

Linking the Wyoming PAWS Assessments to NWEA MAP Growth Tests^{*}

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Introduction

Northwest Evaluation Association™ (NWEA™) is committed to providing partners with useful tools to help make inferences from the Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®) interim assessment scores. One important tool is the concordance table between MAP and state summative assessments. Concordance tables have been used for decades to relate scores on different tests measuring similar but distinct constructs. These tables, typically derived from statistical linking procedures, provide a direct link between scores on different tests and serve various purposes. Aside from describing how a score on one test relates to performance on another test, they can also be used to identify benchmark scores on one test corresponding to performance categories on another test, or to maintain continuity of scores on a test after the test is redesigned or changed. Concordance tables are helpful for educators, parents, administrators, researchers, and policy makers to evaluate and formulate academic standing and growth.

Recently, NWEA completed a concordance study to connect the scales of the Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students (PAWS) reading and math with those of the MAP Reading and MAP for Mathematics assessments. In this report, we present the 2nd through 8th grade cut scores on MAP reading and mathematics scales that correspond to the benchmarks on the PAWS reading and math tests. Information about the consistency rate of classification based on the estimated MAP cut scores is also provided, along with a series of tables that predict the probability of receiving a Level 3 (i.e., “Proficient”) or higher performance designation on the PAWS assessments, based on the observed MAP scores taken during the same school year. A detailed description of the data and analysis method used in this study is provided in the Appendix.

Overview of Assessments

PAWS includes a series of achievement tests aligned to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in reading and math for grades 3-8. PAWS tests are delivered both online and in the paper-and-pencil form. For each grade and subject, there are three cut scores that distinguish between performance levels: Level 1: *Below Basic*, Level 2: *Basic*, Level 3: *Proficient*, and Level 4: *Advanced*. The Level 3 cut score demarks the minimum level of performance considered to be “proficient” for accountability purposes.

MAP tests are interim assessments that are administered in the form of computerized adaptive test (CAT). MAP tests are constructed to measure student achievement from Grades K to 12 in math, reading, language usage, and science and aligned to the CCSS. Like PAWS, MAP assessments are vertically scaled across grades, a feature that supports direct measurement of

academic growth and change. MAP scores are reported on a **Rasch Unit (RIT)** scale with a range from 100 to 350. Each subject has its own RIT scale. To aid interpretation of MAP scores, NWEA periodically conducts norming studies of student and school performance on MAP. For example, the 2015 RIT Scale Norming Study (Thum & Hauser, 2015) employed multi-level growth models on nearly 500,000 longitudinal test scores from over 100,000 students that were weighted to create large, nationally representative norms for math, reading, language usage, and general science.

Estimated MAP Cut Scores Associated with PAWS Readiness Levels

Tables 1 to 4 report the PAWS scaled scores associated with each of the four performance levels, as well as the estimated score range on the MAP tests associated with each PAWS performance level. Specifically, Tables 1 and 2 apply to MAP scores obtained during the spring testing season for reading and math, respectively. Tables 3 and 4 apply to MAP tests taken in a prior testing season (fall or winter) for reading and math, respectively. The tables also report the percentile rank (based on the *NWEA 2015 MAP Norms*) associated with each estimated MAP cut score. The MAP cut scores can be used to predict students' most probable PAWS performance level, based on their observed MAP scores. For example, a 5th grade student who obtained a MAP math score of 240 in the spring testing season is likely to be at the very high end of Level 3 (Proficient) on the PAWS taken during that same testing season (see Table 2). Similarly, a 3rd grade student who obtained a MAP reading score of 210 in the fall testing season is likely to be at Level 4 (Advanced) on the PAWS taken in the spring of 3rd grade (see Table 3).

TABLE 1. CONCORDANCE OF PERFORMANCE LEVEL SCORE RANGES BETWEEN PAWS AND MAP READING (WHEN MAP IS TAKEN IN SPRING)

		PAWS							
Grade	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		
	<i>Below Basic</i>		<i>Basic</i>		<i>Proficient</i>		<i>Advanced</i>		
3	375-552		553-589		590-640		641-800		
4	400-565		566-605		606-659		660-825		
5	425-577		578-619		620-667		668-850		
6	450-588		589-629		630-680		681-875		
7	475-605		606-641		642-692		693-900		
8	500-615		616-655		656-710		711-925		

		MAP							
Grade	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		
	<i>Below Basic</i>		<i>Basic</i>		<i>Proficient</i>		<i>Advanced</i>		
	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile	
2	100-180	1-29	181-191	30-57	192-204	58-85	205-350	86-99	
3	100-190	1-29	191-201	30-57	202-214	58-85	215-350	86-99	
4	100-195	1-24	196-207	25-54	208-220	55-83	221-350	84-99	
5	100-201	1-24	202-213	25-54	214-225	55-82	226-350	83-99	
6	100-207	1-28	208-217	29-54	218-229	55-82	230-350	83-99	
7	100-211	1-33	212-220	34-56	221-233	57-84	234-350	85-99	
8	100-214	1-36	215-226	37-65	227-240	66-90	241-350	91-99	

Notes. 1. %ile=percentile.

2. Bolded numbers indicate the cut scores considered to be at least “proficient” for accountability purposes.

3. High-lighted text denotes Grade 2 benchmarks are extrapolated from Grade 3 cut scores.

TABLE 2. CONCORDANCE OF PERFORMANCE LEVEL SCORE RANGES BETWEEN PAWS AND MAP MATH (WHEN MAP IS TAKEN IN SPRING)

		PAWS							
Grade	Level 1 <i>Below Basic</i>		Level 2 <i>Basic</i>		Level 3 <i>Proficient</i>		Level 4 <i>Advanced</i>		
	3	375-549		550-598		599-659		660-850	
4	400-583		584-636		637-696		697-875		
5	425-608		609-651		652-726		727-900		
6	450-628		629-676		677-742		743-925		
7	475-652		653-696		697-752		753-950		
8	500-663		664-706		707-762		763-925		

		MAP							
Grade	Level 1 <i>Below Basic</i>		Level 2 <i>Basic</i>		Level 3 <i>Proficient</i>		Level 4 <i>Advanced</i>		
	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile	
	2	100-184	1-28	185-195	29-59	196-206	60-85	207-350	86-99
3	100-195	1-28	196-207	29-61	208-218	62-86	219-350	87-99	
4	100-200	1-19	201-215	20-55	216-227	56-82	228-350	83-99	
5	100-209	1-23	210-223	24-55	224-240	56-88	241-350	89-99	
6	100-211	1-20	212-228	21-57	229-244	58-87	245-350	88-99	
7	100-216	1-24	217-233	25-60	234-248	61-86	249-350	87-99	
8	100-217	1-24	218-237	25-63	238-255	64-90*	256-350	90*-99	

Notes. 1. %ile=percentile.

