



MAP GROWTH Testing and NWEA Frequently Asked Questions



Why MAP GROWTH?

MAP GROWTH allows schools to differentiate and adjust instruction for individual students, groups of students, or entire classes based on results of the assessment. The results can be used by students, parents, teachers, grade levels, subject areas, schools, and the school district for a variety of purposes. Students take the MAP GROWTH assessment three times per year, which provides a timely measure of growth, in addition to proficiency.

- Proficiency = Do you know the content? Do you know what we expect students in your grade level to know?
- Growth = Are you learning? Did your knowledge increase an appropriate amount since the last test?

What is MAP GROWTH? (previously called MAP)

MAP GROWTH is an adaptive online assessment that is aligned to the Common Core standards. When taking a MAP GROWTH test, the difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers all of the previous questions. As the student answers correctly, questions become more difficult. If the student answers incorrectly, the questions become easier. This allow us to more accurately pinpoint student learning. In addition, MAP GROWTH incorporates Technology-Enhanced Items so students solve “real world” scenarios.

How long does it take to complete a test?

- Approximately one hour to complete each MAP GROWTH test-students that are scoring higher will take longer to complete testing
- MAP GROWTH K-2 (previously called MAP for Primary Grades) tests take approximately 30 minutes

How often will students be tested?

Fall	Sep 5- Oct 2
Winter	Dec 4- Jan 12
Spring	Apr 23 – May 18

What is MARC - NWEA(MAP GROWTH) site?

- MAP GROWTH Administration and Reporting Center
- Web based system used to view reports and manage test sessions
- You will receive an email with log in information when the rostering is completed
- Link: <https://teach.mapnwea.org>

What is NWEA Professional Learning Online?

- Online learning platform where you will find information that will help you deepen your knowledge of MAP GROWTH testing
- Previously called Destination PD
- Link: <https://login.nwea.org>

How do Students login to see the test login screen?

- Students will login into the computer using
 - Username: mapproxy
 - Password: mapproxy
- Students who have a read aloud test accommodation will use (can never be used for the reading test)
 - Username:mapaccproxy
 - Password: mapaccproxy

What is NWEA?

- Non-profit organization
- Assessed over 4.5 million students in 49 foreign countries, 50 states, and 3400 districts

What is NWEA Connection?

- Online community containing resources, professional learning, and support

Commonly Used Terms

RIT score: a scale score to measure student achievement and growth. RIT stands for Rausch unIT, which is a measurement scale developed to simplify the interpretation of test scores. The RIT score indicates the level at which the student was answering questions correctly 50% of the time. It allows students to be accurately measured regardless of their grade level.

Growth Projection: the average growth the students who were in the same grade, tested in the same subject, were tested in the same initial time and began with a similar RIT score.

For more information about NWEA, visit www.nwea.org.