Shiner Elementary Universal Screener
2025-2026

In Shiner ISD, we use a universal screener called MAP Growth to determine what the student knows and is ready to learn next. The assessment information will support teachers in knowing the instructional areas in which students have grown and are ready to learn.

NWEA MAP Growth Testing Information

For an overview, please watch this What is MAP Growth video. The "A Family Guide to Map Growth" handout contains basic information about Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) and MAP Growth as a screening tool.

MAP Growth Frequently Asked Questions

Who will take the MAP Growth screener?

All elementary students in grade K–6 will take this assessment in Mathematics and Reading. 5th grade students will also take the Science assessment.

When will my child take the Math MAP Growth screener?

Students will take the assessment three times a year; Fall, Winter and Spring during a district determined window. Students will take the screener during class.

What is a RIT Score?

A RIT score is an estimation of a student's instructional level and also measures student growth or progress. You may have a chart in your home on which you mark your child's height at certain times, such as on their birthday. This is a growth chart to show how much they have grown from one year to the next. MAP assessments do the same sort of thing, except they measure your student's growth.
The RIT scale ranges from 100–350. RIT scores make it possible to follow a student's educational growth from year to year. As an example of how math RIT scores change as students move from grade to grade, a student may score in the 170s in third grade and advance to the 220s by high school.

What is a passing RIT score on the MAP Growth screener?

The MAP Growth assessment is not a test for mastery. It is designed to inform the instructional areas in which students are ready to learn. There is not a passing score as it is an assessment FOR learning rather than OF learning. The RIT score is based upon data from students nationwide and is used as a scale to compare scores to normed scores across the country.

What is a percentile rank?

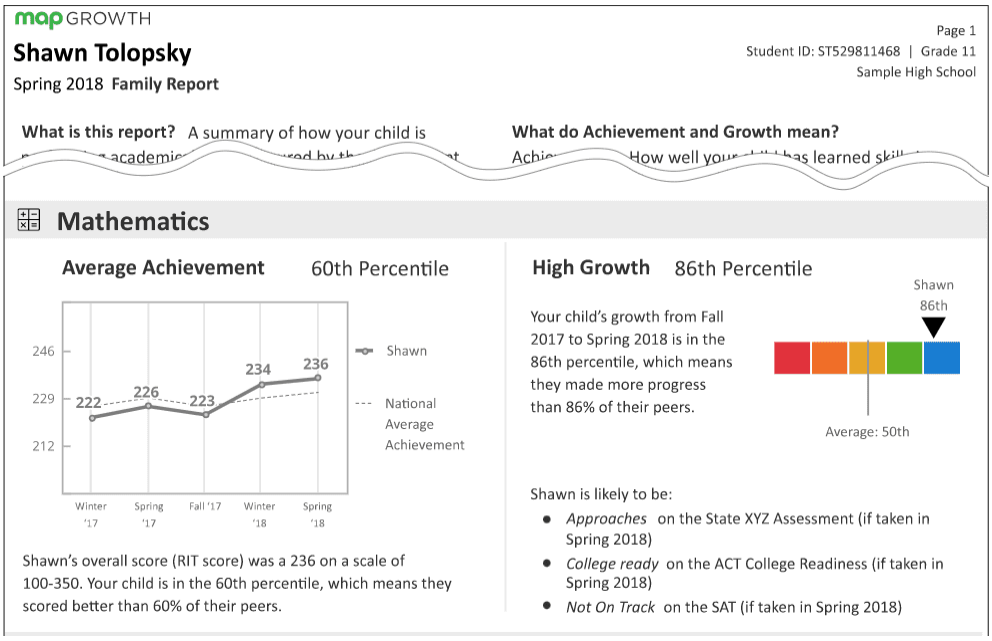
A percentile rank indicates how well a student performed in comparison to the students in the specific norm group; for example, in the same grade and subject. A student's percentile rank indicates that the student scored as well as, or better than, the percent of students in the norm group. For example, a student scoring at the 35th percentile scored as well as, or better than, 35 percent of students in the norm group. It also means that 65 percent of the students in the norm group exceeded this score.
The percentile rank is not a percentage of items the student answered correctly.

How is the MAP Growth screener different from the STAAR test?

Unlike standardized tests, MAP Growth is administered three times during the school year, and it adjusts to each student's performance, rather than asking all students the same questions. When we talk about high-stakes tests, we are usually talking about a test designed to measure what students already know, based on what is expected at their grade level. High stakes tests are also often used as a way to measure grade-level proficiency. MAP Growth is designed to measure student achievement in the moment and growth over time, regardless of grade level, so it is quite different.

When will I receive a score report for my child?

Since the MAP Growth screener is designed to measure growth over time, family reports will be shared after our second testing session in the spring semester. Below is a sample report showing the way data will be represented on the report. Each year, this data will follow the student with cumulative data as you can see in the example below:



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Shawn Tolopsky

Spring 2018 **Family Report**

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Student ID: ST529811468 | Grade 11
Sample High School

What is this report? A summary of how your child is

What do Achievement and Growth mean?

How well your child has learned skill

Mathematics

Average Achievement 60th Percentile

246
229
212

222 226 223 234 236

Winter '17 Spring '17 Fall '17 Winter '18 Spring '18

Shawn

National Average Achievement

Shawn's overall score (RIT score) was a 236 on a scale of 100-350. Your child is in the 60th percentile, which means they scored better than 60% of their peers.

High Growth 86th Percentile

Your child's growth from Fall 2017 to Spring 2018 is in the 86th percentile, which means they made more progress than 86% of their peers.

Shawn
86th

Average: 50th

Shawn is likely to be:

- *Approaches* on the State XYZ Assessment (if taken in Spring 2018)
- *College ready* on the ACT College Readiness (if taken in Spring 2018)
- *Not On Track* on the SAT (if taken in Spring 2018)

[MAP Growth Report Sample – English]

[MAP Growth Report Sample – Spanish]

How will my child's teacher use his/her RIT Score?

Teachers can use the score to inform instruction, personalize learning, and monitor the growth of individual students. Principals and administrators can use the scores to see the performance and progress of a grade level, a school, or the entire district. Remember, your child's MAP Growth RIT score is not a grade. Instead, it is a single data point that helps their teacher know what they are ready to learn next. It is there to help inform the teacher's instructional decisions.