Arizona State Board of Education Approves NWEA’s MAP Growth for Third-Grade Reading Proficiency Assessment

NWEA Expands Partnership with Arizona Educators to Support State’s “Move On When Reading” Early Literacy Initiative

Portland, Ore. – September 11, 2017 – The Arizona State Board of Education has approved the MAP Growth assessment from the not-for-profit NWEA as a third-grade reading proficiency assessment for the state’s Move On When Reading initiative. The initiative provides an additional opportunity for third-grade students who would be retained based on their AzMERIT reading scores to demonstrate sufficient reading skills to be promoted to the fourth grade.

Arizona schools and districts across the state use the MAP Growth Reading assessment to determine a student’s reading ability. MAP Growth Reading reveals what students know and are able to do, and what they’re ready to learn next. As a computer-adaptive assessment, it dynamically adjusts and adapts to each student’s performance to create a personalized assessment experience that accurately measures performance—whether on, above, or below grade level.

MAP Growth Reading results are practical and relevant, and serve as an accurate gauge of student academic performance and growth over time. Easy-to-use, timely reports and national norms allow educators to use results to differentiate instruction for students in need of remediation and for high performers requiring additional enrichment. These tools allow educators to communicate effectively with parents and guardians, and students to focus on their literacy goals by tracking their reading growth over time.

“NWEA has had the great pleasure of partnering with Arizona schools and districts for many years, and we look forward to expanding our work with educators in the state,” said Matt Chapman, CEO of NWEA. “We’re proud to be selected as a provider of high-quality early literacy assessments by Arizona, and a number of other states including Arkansas, Michigan, and Nevada. We are strongly committed to supporting students as they build the important literacy skills they need to be prepared for further learning and growth.”
About NWEA

NWEA™ is a mission-driven, not-for-profit organization that supports students and educators worldwide by creating assessment solutions that precisely measure growth and proficiency—and provide insights to help tailor instruction. For 40 years, NWEA has developed innovative Pre-K–12 assessments, professional learning that fosters educators’ ability to accelerate student learning, and research that supports assessment validity and data interpretation. Educators in 140 countries and more than half the schools in the US rely on our flagship interim assessment, MAP® Growth™; our progress monitoring and skills mastery tool, MAP® Skills™; and the OECD Test for Schools (based on PISA). Visit NWEA.org to find out how NWEA can partner with you to help all kids learn.

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