

2026-2027 ELA Navigate Placement Criteria

Placement in the English Language Arts Navigate program in District 30 is based on multiple data points, including Fountas & Pinnell, NWEA MAP, and CogAT. In keeping with best practices in gifted education, placement decisions are informed by a review of longitudinal data rather than a single assessment. Students who meet Navigate criteria on these measures participate in additional assessments, including Degrees of Reading Power (DRP) and Primary NWEA MAP (first grade only).

Grade	ELA Navigate Requirements
1	Three of the following: ● 2026 F&P - 1st Grade F&P M+ ● 2026 MAP - 1st Grade Fall MAP* 185+ ● 2026 DRP - 1st Grade DRP 94%ile+
2	Two of the following: ● 2026 MAP - 2nd Grade Fall RIT 205+ ● 2026 DRP - 2nd Grade DRP 94%ile+
3	Three of the following: ● 2026 MAP - 3rd Grade Fall RIT 220+ ● 2026 MAP - 2nd Grade Spring RIT 218+ ● 2025 MAP - 2nd Grade Fall RIT 205+ ● 2026 DRP - 3rd Grade DRP 94%ile+
4	Three of the following: ● 2026 MAP - 4th Grade Fall RIT 227+ ● 2026 MAP - 3rd Grade Spring RIT 222+ ● 2025 MAP - 3rd Grade Fall RIT 220+ ● 2025 CogAT - 3rd Grade (Verbal) 124+ ● 2026 DRP - 4th Grade DRP 94%ile
5	Three of the following: ● 2026 MAP - 5th Grade Fall RIT 235+ ● 2026 MAP - 4th Grade Spring 232+ ● 2025 MAP - 4th Grade Fall RIT 227+ ● 2024 CogAT - 3rd Grade (Verbal) 124+ ● 2026 DRP - 5th Grade DRP 94%ile+

5 to 6	Three of the following: • 2026 MAP - 5th grade Spring 237+ • 2025 MAP - 5th grade Fall 235+ • 2025 MAP - 4th grade Spring 232+ • 2025 CogAT - 5th Grade (Verbal) 124+ • 2026 DRP - End of year 5th Grade DRP 94%ile+
6 to 7	We seek to continue a student's current ELA placement unless classroom performance and/or standardized assessment data indicate otherwise.
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*NWEA MAP is used as a universal screener for English Language Arts in grades 2–8. The Primary NWEA MAP serves as an additional data point for ELA in grade 1.