2. Bolded numbers indicate the cut scores considered to be at least “proficient” for accountability purposes.

3. High-lighted text denotes Grade 2 benchmarks are extrapolated from Grade 3 cut scores.

4. * reflects occasional departure from one-to-one correspondence between RITs and percentiles due to the larger range of the RIT scale relative to the percentile scale.

TABLE 3. CONCORDANCE OF PERFORMANCE LEVEL SCORE RANGES BETWEEN PAWS AND MAP READING (WHEN MAP IS TAKEN IN FALL OR WINTER PRIOR TO SPRING PAWS TESTS)

Grade	PAWS							
	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
	<i>Below Basic</i>		<i>Basic</i>		<i>Proficient</i>		<i>Advanced</i>	
3	375-552		553-589		590-640		641-800	
4	400-565		566-605		606-659		660-825	
5	425-577		578-619		620-667		668-850	
6	450-588		589-629		630-680		681-875	
7	475-605		606-641		642-692		693-900	
8	500-615		616-655		656-710		711-925	

Grade	MAP FALL							
	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
	<i>Below Basic</i>		<i>Basic</i>		<i>Proficient</i>		<i>Advanced</i>	
	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile
2	100-164	1-25	165-178	26-59	179-193	60-88	194-350	89-99
3	100-178	1-26	179-191	27-58	192-207	59-88	208-350	89-99
4	100-186	1-22	187-199	23-53	200-215	54-86	216-350	87-99
5	100-193	1-21	194-207	22-54	208-221	55-85	222-350	86-99
6	100-201	1-26	202-213	27-56	214-226	57-85	227-350	86-99
7	100-206	1-30	207-217	31-57	218-231	58-86	232-350	87-99
8	100-210	1-33	211-224	34-67	225-238	68-91	239-350	92-99

Grade	MAP WINTER							
	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
	<i>Below Basic</i>		<i>Basic</i>		<i>Proficient</i>		<i>Advanced</i>	
	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile
2	100-175	1-28	176-187	29-58	188-200	59-86	201-350	87-99
3	100-186	1-27	187-198	28-57	199-212	58-86	213-350	87-99
4	100-192	1-22	193-205	23-55	206-219	56-85	220-350	86-99
5	100-198	1-21	199-211	22-54	212-224	55-84	225-350	85-99
6	100-205	1-27	206-216	28-56	217-228	57-83	229-350	84-99
7	100-209	1-31	210-219	32-56	220-232	57-85	233-350	86-99
8	100-213	1-35	214-225	36-66	226-239	67-90	240-350	91-99

Notes. 1. %ile=percentile.

2. Bolded numbers indicate the cut scores considered to be at least “proficient” for accountability purposes.

3. High-lighted text denotes Grade 2 benchmarks are extrapolated from Grade 3 cut scores.

TABLE 4. CONCORDANCE OF PERFORMANCE LEVEL SCORE RANGES BETWEEN PAWS AND MAP MATH (WHEN MAP IS TAKEN IN FALL OR WINTER PRIOR TO SPRING PAWS TESTS)

PAWS									
Grade	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		
	<i>Below Basic</i>		<i>Basic</i>		<i>Proficient</i>		<i>Advanced</i>		
3	375-549		550-598		599-659		660-850		
4	400-583		584-636		637-696		697-875		
5	425-608		609-651		652-726		727-900		
6	450-628		629-676		677-742		743-925		
7	475-652		653-696		697-752		753-950		
8	500-663		664-706		707-762		763-925		

MAP FALL									
Grade	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		
	<i>Below Basic</i>		<i>Basic</i>		<i>Proficient</i>		<i>Advanced</i>		
	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile	
2	100-168	1-26	169-180	27-60	181-193	61-89	194-350	90-99	
3	100-181	1-24	182-194	25-62	195-206	63-89	207-350	90-99	
4	100-188	1-16	189-203	17-54	204-216	55-85	217-350	86-99	
5	100-199	1-20	200-213	21-55	214-230	56-90	231-350	91-99	
6	100-203	1-18	204-220	19-57	221-237	58-89	238-350	90-99	
7	100-210	1-23	211-227	24-61	228-242	62-88	243-350	89-99	
8	100-212	1-21	213-233	22-65	234-251	66-92*	252-350	92*-99	

MAP WINTER									
Grade	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		
	<i>Below Basic</i>		<i>Basic</i>		<i>Proficient</i>		<i>Advanced</i>		
	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile	RIT	%ile	
2	100-178	1-27	179-189	28-59	190-201	60-87	202-350	88-99	
3	100-190	1-28	191-202	29-62	203-213	63-87	214-350	88-99	
4	100-195	1-17	196-210	18-54	211-222	55-83	223-350	84-99	
5	100-205	1-22	206-219	23-55	220-236	56-89	237-350	90-99	
6	100-208	1-19	209-225	20-58	226-241	59-88	242-350	89-99	
7	100-214	1-24	215-231	25-62	232-246	63-88	247-350	89-99	
8	100-215	1-22	216-235	23-63	236-253	64-90	254-350	91-99	

Notes. 1. %ile=percentile.

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Consistency Rate of Classification

Consistency rate of classification (Pommerich, Hanson, Harris, & Scoring, 2004), expressed in the form of a rate between 0 and 1, provides a means to measure the departure from equity for concordances (Hanson et al., 2001). This index can also be used as an indicator for the predictive validity of the MAP tests, i.e., how accurately the MAP scores can predict a student’s proficiency status on the PAWS test. For each pair of concordant scores, a classification is considered consistent if the examinee is classified into the same performance category regardless of the test used for making a decision. Consistency rate provided in this report can be calculated as, for the “Proficient” performance category concordant scores, the percentage of examinees who score at or above both concordant scores plus the percentage of examinees who score below both concordant scores on each test. Higher consistency rate indicates stronger congruence between PAWS and MAP cut scores. The results in Table 5 demonstrate that MAP reading scores can consistently classify students’ proficiency (Level 3 or higher) status on PAWS reading test 80-85% of the time and MAP math scores can consistently classify students on PAWS math test 84-87% of the time. Those numbers are high suggesting that both MAP reading and math tests are great predictors of students’ proficiency status on the PAWS tests.

