

MAPLE ELEMENTARY

Understanding Your Child's Assessments:

ISTEP and NWEA

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ASSESSMENTS:

Formative VS Summative

- **Formative Assessments** – are used immediately by teachers to help plan daily instruction to meet the individual needs of every student (NWEA).
- **Summative Assessments** – are used to measure whether a student has mastered knowledge of basic skills at set intervals (ISTEP).



ISTEP+

**Indiana Statewide Testing For
Educational Progress**



What Does it Mean to “Pass” ISTEP?

- “Meets the passing standard.”
- Mastery of the State Standards from previous years
- Your child is able to independently recall and apply their knowledge on very high level thinking tasks.



What does “Did Not Pass” mean?

- “Fails to meet the passing standard and in all likelihood will need remedial assistance.
- Possibilities

Summer School

Daily School Interventions

Title I Services

Small Group Instruction

Retention



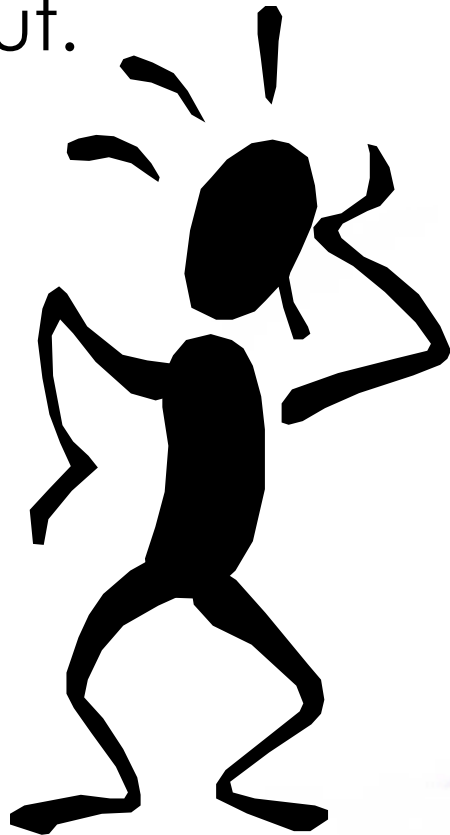
What is Pass +?

- “Meets the passing standard and demonstrates high achievement in the knowledge and skills of the content area.”
- We feel that many more students are capable of attaining Pass +.



Sample Parent Report

- See attached report in handout.



Indiana Department of Education Resources

- Sample test items
- Data
- www.doe.state.in.us



Instructional Tool?

- ISTEP+ is **NOT** a tool that is used by teachers to plan daily instruction.
- ISTEP+ **DOES** give schools information to assist in long-term goal planning.
Current goal areas for Maple are math problem solving and writing.



NWEA

Northwest Evaluation Association



NWEA FAQs

- What tests are given at Maple?
Math, Reading, and Language Arts
- Who is given the tests?
Students in grades 2 through 4
- How are the tests administered and how long does each test take?
Computer – each test takes approximately one hour to complete
- How often will the tests be given?
Fall & Spring to students in grades 2 through 4
As new students enter
As needed, but no more than 4 times a year



NWEA's Computerized Tests are "Adaptive"

- When taking a test, the difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers all the previous questions.
- In an optimal test, half the items are answered correctly and half incorrectly. The final score is an estimate of the student's achievement level.



What are NWEA assessments used for?

- The assessments are used to measure student progress or growth in school.
- NWEA tests are important to teachers and students because they allow them to keep track of progress and set goals. They inform teachers of strengths and weaknesses and then provide instructional resources for both.



RIT Scores

Typical RIT scores for fall testing window:

	Language	Reading	Math
2nd Grade	180	178	179
3rd Grade	194	192	193
4th Grade	203	201	203

Expected growth from fall to spring:

	Language	Reading	Math
2nd Grade	14.1	13.1	13.9
3rd Grade	9.1	9.1	10.9
4th Grade	6.3	6.5	8.8



Cause for concern when...

1. Your child did not pass ISTEP +.
2. Your child's scores were close to the cut scores for ISTEP +.
3. Your child achieved a RIT score that is a grade level or more below expected. (For 2nd grade, this is below 166 in Math, 164 in Reading and 166 in Language.)
4. Your child's NWEA report in the spring does not show typical growth rate.



Parent Information

- Student report
- NWEA link: www.nwea.org

Questions ???

