is approximately 40-75 minutes to take depending on the grade level.



What does MAP Growth measure and what is a RIT score?

- Measures students' performance in Reading, Math, & Science.
- Measures their progress using a Rausch Unit (RIT) score.
 Rausch Units are an equal interval scale, similar to measuring a person's height in inches. When a person's height is measured, it does not matter how old they are, it is the same scale.
- Think of RIT as: Ready for Instruction Today

How are the Map Growth scores used by teachers and the school?

- Teachers can use their data to guide their instruction for students
- The data helps teachers know where they can spend less time and where they need to spend more time based on what students know and do not yet know
- The data helps teachers know what skills students are making progress on and which ones they have mastered
- Teachers can help students set individual goals around their individual needs for instruction
- Administration can monitor overall student growth to determine the progress of a grade level and a building

Can Map Growth tell me if my child is performing at grade level?

- Yes, just like doctor's have charts to determine what percentile your child is in for their height and weight, NWEA has a chart showing the median (40-60th) percentile for all the thousands of students who take NWEA at each grade level
- Remember this is just one data point in time.

Is it a standardized test? How does it correlate to M-STEP and PSAT 8/9?

- It is not a standardized test.
- Students who are above the 65th percentile, have a high chance of being proficient on the M-STEP and on track for the SAT

What types of questions are asked?

- There are many different question types
- Drag and drop, multiple choice, multiple selection, and more
- There is a practice test you can see, if you are interested
 - https://warmup.nwea.org

Is NWEA accessible for students on an IEP or 504?

 Yes, accommodations for students who need them will be assigned.

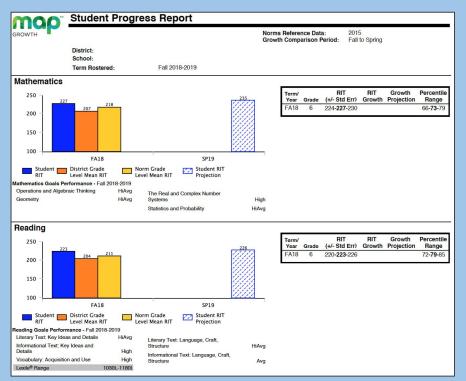
Is NWEA secure? What does NWEA do with my child's information?

- Yes, NWEA ensures the security of their data and performs regular audits to protect the information
- NWEA only uses the information to work with schools
- Any research NWEA is performing, strips the data of any personal identifying information

What information will be shared with me from the school?

- Student progress reports will be sent home with your student along with an email to let you know when they are sent out
- These will be sent home three times this year, fall, winter, and spring (look for an email announcement to let you know when they are coming home!)

What does a student progress report look like?



Quick Reference

This report displays current and past RIT scores of a student. RIT stands for Rasch Unit, which is a unit of measure that uses individual test question difficulty values to estimate student achievement.

The RIT is used to measure how "tall" a student is on the curriculum scale and scores can be compared to tell how much growth a student has made, similar to measuring height on a yardstick. This score is independent of the age or grade of the student but reflects the instructional level at which the student is currently performing, helping teachers plan instruction at an appropriate level for the student.

If you have questions about this report, please contact your child's school

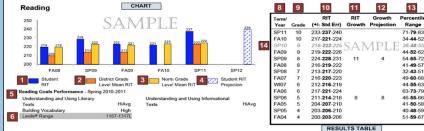


Chart Legend

Student RIT - The student's RIT score on each growth test.

2 District Grade Level Mean RIT - The average RIT score for students in the same school district and same grade that were tested at the same time as the student named on this report. Lack of the District Grade Level Mean RIT bar indicates that the RIT is not available due to the district testing window not being closed.

3 Norm Grade Level Mean RIT - The average RIT score for students in the same grade and tested in the same term as observed in the most recent NWEA RIT Scale Norms study, Lack of the Norm Grade Level Mean RIT bar indicates that the RIT is not available due to no norm data being available for that particular grade and/or subject.

4 Student RIT Projection - The projected RIT score of the student for when they take a future test. This projected RIT score is based on the student's actual RIT score in the 11 RIT Growth - Presents the student's growth in RIT points made between first term of the Growth Comparison Period and the average RIT growth of students who were in the same grade and tested in the same term as observed in the most recent NWFA BIT Scale Norms' study.

5 Goals Performance - Each goal area included in the test is listed along with a goal recent NWEA RIT Scale Norms* study. range or descriptive adjective of the student's score. The possible descriptors are Low

Results Table Legend

7 Growth Comparison Period - The terms that define the time frame for which the RIT Growth, Growth Projection and Student RIT Projection value(s) are

8 Term/Year - The test term (FA=fall, SP=spring, WI=winter, SU=summer) and the year when the student took the test.

9 Grade - Grade of the student when the test was taken.

10 RIT - The middle number is this student's RIT score. The numbers on either side of the RIT score define the score +/- the standard error. If retested soon, the student's score would fall within this range most of the time.

growth tests in the Growth Comparison Period.

12 Growth Projection - The average growth of students who were in the same grade and began the same term at a similar RIT score according to the most

What is the plan with my child's test results?

- As NWEA is new to both teachers and students, this will be a year of learning and training
- Teachers will be looking and analyzing the data this year to help inform instruction and start working with students to set goals