

# NWEA MAP GROWTH FAMILY QUICK GUIDE

## WHAT MAP GROWTH IS AND HOW IT WORKS:

The NWEA MAP Growth test is an interim assessment that provides a detailed snapshot of how your child is growing academically throughout the year and over multiple years in school.

Map Growth is a computer adaptive assessment, which means it adjusts to each individual student. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question will be more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next question will be less difficult. Map Growth challenges top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are still developing.

Students in grades 3-10 will be assessed using MAP Growth in the areas of Reading, Language Usage, Science and Mathematics. Students in grades K-2 will be assessed using MAP growth in the areas of Reading and Mathematics.

Replacing the DIBELS/Acadience assessment, students in grades K-2 will also take the MAP Reading Fluency. This tool is designed to monitor oral reading fluency, literal comprehension, and foundational reading skills from season to season and year to year.

## WHAT MAP GROWTH MEASURES:

MAP Growth measures what students know and what they don't know, regardless of their grade level. This helps teachers adjust their instruction for each student. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your student's progress throughout the school year and across multiple school years.

Map Growth results are delivered in the form of a RIT score which reflects the student's academic knowledge, skills, and abilities. With each Map Growth interim assessment you will be able to monitor your child's academic growth. A RIT score has the same meaning regardless of grade level, or age, so you can compare scores over time.

## FAQS

### HOW DO SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS USE MAP GROWTH SCORES?

*Teachers use the score to inform instruction, personalize learning and monitor the growth and progress of each student. Higher-level reports give administrators the data to drive improvement across schools and systems.*

### HOW OFTEN IS THE MAP ASSESSMENT ADMINISTERED?

*This assessment will be administered three times a year (fall, winter and spring) and results are available immediately.*

### IS MAP GROWTH STANDARDIZED?

*Rather than asking all students the same questions, MAP Growth adjusts to each child's performance –giving a more accurate measure of what they know.*

### How long does it take each student to complete the MAP Assessment?

*Tests are not timed, and students may take as much time as they need to complete them; eliminating some of the pressure and anxiety students may feel about taking tests. Most students take less than an hour to complete a MAP Growth test.*

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**VISIT: [NWEA.ORG/FAMILYTOOLKIT](https://www.nwea.org/familytoolkit) OR CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL**