

CHECKLIST

MAP Growth checks the boxes that matter most

Accurate assessments make growth and performance metrics visible at the student, classroom, and school level. They help teachers teach, administrators make decisions, and students take ownership of their learning. When you're ready to choose an assessment system, how can you decide what matters most?

To reliably measure and track learning outcomes, you'll need a powerful tool that delivers data you can trust in a format you can translate into action. Use this handy checklist to gauge if an assessment solution will deliver in ways that will support your unique goals.

Does it:

Accurately assess student knowledge in a variety of subjects across K-12?

[MAP® Growth™](#) is a K-12 assessment that can be administered three times a year and measures students' knowledge in math, reading, language usage, and science.

Support Spanish-speaking English learners?

[MAP Growth measures what Spanish-speaking students](#) know in math and reading. It's available at no additional cost.

Adapt dynamically based on a student's correct or incorrect answers?

Because it's an adaptive, computer-based assessment, MAP Growth begins with a grade-level appropriate question. A correct answer generates a more difficult test item and an incorrect answer, an easier one. This allows high performers to be challenged without overwhelming students with skills below grade level.

Feature a deep test item pool?

MAP Growth assessments draw from 50,000 unique test items developed and vetted by NWEA® researchers. The breadth of questions measures enough depth of knowledge to gauge a student's true understanding. It pushes students to show everything they know about a topic, instead of just demonstrating a basic understanding.

Measure growth on a stable, grade-level independent scale over time?

MAP Growth measures student performance on our RIT scale. Like inches on a ruler, it measures in equal intervals and remains stable over time, giving accurate, repeatable results whether a student is on, above, or below grade level.

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Does it:

Provide accurate norms for comparing students on a national level?

NWEA conducts norming studies every three to five years. Anonymous data from a demographically balanced sample of over 10.2 million students is used to create national norms, allowing educators to make truly reliable comparisons.

Accurately predict student performance on high-stakes tests?

Proficiency and readiness projections help teachers differentiate instruction and empower students to focus on areas needing improvement. MAP Growth also aligns to state standards and offers the most accurate predictions for college readiness tests for grades 5–9 (SAT®) and grade 10 (ACT®).

Support students needing accessibility aids?

MAP Growth provides accessibility options including refreshable braille, screen readers, and magnification to guarantee that every student can show what they know.

Offer ongoing professional learning opportunities?

NWEA is committed to supporting teachers and leaders with [professional learning](#), both online and through on-site workshop options. Assistance is also available by chat, email, and phone.



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