TABLE 5. CONSISTENCY RATE OF CLASSIFICATION FOR MAP AND PAWS LEVEL 3 EQUIPERCENTILE CONCORDANCES

Grade	Reading			Math		
	Consistency Rate	False		Consistency Rate	False	
		Positives	Negatives		Positives	Negatives
3	0.83	0.09	0.08	0.84	0.08	0.08
4	0.83	0.08	0.09	0.87	0.08	0.07
5	0.85	0.08	0.07	0.87	0.07	0.06
6	0.84	0.09	0.07	0.84	0.09	0.07
7	0.84	0.08	0.08	0.86	0.07	0.07
8	0.80	0.09	0.11	0.85	0.08	0.07

Proficiency Projection

Proficiency projection tells how likely a student is classified as “Proficient” on PAWS tests based on his/her observed MAP scores. The conditional growth norms provided in the 2015 MAP Norms were used to calculate this information (Thum & Hauser, 2015). The results of proficiency projection and corresponding probability of achieving “Proficient” on the PAWS tests are

presented in Tables 6 to 8. These tables estimate the probability of scoring at Level 3 or above on PAWS in the spring and the prior fall or winter testing season. For example, if a 3rd grade student obtained a MAP reading score of 199 in the fall, the probability of obtaining a Level 3 or higher PAWS score in the spring of 3rd grade is 80%. Table 6 presents the estimated probability of meeting Level 3 benchmark when MAP is taken in the spring, whereas Tables 7 and 8 present the estimated probability of meeting Level 3 benchmark when MAP is taken in the fall or winter prior to taking the PAWS tests.

TABLE 6. PROFICIENCY PROJECTION AND PROBABILITY FOR PASSING PAWS LEVEL 3 (PROFICIENT) WHEN MAP IS TAKEN IN THE SPRING

Grade	Reading					Math				
	Start %ile	RIT Spring	Projected Proficiency			Start %ile	RIT Spring	Projected Proficiency		
			Cut Score	Level 3	Prob.			Cut Score	Level 3	Prob.
2	5	164	192	No	<0.01	5	170	196	No	<0.01
	10	169	192	No	<0.01	10	175	196	No	<0.01
	15	173	192	No	<0.01	15	178	196	No	<0.01
	20	176	192	No	<0.01	20	181	196	No	<0.01
	25	178	192	No	<0.01	25	183	196	No	<0.01
	30	181	192	No	<0.01	30	185	196	No	<0.01
	35	183	192	No	<0.01	35	187	196	No	<0.01
	40	185	192	No	0.01	40	189	196	No	0.01
	45	187	192	No	0.06	45	190	196	No	0.02
	50	189	192	No	0.17	50	192	196	No	0.08
	55	191	192	No	0.38	55	194	196	No	0.25
	60	193	192	Yes	0.62	60	196	196	Yes	0.50
	65	195	192	Yes	0.83	65	197	196	Yes	0.63
	70	197	192	Yes	0.94	70	199	196	Yes	0.85
	75	199	192	Yes	0.99	75	201	196	Yes	0.96
	3	5	174	202	No	<0.01	5	181	208	No
10		179	202	No	<0.01	10	186	208	No	<0.01
15		183	202	No	<0.01	15	189	208	No	<0.01
20		186	202	No	<0.01	20	192	208	No	<0.01
25		188	202	No	<0.01	25	194	208	No	<0.01
30		191	202	No	<0.01	30	196	208	No	<0.01
35		193	202	No	<0.01	35	198	208	No	<0.01
40		195	202	No	0.01	40	200	208	No	<0.01
45		197	202	No	0.06	45	202	208	No	0.02
50		199	202	No	0.17	50	203	208	No	0.04
55		201	202	No	0.38	55	205	208	No	0.15
60		202	202	Yes	0.50	60	207	208	No	0.37
65		204	202	Yes	0.73	65	209	208	Yes	0.63
70		207	202	Yes	0.94	70	211	208	Yes	0.85
75		209	202	Yes	0.99	75	213	208	Yes	0.96
80		211	202	Yes	>0.99	80	215	208	Yes	0.99
85	214	202	Yes	>0.99	85	218	208	Yes	>0.99	
90	218	202	Yes	>0.99	90	221	208	Yes	>0.99	
95	223	202	Yes	>0.99	95	226	208	Yes	>0.99	

TABLE 6. (CONTINUED)

Grade	Reading					Math				
	Start %ile	RIT Spring	Projected Proficiency			Start %ile	RIT Spring	Projected Proficiency		
			Cut Score	Level 3	Prob.			Cut Score	Level 3	Prob.
4	5	181	208	No	<0.01	5	189	216	No	<0.01
	10	187	208	No	<0.01	10	194	216	No	<0.01
	15	190	208	No	<0.01	15	198	216	No	<0.01
	20	193	208	No	<0.01	20	201	216	No	<0.01
	25	196	208	No	<0.01	25	203	216	No	<0.01
	30	198	208	No	<0.01	30	206	216	No	<0.01
	35	200	208	No	0.01	35	208	216	No	<0.01
	40	202	208	No	0.03	40	210	216	No	0.02
	45	204	208	No	0.11	45	212	216	No	0.08
	50	206	208	No	0.27	50	213	216	No	0.15
	55	208	208	Yes	0.50	55	215	216	No	0.37
	60	210	208	Yes	0.73	60	217	216	Yes	0.63
	65	212	208	Yes	0.89	65	219	216	Yes	0.85
	70	214	208	Yes	0.97	70	221	216	Yes	0.96
	75	216	208	Yes	0.99	75	224	216	Yes	>0.99
	80	218	208	Yes	>0.99	80	226	216	Yes	>0.99
85	221	208	Yes	>0.99	85	229	216	Yes	>0.99	
90	225	208	Yes	>0.99	90	233	216	Yes	>0.99	
95	230	208	Yes	>0.99	95	238	216	Yes	>0.99	
5	5	188	214	No	<0.01	5	195	224	No	<0.01
	10	193	214	No	<0.01	10	201	224	No	<0.01
	15	197	214	No	<0.01	15	205	224	No	<0.01
	20	199	214	No	<0.01	20	208	224	No	<0.01
	25	202	214	No	<0.01	25	210	224	No	<0.01
	30	204	214	No	<0.01	30	213	224	No	<0.01
	35	206	214	No	0.01	35	215	224	No	<0.01
	40	208	214	No	0.03	40	217	224	No	0.01
	45	210	214	No	0.11	45	219	224	No	0.04
	50	212	214	No	0.27	50	221	224	No	0.15
	55	214	214	Yes	0.50	55	223	224	No	0.37
	60	216	214	Yes	0.73	60	225	224	Yes	0.63
	65	217	214	Yes	0.83	65	228	224	Yes	0.92
	70	220	214	Yes	0.97	70	230	224	Yes	0.98
	75	222	214	Yes	0.99	75	232	224	Yes	>0.99
	80	224	214	Yes	>0.99	80	235	224	Yes	>0.99
85	227	214	Yes	>0.99	85	238	224	Yes	>0.99	
90	231	214	Yes	>0.99	90	242	224	Yes	>0.99	
95	236	214	Yes	>0.99	95	248	224	Yes	>0.99	

