

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Washington State-Aligned Version 2

The NWEA Goal Structure is a document that represents the content and structure of a state’s standards documents. Goal structures are created through an alignment process that links state standards documents to the NWEA item bank. The MAP tests and associated reports for teachers and students are based upon this structure and alignment.

The alignment process begins with a thorough review of a state’s standards documents by NWEA’s curriculum specialists. The general goal areas or strands within a state’s standards that appear across grade levels become the goals in the goal structure (indicated below as bold). Areas in a state’s standards documents that are determined to be sub-domains of the goals/strands become the sub-goals in the goal structure (indented under each goal below).

Goal and sub-goal names from the Goal Structure are shortened for technical reasons to create the headings in DesCartes. Report Names are shortened further to accommodate report specifications.

Concepts and Processes Goal Structure	Concepts and Processes DesCartes	Concepts and Processes Report Names
Systems and Applications	Systems and Applications	Systems and Applications
Systems	Systems	
Applications	Applications	
Inquiry	Inquiry	Inquiry
Question; Hypothesize; Infer; Predict	Question; Hypothesize; Infer; Predict	
Plan; Conduct; Analyze	Plan; Conduct; Analyze	
Report; Conclude; Critique; Communicate	Report; Conclude; Critique; Communicate	

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General Science Goal Structure	General Science DesCartes	General Science Report Names
Physical Science	Physical Science	Physical Science
Forces and Motion	Forces and Motion	
Matter: Properties and Change	Matter: Properties and Change	
Energy: Transfer, Transformation and Conservation	Energy: Transfer, Transformation and Conservation	
Earth and Space Science	Earth and Space Science	Earth and Space Science
Earth in Space	Earth in Space	
Earth Systems, Structure and Processes	Earth Systems, Structure and Processes	
Earth History	Earth History	
Life Science	Life Science	Life Science
Structure and Function of Living Systems	Structure and Function of Living Systems	
Ecosystems	Ecosystems	
Biological Evolution	Biological Evolution	