

What is Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) MAP Growth?

NWEA MAP Growth is a computer-adaptive assessment that measures reading and mathematical skills. Students in grades 4-8 and HS English I are assessed in NWEA MAP three times a year, during the fall, winter and spring. The results from each benchmark assessment provide a summary of how students perform academically and how ready they are to learn new skills. **Special Note: The NWEA MAP is not the same assessment tool as the state-required Missouri Assessment Program (MAP).**

Here are the specific performance goals covered on each NWEA MAP Growth assessment:

NWEA MAP GROWTH READING:

- Evaluating Literary Text
- Evaluating Informational Text
- Vocabulary Development

NWEA MAP GROWTH MATH:

- Number Sense and Operations
- Relationships and Algebraic Thinking
- Geometry and Measurement
- Data Analysis and Probability

Why is my child taking NWEA MAP Growth?

The growth of each student is a priority for the learning experience of our students. The NWEA MAP assessment allows Lindbergh teachers to use data to inform instructional decisions for individual students, engage students in areas of strength, and set learning goals. It also provides a way for students, teachers, and parents to monitor student progress.

How do I interpret results?

Here is a summary of the information you will receive in the SIS Portal:

RIT Score:

The Rasch Unit (RIT) is a scale score that indicates how your child performed in the content area overall and in specific content-area goals.

Based on the normed score for each grade level, your child will receive an overall test percentile. *Note: percentiles are given for the overall score, but not for each content-area goal.*

Test Percentile

This data point indicates how your student performed in comparison to their grade-level peers.

Example: If my student is in the 68th percentile, she performed better than 68% of grade-level peers who took the NWEA MAP assessment.

*Achievement
Quintile (AQ)
Breakdown
based on test
percentile:*

- Up to 20th percentile = **Low**
- 21st to 40th percentile = **Low Average**
- 41st to 60th percentile = **Average**
- 61st to 80th percentile = **High Average**
- 81st and above = **High**