TABLE 6. (CONTINUED)

Grade	Reading					Math				
	Start %ile	RIT Spring	Projected Proficiency			Start %ile	RIT Spring	Projected Proficiency		
			Cut Score	Level 3	Prob.			Cut Score	Level 3	Prob.
6	5	192	218	No	<0.01	5	198	229	No	<0.01
	10	197	218	No	<0.01	10	204	229	No	<0.01
	15	201	218	No	<0.01	15	208	229	No	<0.01
	20	203	218	No	<0.01	20	211	229	No	<0.01
	25	206	218	No	<0.01	25	214	229	No	<0.01
	30	208	218	No	<0.01	30	217	229	No	<0.01
	35	210	218	No	0.01	35	219	229	No	<0.01
	40	212	218	No	0.03	40	221	229	No	<0.01
	45	214	218	No	0.11	45	223	229	No	0.02
	50	216	218	No	0.27	50	225	229	No	0.08
	55	218	218	Yes	0.50	55	227	229	No	0.25
	60	219	218	Yes	0.62	60	230	229	Yes	0.63
	65	221	218	Yes	0.83	65	232	229	Yes	0.85
	70	223	218	Yes	0.94	70	234	229	Yes	0.96
	75	226	218	Yes	0.99	75	237	229	Yes	>0.99
	80	228	218	Yes	>0.99	80	239	229	Yes	>0.99
85	231	218	Yes	>0.99	85	243	229	Yes	>0.99	
90	235	218	Yes	>0.99	90	247	229	Yes	>0.99	
95	240	218	Yes	>0.99	95	253	229	Yes	>0.99	
7	5	193	221	No	<0.01	5	199	234	No	<0.01
	10	199	221	No	<0.01	10	206	234	No	<0.01
	15	202	221	No	<0.01	15	210	234	No	<0.01
	20	205	221	No	<0.01	20	214	234	No	<0.01
	25	208	221	No	<0.01	25	217	234	No	<0.01
	30	210	221	No	<0.01	30	219	234	No	<0.01
	35	212	221	No	<0.01	35	222	234	No	<0.01
	40	214	221	No	0.01	40	224	234	No	<0.01
	45	216	221	No	0.06	45	226	234	No	<0.01
	50	218	221	No	0.17	50	229	234	No	0.04
	55	220	221	No	0.38	55	231	234	No	0.15
	60	222	221	Yes	0.62	60	233	234	No	0.37
	65	224	221	Yes	0.83	65	235	234	Yes	0.63
	70	226	221	Yes	0.94	70	238	234	Yes	0.92
	75	228	221	Yes	0.99	75	241	234	Yes	0.99
	80	231	221	Yes	>0.99	80	244	234	Yes	>0.99
85	234	221	Yes	>0.99	85	247	234	Yes	>0.99	
90	238	221	Yes	>0.99	90	251	234	Yes	>0.99	
95	243	221	Yes	>0.99	95	258	234	Yes	>0.99	

TABLE 6. (CONTINUED)

Grade	Reading					Math				
	Start %ile	RIT Spring	Projected Proficiency			Start %ile	RIT Spring	Projected Proficiency		
			Cut Score	Level 3	Prob.			Cut Score	Level 3	Prob.
8	5	194	227	No	<0.01	5	199	238	No	<0.01
	10	200	227	No	<0.01	10	206	238	No	<0.01
	15	204	227	No	<0.01	15	211	238	No	<0.01
	20	207	227	No	<0.01	20	215	238	No	<0.01
	25	209	227	No	<0.01	25	218	238	No	<0.01
	30	212	227	No	<0.01	30	221	238	No	<0.01
	35	214	227	No	<0.01	35	224	238	No	<0.01
	40	216	227	No	<0.01	40	226	238	No	<0.01
	45	218	227	No	<0.01	45	229	238	No	<0.01
	50	220	227	No	0.01	50	231	238	No	0.01
	55	222	227	No	0.06	55	233	238	No	0.04
	60	224	227	No	0.17	60	236	238	No	0.25
	65	226	227	No	0.38	65	238	238	Yes	0.50
	70	228	227	Yes	0.62	70	241	238	Yes	0.85
	75	231	227	Yes	0.89	75	244	238	Yes	0.98
	80	233	227	Yes	0.97	80	247	238	Yes	>0.99
	85	236	227	Yes	>0.99	85	251	238	Yes	>0.99
90	240	227	Yes	>0.99	90	255	238	Yes	>0.99	
95	246	227	Yes	>0.99	95	262	238	Yes	>0.99	

Note. %ile=percentile

TABLE 7. PROFICIENCY PROJECTION AND PROBABILITY FOR PASSING PAWS READING LEVEL 3 (PROFICIENT) WHEN MAP IS TAKEN IN THE FALL OR WINTER PRIOR TO SPRING PAWS TESTS

