Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®) from NWEA is Selected as a Student Growth Assessment by Virginia Department of Education

The Commonwealth of Virginia recognizes the stability and reliability of MAP as a tool for student growth measurement.

Portland, OR – April 1, 2013 – Northwest Evaluation Association™ (NWEA™) today announced that its computer adaptive assessment solution, Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), has been selected by the Virginia Department of Education (VA DOE) as an assessment instrument that local school districts may purchase for use in K-12 instruction in Virginia public schools. The selection of MAP highlights the state’s research-based approach to assessments that accurately determine the individual student’s learning level – what they know, and what they are ready to learn.

Educators in Virginia have long relied on accurate, actionable MAP assessment data to inform decision-making at many levels, including decisions around individual student learning needs, readiness for state tests, and district-wide program evaluation and curricular decisions. MAP assessments have been widely used in the Commonwealth for over eleven years.

NWEA currently provides MAP assessments in thirteen public school divisions, and administered over a quarter of a million tests with the Commonwealth of Virginia during the 2011-2012 school year. NWEA has helped educators in Virginia understand how to use MAP data to assess student learning levels and growth across the school year, and determine how students are progressing towards success on the Virginia Standards of Learning.

About Northwest Evaluation Association

Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) is a global not-for-profit educational services organization headquartered in Portland, Oregon. NWEA partners with educational organizations worldwide to provide computer-based assessment suites, professional development and research services. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) adaptive assessments from NWEA leverage more than 30 years of research into student growth that informs decision-making at every level, from classrooms to boardrooms. The NWEA research center, The Kingsbury Center, uses the Growth Research Database (GRD™) to drive original research with universities, foundations and policymakers. Learn more at NWEA.org.

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