

NWEA Partners with Data Aggregators to Empower Educators with Dynamic MAP Growth Assessment Results

Otus named first partner in new program ensuring reliable, valid, actionable student data for educators

Portland, Ore. — November 14, 2016 — Not-for-profit [NWEA](#)™ educational services organization has launched a pilot program to certify that [Measures of Academic Progress](#)® (MAP®) growth assessment results are incorporated and represented with fidelity on platforms that aggregate student and school data. Chicago-based [Otus](#) has signed on as the first partner in the program; MAP data is now included within the Otus Student Performance Platform.

The Authorized Data Partner Program certifies that NWEA partners who use data aggregation tools have a reliable, valid, and actionable presentation of MAP results. The program maximizes the value of such services to educators who trust the MAP growth assessment. These platforms conveniently show multiple types of student data in one place, making it easy for educators to quickly get an overview of how their students are performing based on a variety of inputs, and help guide differentiated instruction to meet student needs.

“NWEA is dedicated to partnering with other education providers to ensure that whatever choices in tools, services, and curricula teachers and schools make, MAP users have the full flexibility they need to use our data to maximize teaching and learning,” said Matt Chapman, CEO of NWEA. “By authorizing data partners, we can be sure that MAP data is part of a holistic system to plan student learning. These partnerships empower educators to plan productively and help us fulfill our mission of partnering to help all kids learn.”

The Otus Student Performance Platform, co-founded by two Chicago-area teachers who are longtime MAP users, provides teachers with a single place to gather and analyze classroom management and student growth and proficiency data. Currently being used in more than 800 schools, the platform enables educators to make informed decisions based on student progress and growth.

“As a teacher and a MAP user, I know how important it is to have all student data in one place to quickly and thoughtfully make decisions to improve instruction,” said Christopher Hull, co-founder of Otus. “Working with NWEA to make MAP data directly available to teachers through the Otus platform means teachers and administrators can spend less time reviewing data and more time working with their students.”

About NWEA

NWEA™ is a global not-for-profit educational services organization with nearly 40 years of expertise in providing innovative assessment solutions, including our flagship interim growth assessment, Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®); our progress monitoring and skills mastery tool, Skills Navigator®; and the OECD Test for Schools (based on PISA). More than 8,500 schools, school districts, and education agencies in the US and abroad trust us to offer pre-K – 12 assessments that accurately measure student growth and inform instruction; professional development that fosters educators' ability to accelerate student learning; and research that supports assessment validity and data interpretation. Educators currently use NWEA assessments with over nine million students worldwide. Visit [NWEA.org](https://www.nwea.org) to find out how NWEA can partner with you to help all kids learn.

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