Grade	Start %ile	RIT Fall	Projected Proficiency			Start %ile	RIT Winter	Projected Proficiency		
			Cut Score	Level 3	Prob.			Cut Score	Level 3	Prob.
2	5	149	192	No	<0.01	5	160	192	No	<0.01
	10	155	192	No	0.01	10	165	192	No	<0.01
	15	159	192	No	0.01	15	169	192	No	<0.01
	20	162	192	No	0.04	20	172	192	No	<0.01
	25	164	192	No	0.06	25	174	192	No	0.01
	30	167	192	No	0.10	30	176	192	No	0.02
	35	169	192	No	0.15	35	178	192	No	0.05
	40	171	192	No	0.22	40	180	192	No	0.10
	45	173	192	No	0.26	45	182	192	No	0.18
	50	175	192	No	0.35	50	184	192	No	0.29
	55	177	192	No	0.45	55	186	192	No	0.36
	60	179	192	Yes	0.50	60	188	192	Yes	0.50
	65	181	192	Yes	0.60	65	190	192	Yes	0.64
	70	183	192	Yes	0.70	70	192	192	Yes	0.77
	75	185	192	Yes	0.74	75	194	192	Yes	0.86
	80	188	192	Yes	0.85	80	197	192	Yes	0.95
	85	191	192	Yes	0.90	85	200	192	Yes	0.99
90	195	192	Yes	0.96	90	203	192	Yes	>0.99	
95	200	192	Yes	0.99	95	209	192	Yes	>0.99	
3	5	162	202	No	<0.01	5	171	202	No	<0.01
	10	168	202	No	<0.01	10	176	202	No	<0.01
	15	172	202	No	0.01	15	180	202	No	<0.01
	20	175	202	No	0.02	20	183	202	No	<0.01
	25	178	202	No	0.05	25	185	202	No	0.01
	30	180	202	No	0.08	30	188	202	No	0.03
	35	182	202	No	0.10	35	190	202	No	0.04
	40	184	202	No	0.16	40	192	202	No	0.09
	45	186	202	No	0.24	45	194	202	No	0.17
	50	188	202	No	0.29	50	196	202	No	0.28
	55	190	202	No	0.39	55	198	202	No	0.42
	60	192	202	Yes	0.50	60	199	202	Yes	0.50
	65	194	202	Yes	0.56	65	201	202	Yes	0.65
	70	197	202	Yes	0.71	70	204	202	Yes	0.83
	75	199	202	Yes	0.80	75	206	202	Yes	0.87
	80	202	202	Yes	0.87	80	208	202	Yes	0.94
	85	205	202	Yes	0.94	85	211	202	Yes	0.98
90	209	202	Yes	0.97	90	215	202	Yes	>0.99	
95	214	202	Yes	0.99	95	221	202	Yes	>0.99	

TABLE 7. (CONTINUED)

Grade	Start %ile	RIT Fall	Projected Proficiency			Start %ile	RIT Winter	Projected Proficiency		
			Cut-Score	Level 3	Prob.			Cut-Score	Level 3	Prob.
4	5	173	208	No	<0.01	5	179	208	No	<0.01
	10	178	208	No	<0.01	10	184	208	No	<0.01
	15	182	208	No	0.01	15	188	208	No	<0.01
	20	185	208	No	0.03	20	191	208	No	<0.01
	25	188	208	No	0.05	25	194	208	No	0.02
	30	190	208	No	0.09	30	196	208	No	0.04
	35	192	208	No	0.15	35	198	208	No	0.08
	40	194	208	No	0.18	40	200	208	No	0.16
	45	196	208	No	0.27	45	202	208	No	0.22
	50	198	208	No	0.38	50	204	208	No	0.35
	55	200	208	No	0.44	55	205	208	No	0.42
	60	202	208	Yes	0.56	60	207	208	Yes	0.58
	65	204	208	Yes	0.67	65	209	208	Yes	0.72
	70	206	208	Yes	0.77	70	211	208	Yes	0.84
	75	209	208	Yes	0.85	75	214	208	Yes	0.94
	80	211	208	Yes	0.91	80	216	208	Yes	0.98
	85	214	208	Yes	0.95	85	219	208	Yes	0.99
90	218	208	Yes	0.99	90	223	208	Yes	>0.99	
95	224	208	Yes	>0.99	95	228	208	Yes	>0.99	
5	5	181	214	No	<0.01	5	186	214	No	<0.01
	10	186	214	No	<0.01	10	191	214	No	<0.01
	15	190	214	No	0.01	15	195	214	No	<0.01
	20	193	214	No	0.03	20	197	214	No	<0.01
	25	195	214	No	0.05	25	200	214	No	0.02
	30	198	214	No	0.09	30	202	214	No	0.03
	35	200	214	No	0.15	35	204	214	No	0.06
	40	202	214	No	0.23	40	206	214	No	0.12
	45	204	214	No	0.28	45	208	214	No	0.22
	50	206	214	No	0.38	50	210	214	No	0.35
	55	208	214	Yes	0.50	55	212	214	Yes	0.50
	60	210	214	Yes	0.62	60	214	214	Yes	0.65
	65	212	214	Yes	0.67	65	215	214	Yes	0.72
	70	214	214	Yes	0.77	70	218	214	Yes	0.88
	75	216	214	Yes	0.85	75	220	214	Yes	0.91
	80	218	214	Yes	0.88	80	222	214	Yes	0.96
	85	221	214	Yes	0.95	85	225	214	Yes	0.99
90	225	214	Yes	0.98	90	229	214	Yes	>0.99	
95	231	214	Yes	>0.99	95	234	214	Yes	>0.99	

TABLE 7. (CONTINUED)

Grade	Start %ile	RIT Fall	Projected Proficiency			Start %ile	RIT Winter	Projected Proficiency		
			Cut-Score	Level 3	Prob.			Cut-Score	Level 3	Prob.
6	5	186	218	No	<0.01	5	190	218	No	<0.01
	10	192	218	No	<0.01	10	196	218	No	<0.01
	15	196	218	No	0.01	15	199	218	No	<0.01
	20	198	218	No	0.02	20	202	218	No	<0.01
	25	201	218	No	0.06	25	204	218	No	0.01
	30	203	218	No	0.10	30	207	218	No	0.04
	35	205	218	No	0.16	35	209	218	No	0.09
	40	207	218	No	0.19	40	211	218	No	0.17
	45	209	218	No	0.28	45	212	218	No	0.22
	50	211	218	No	0.39	50	214	218	No	0.35
	55	213	218	Yes	0.50	55	216	218	No	0.42
	60	215	218	Yes	0.56	60	218	218	Yes	0.58
	65	217	218	Yes	0.67	65	220	218	Yes	0.72
	70	219	218	Yes	0.77	70	222	218	Yes	0.83
	75	221	218	Yes	0.81	75	224	218	Yes	0.91
	80	224	218	Yes	0.90	80	226	218	Yes	0.96
	85	226	218	Yes	0.94	85	229	218	Yes	0.99
90	230	218	Yes	0.98	90	233	218	Yes	>0.99	
95	236	218	Yes	>0.99	95	238	218	Yes	>0.99	
7	5	189	221	No	<0.01	5	192	221	No	<0.01
	10	195	221	No	<0.01	10	198	221	No	<0.01
	15	199	221	No	0.01	15	201	221	No	<0.01
	20	202	221	No	0.02	20	204	221	No	<0.01
	25	204	221	No	0.04	25	207	221	No	0.01
	30	206	221	No	0.07	30	209	221	No	0.03
	35	209	221	No	0.12	35	211	221	No	0.06
	40	211	221	No	0.19	40	213	221	No	0.09
	45	213	221	No	0.28	45	215	221	No	0.17
	50	214	221	No	0.33	50	217	221	No	0.28
	55	216	221	No	0.39	55	219	221	No	0.42
	60	218	221	Yes	0.50	60	221	221	Yes	0.58
	65	220	221	Yes	0.61	65	223	221	Yes	0.72
	70	222	221	Yes	0.72	70	225	221	Yes	0.83
	75	225	221	Yes	0.81	75	227	221	Yes	0.91
	80	227	221	Yes	0.88	80	230	221	Yes	0.97
	85	230	221	Yes	0.95	85	232	221	Yes	0.98
90	234	221	Yes	0.98	90	236	221	Yes	>0.99	
95	240	221	Yes	>0.99	95	242	221	Yes	>0.99	

