

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.

Fall



Winter



Spring





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?

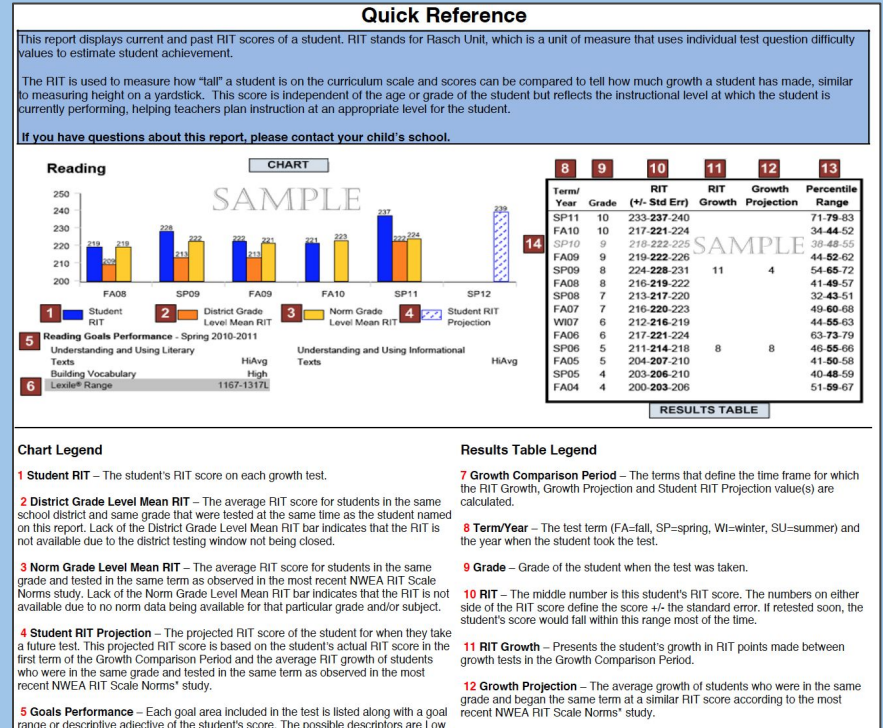
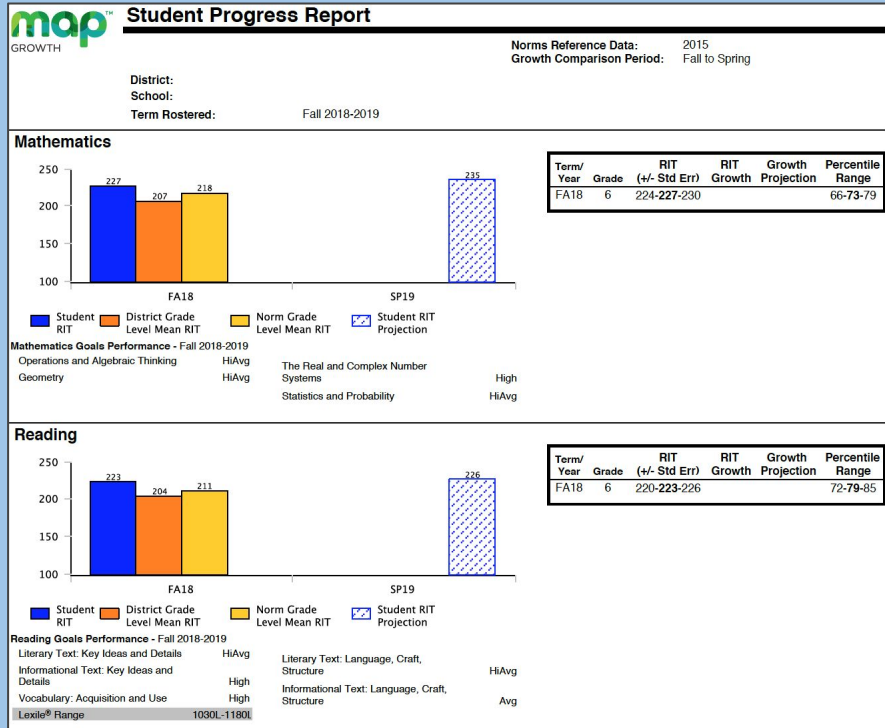
- Yes, NWEA ensures the security of their data and performs regular audits to protect the information
- NWEA only uses the information to work with schools
- Any research NWEA is performing, strips the data of any personal identifying information



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?





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