TABLE 7. (CONTINUED)

Grade	Start %ile	RIT Fall	Projected Proficiency			Start %ile	RIT Winter	Projected Proficiency		
			Cut-Score	Level 3	Prob.			Cut-Score	Level 3	Prob.
8	5	191	227	No	<0.01	5	194	227	No	<0.01
	10	197	227	No	<0.01	10	199	227	No	<0.01
	15	201	227	No	<0.01	15	203	227	No	<0.01
	20	204	227	No	0.01	20	206	227	No	<0.01
	25	207	227	No	0.02	25	209	227	No	<0.01
	30	209	227	No	0.04	30	211	227	No	<0.01
	35	211	227	No	0.06	35	213	227	No	0.01
	40	213	227	No	0.08	40	215	227	No	0.02
	45	215	227	No	0.13	45	217	227	No	0.05
	50	217	227	No	0.19	50	219	227	No	0.10
	55	219	227	No	0.26	55	221	227	No	0.18
	60	221	227	No	0.31	60	223	227	No	0.29
	65	223	227	No	0.40	65	225	227	No	0.43
	70	225	227	Yes	0.50	70	227	227	Yes	0.57
	75	228	227	Yes	0.60	75	229	227	Yes	0.71
	80	230	227	Yes	0.69	80	232	227	Yes	0.82
	85	234	227	Yes	0.84	85	235	227	Yes	0.93
90	237	227	Yes	0.90	90	239	227	Yes	0.99	
95	243	227	Yes	0.98	95	244	227	Yes	>0.99	

Note. %ile=percentile

TABLE 8. PROFICIENCY PROJECTION AND PROBABILITY FOR PASSING PAWS MATH LEVEL 3 (PROFICIENT) WHEN MAP IS TAKEN IN THE FALL OR WINTER PRIOR TO SPRING PAWS TESTS

Grade	Start %ile	RIT Fall	Projected Proficiency			Start %ile	RIT Winter	Projected Proficiency		
			Cut Score	Level 3	Prob.			Cut Score	Level 3	Prob.
2	5	155	196	No	<0.01	5	165	196	No	<0.01
	10	160	196	No	<0.01	10	170	196	No	<0.01
	15	163	196	No	0.01	15	173	196	No	<0.01
	20	166	196	No	0.03	20	175	196	No	<0.01
	25	168	196	No	0.04	25	178	196	No	0.01
	30	170	196	No	0.07	30	180	196	No	0.02
	35	172	196	No	0.12	35	181	196	No	0.03
	40	174	196	No	0.19	40	183	196	No	0.08
	45	175	196	No	0.19	45	185	196	No	0.15
	50	177	196	No	0.28	50	186	196	No	0.21
	55	179	196	No	0.39	55	188	196	No	0.34
	60	180	196	No	0.44	60	190	196	Yes	0.50
	65	182	196	Yes	0.56	65	191	196	Yes	0.58
	70	184	196	Yes	0.61	70	193	196	Yes	0.66
	75	186	196	Yes	0.72	75	195	196	Yes	0.79
	80	188	196	Yes	0.81	80	197	196	Yes	0.89
	85	191	196	Yes	0.90	85	200	196	Yes	0.97
90	194	196	Yes	0.94	90	203	196	Yes	0.99	
95	199	196	Yes	0.99	95	208	196	Yes	>0.99	
3	5	169	208	No	<0.01	5	176	208	No	<0.01
	10	174	208	No	<0.01	10	181	208	No	<0.01
	15	177	208	No	<0.01	15	184	208	No	<0.01
	20	179	208	No	0.01	20	187	208	No	<0.01
	25	182	208	No	0.03	25	189	208	No	<0.01
	30	184	208	No	0.04	30	191	208	No	0.01
	35	185	208	No	0.06	35	193	208	No	0.02
	40	187	208	No	0.11	40	195	208	No	0.05
	45	189	208	No	0.17	45	197	208	No	0.10
	50	190	208	No	0.22	50	198	208	No	0.14
	55	192	208	No	0.32	55	200	208	No	0.26
	60	194	208	No	0.44	60	202	208	No	0.42
	65	195	208	Yes	0.50	65	203	208	Yes	0.50
	70	197	208	Yes	0.62	70	205	208	Yes	0.66
	75	199	208	Yes	0.68	75	207	208	Yes	0.80
	80	201	208	Yes	0.78	80	209	208	Yes	0.90
	85	204	208	Yes	0.89	85	212	208	Yes	0.97
90	207	208	Yes	0.96	90	215	208	Yes	0.99	
95	212	208	Yes	0.99	95	220	208	Yes	>0.99	

TABLE 8. (CONTINUED)

Grade	Start %ile	RIT Fall	Projected Proficiency			Start %ile	RIT Winter	Projected Proficiency		
			Cut-Score	Level 3	Prob.			Cut-Score	Level 3	Prob.
4	5	179	216	No	<0.01	5	185	216	No	<0.01
	10	184	216	No	<0.01	10	190	216	No	<0.01
	15	188	216	No	0.01	15	194	216	No	<0.01
	20	190	216	No	0.01	20	197	216	No	<0.01
	25	193	216	No	0.04	25	199	216	No	0.01
	30	195	216	No	0.08	30	201	216	No	0.02
	35	197	216	No	0.14	35	203	216	No	0.05
	40	198	216	No	0.17	40	205	216	No	0.10
	45	200	216	No	0.27	45	207	216	No	0.20
	50	202	216	No	0.38	50	209	216	No	0.34
	55	204	216	Yes	0.50	55	211	216	Yes	0.50
	60	205	216	Yes	0.50	60	212	216	Yes	0.58
	65	207	216	Yes	0.62	65	214	216	Yes	0.74
	70	209	216	Yes	0.73	70	216	216	Yes	0.86
	75	211	216	Yes	0.83	75	218	216	Yes	0.93
	80	214	216	Yes	0.92	80	221	216	Yes	0.98
	85	216	216	Yes	0.96	85	223	216	Yes	0.99
90	220	216	Yes	0.99	90	227	216	Yes	>0.99	
95	225	216	Yes	>0.99	95	232	216	Yes	>0.99	
5	5	187	224	No	<0.01	5	192	224	No	<0.01
	10	193	224	No	<0.01	10	198	224	No	<0.01
	15	196	224	No	<0.01	15	201	224	No	<0.01
	20	199	224	No	0.01	20	204	224	No	<0.01
	25	202	224	No	0.04	25	207	224	No	<0.01
	30	204	224	No	0.07	30	209	224	No	0.01
	35	206	224	No	0.12	35	211	224	No	0.03
	40	208	224	No	0.19	40	213	224	No	0.07
	45	210	224	No	0.28	45	215	224	No	0.15
	50	211	224	No	0.33	50	217	224	No	0.27
	55	213	224	No	0.44	55	219	224	No	0.42
	60	215	224	Yes	0.56	60	221	224	Yes	0.58
	65	217	224	Yes	0.67	65	223	224	Yes	0.73
	70	219	224	Yes	0.77	70	225	224	Yes	0.85
	75	221	224	Yes	0.85	75	228	224	Yes	0.95
	80	224	224	Yes	0.93	80	230	224	Yes	0.98
	85	227	224	Yes	0.97	85	233	224	Yes	>0.99
90	230	224	Yes	0.99	90	237	224	Yes	>0.99	
95	236	224	Yes	>0.99	95	242	224	Yes	>0.99	

TABLE 8. (CONTINUED)

Grade	Start %ile	RIT Fall	Projected Proficiency			Start %ile	RIT Winter	Projected Proficiency		
			Cut-Score	Level 3	Prob.			Cut-Score	Level 3	Prob.
6	5	192	229	No	<0.01	5	196	229	No	<0.01
	10	198	229	No	<0.01	10	202	229	No	<0.01
	15	202	229	No	<0.01	15	205	229	No	<0.01
	20	205	229	No	0.01	20	209	229	No	<0.01
	25	207	229	No	0.02	25	211	229	No	<0.01
	30	209	229	No	0.04	30	214	229	No	0.01
	35	212	229	No	0.09	35	216	229	No	0.02
	40	214	229	No	0.15	40	218	229	No	0.05
	45	216	229	No	0.23	45	220	229	No	0.11
	50	218	229	No	0.33	50	222	229	No	0.20
	55	220	229	No	0.44	55	224	229	No	0.34
	60	222	229	Yes	0.56	60	226	229	Yes	0.50
	65	224	229	Yes	0.67	65	228	229	Yes	0.66
	70	226	229	Yes	0.77	70	230	229	Yes	0.80
	75	228	229	Yes	0.85	75	233	229	Yes	0.93
	80	231	229	Yes	0.93	80	236	229	Yes	0.98
	85	234	229	Yes	0.96	85	239	229	Yes	>0.99
90	238	229	Yes	0.99	90	243	229	Yes	>0.99	
95	243	229	Yes	>0.99	95	248	229	Yes	>0.99	
7	5	195	234	No	<0.01	5	198	234	No	<0.01
	10	201	234	No	<0.01	10	204	234	No	<0.01
	15	205	234	No	<0.01	15	208	234	No	<0.01
	20	209	234	No	<0.01	20	212	234	No	<0.01
	25	211	234	No	<0.01	25	215	234	No	<0.01
	30	214	234	No	0.02	30	217	234	No	<0.01
	35	216	234	No	0.03	35	220	234	No	0.01
	40	218	234	No	0.06	40	222	234	No	0.02
	45	221	234	No	0.14	45	224	234	No	0.05
	50	223	234	No	0.22	50	226	234	No	0.10
	55	225	234	No	0.32	55	228	234	No	0.20
	60	227	234	No	0.44	60	230	234	No	0.34
	65	229	234	Yes	0.56	65	233	234	Yes	0.58
	70	231	234	Yes	0.68	70	235	234	Yes	0.74
	75	234	234	Yes	0.82	75	238	234	Yes	0.90
	80	237	234	Yes	0.92	80	240	234	Yes	0.95
	85	240	234	Yes	0.97	85	244	234	Yes	0.99
90	244	234	Yes	0.99	90	248	234	Yes	>0.99	
95	250	234	Yes	>0.99	95	254	234	Yes	>0.99	

TABLE 8. (CONTINUED)

Grade	Start %ile	RIT Fall	Projected Proficiency			Start %ile	RIT Winter	Projected Proficiency		
			Cut-Score	Level 3	Prob.			Cut-Score	Level 3	Prob.
8	5	197	238	No	<0.01	5	199	238	No	<0.01
	10	203	238	No	<0.01	10	206	238	No	<0.01
	15	208	238	No	<0.01	15	210	238	No	<0.01
	20	211	238	No	<0.01	20	214	238	No	<0.01
	25	214	238	No	0.01	25	217	238	No	<0.01
	30	217	238	No	0.02	30	220	238	No	<0.01
	35	219	238	No	0.03	35	222	238	No	<0.01
	40	222	238	No	0.08	40	225	238	No	0.01
	45	224	238	No	0.12	45	227	238	No	0.04
	50	226	238	No	0.18	50	229	238	No	0.08
	55	229	238	No	0.30	55	231	238	No	0.16
	60	231	238	No	0.40	60	234	238	No	0.35
	65	233	238	Yes	0.50	65	236	238	Yes	0.50
	70	236	238	Yes	0.60	70	239	238	Yes	0.72
	75	238	238	Yes	0.70	75	241	238	Yes	0.84
	80	241	238	Yes	0.82	80	245	238	Yes	0.96
	85	245	238	Yes	0.92	85	248	238	Yes	0.99
90	249	238	Yes	0.98	90	253	238	Yes	>0.99	
95	256	238	Yes	>0.99	95	259	238	Yes	>0.99	

Note. %ile=percentile

Summary and Discussion

This study produced a set of cut scores on MAP reading and math tests for Grades 2 to 8 that correspond to each PAWS performance level. By using matched score data from a sample of students from Wyoming, the study demonstrates that MAP scores can accurately predict whether a student could be proficient or above on the basis of his/her MAP scores. This study also used the 2015 NWEA norming study results to project a student's probability to meet proficiency based on that student's prior MAP scores in fall and winter. These results will help educators predict student performance in PAWS tests as early as possible and identify those students who are at risk of failing to meet required standards so that they can receive necessary resources and assistance to meet their goals.

While concordance tables can be helpful and informative, they have general limitations. First, the concordance tables provide information about score comparability on different tests, but the scores cannot be assumed to be interchangeable. In the case for PAWS and MAP tests, as they are not parallel in content, scores from these two tests should not be directly compared. Second, the sample data used in this study were collected from 84 schools in Wyoming, which may limit the generalizability of the results to test takers who differ significantly from this sample. Finally, caution should be exercised if the concorded scores are used for a subpopulation. NWEA will continue to gather information about PAWS performance from other schools in Wyoming to enhance the quality and generalizability of the study.

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Appendix

Data and Analysis

Data

Data used in this study were collected from 84 schools in Wyoming. The sample contained matched PAWS and MAP reading scores from 15,144 students in Grades 3 to 8 and matched PAWS and MAP math scores from 15,155 students in Grades 3 to 8 who completed both PAWS and MAP in the spring of 2016.

To understand the statistical characteristics of the test scores, descriptive statistics are provided in Table A1 below. As Table A1 indicates, the correlation coefficients between MAP and PAWS reading scores range from 0.80 to 0.83, and the correlation coefficients between MAP and PAWS math scores range from 0.83 to 0.86. In general, all these correlations indicate a strong relationship between MAP and PAWS test scores.

TABLE A1. DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS OF THE SAMPLE DATA

Subject	Grade	N	<i>r</i>	PAWS				MAP			
				Mean	SD	Min	Max	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Reading	3	2740	0.81	598.92	45.84	451	769	203.21	13.40	146	238
	4	2542	0.81	620.34	47.08	472	793	210.75	13.08	145	248
	5	2597	0.82	630.88	50.22	478	787	215.63	13.37	152	249
	6	2406	0.83	635.07	50.71	488	807	218.30	13.53	154	256
	7	2497	0.81	649.67	47.08	525	831	222.37	13.10	162	263
	8	2362	0.80	653.33	44.52	524	796	225.40	13.26	152	263
Math	3	2744	0.83	605.38	53.82	435	780	207.90	11.27	141	246
	4	2544	0.85	649.94	52.04	538	827	217.46	11.88	151	260
	5	2602	0.86	667.07	55.44	542	857	225.59	14.45	166	275
	6	2402	0.84	676.35	44.64	562	876	226.85	13.73	170	266
	7	2496	0.85	699.16	45.07	568	905	232.41	14.38	146	274
	8	2367	0.84	709.62	43.08	584	918	236.26	15.98	172	285

Equipercentile Linking Procedure

The equipercentile procedure (e.g., Kolen & Brennan, 2004) was used to establish the concordance relationship between PAWS and MAP scores for grades 3 to 8 in reading and math. This procedure matches scores on the two scales that have the same percentile rank (i.e., the proportion of scores at or below each score).

Suppose we need to establish the concordance between two tests. x is a score on Test X (e.g., PAWS). Its equipercentile equivalent score on Test Y (e.g., MAP), $e_y(x)$, can be obtained through a cumulative-distribution-based linking function defined in Equation (A1):

$$e_y(x) = G^{-1}[P(x)] \quad (\text{A1})$$

where $e_y(x)$ is the equipercentile equivalent of scores on PAWS on the scale of MAP, $P(x)$ is the percentile rank of a given score on Test X . G^{-1} is the inverse of the percentile rank function for scores on Test Y which indicates the scores on Test Y corresponding to a given percentile. Polynomial loglinear pre-smoothing was applied to reduce irregularities of the frequency distributions as well as equipercentile linking curve.

Consistency Rate of Classification

Consistency rate of classification accuracy, expressed in the form of a rate between 0 and 1, measures the extent to which MAP scores (and the estimated MAP cut scores) accurately predicted whether students in the sample would be proficient (i.e., Level 3 or higher) on PAWS tests.

To calculate consistency rate of classification, sample students were designated “Below PAWS cut” or “At or above PAWS cut” based on their actual PAWS scores. Similarly, they were also designated as “Below MAP cut” or “At or above MAP cut” based on their actual MAP scores. A 2-way contingency table was then tabulated (see Table A2), classifying students as “Proficient” on the basis of PAWS cut score and concordant MAP cut score. Students classified in the *true positive* (TP) category were those predicted to be proficient based on the MAP cut scores and were also classified as proficient based on the PAWS cut scores. Students classified in the *true negative* (TN) category were those predicted to be Below Basic Expectations based on the MAP cut scores and were also classified as Below Basic Expectations based on the PAWS cut scores. Students classified in the *false positive* (FP) category were those predicted to be Proficient Expectations based on the MAP cut scores but were classified as Below Basic Expectations based on the PAWS cut scores. Students classified in the *false negative* (FN) category were those predicted to be Below Basic Expectations based on the MAP cut scores but were classified as Proficient Expectations based on the PAWS cut scores. The overall consistency rate of classification was computed as the proportion of correct classifications among the entire sample by $(TP+TN) / (TP+TN+FP+FN)$.

TABLE A2. DEFINITION OF CONSISTENCY RATE FOR PAWS TO MAP CONCORDANCE

		PAWS Score	
		Below PAWS cut	At or Above PAWS cut
MAP Score	Below MAP cut	True Negative	False Negative
	At or Above MAP cut	False Positive	True Positive

Note. Shaded cells are summed to compute the consistency rate.

Proficiency Projection

MAP conditional growth norms provide student’s expected gain scores across testing seasons (Thum & Hauser, 2015). This information is utilized to predict a student’s performance on the PAWS based on that student’s MAP scores in prior seasons (e.g. fall and winter). The probability of a student achieving Level 3 (Proficient) on PAWS, based on his/her fall or winter MAP score is given in Equation (A2):

$$Pr(\text{Achieving Level 3 in spring} | a \text{ RIT score of } x) = \Phi\left(\frac{x + g - c}{SD}\right) \quad (A2)$$

where, Φ is a standardized normal cumulative distribution, x is the student’s RIT score in fall or winter, g is the expected growth from fall or winter to spring corresponding to x , c is the MAP cut-score for spring, and SD is the conditional standard deviation of growth from fall or winter to spring.

For the probability of a student achieving Level 3 on the PAWS tests, based on his/her spring score s , it can be calculated by Equation (A3):

$$Pr(\text{Achieving Level 3 in spring} | a \text{ RIT score of } s \text{ in spring}) = \Phi\left(\frac{s - c}{SE}\right) \quad (A3)$$

where SE is the standard error of measurement for MAP reading or math test.

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