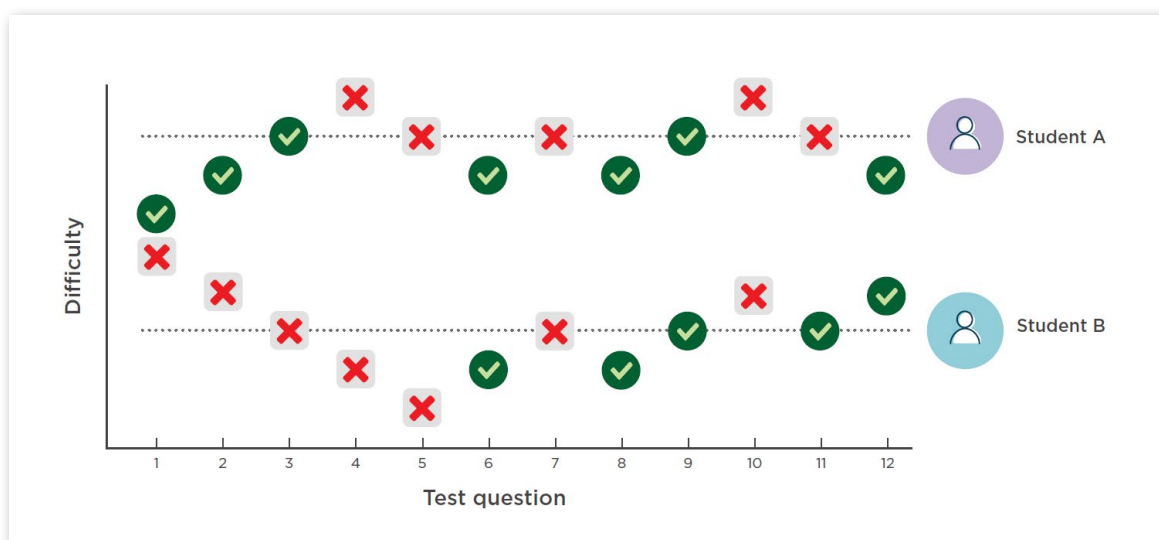


# A family guide to MAP Growth

You see a bright future for your child. So do we. It's why our assessments measure what students know and how they are growing academically—to help teachers maximize every learner's potential. MAP Growth is trusted by thousands of schools and districts to support 13+ million students across the United States and around the world.

## How it works

The computer-adaptive MAP Growth assessment responds to every student individually. If a student answers a test question correctly, a harder question is provided. If a student answers a test question incorrectly, an easier test question is provided. Students demonstrate what they know, and teachers see specific areas where their individual classes may need more support.



## What it measures

MAP Growth uses a Rasch unit (RIT) scale to accurately measure what students know, regardless of their grade level. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your child's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. Once your child completes a MAP Growth test, they receive a RIT score.

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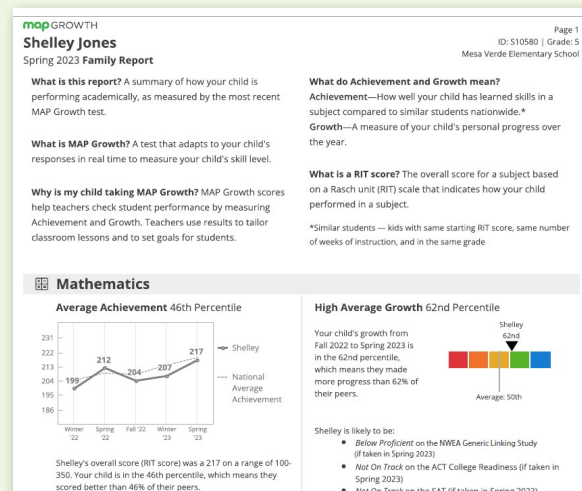
MAP Growth is important because it allows my teacher and me to see how much I know and my percentile growth. In math, my score used to be 227 (72nd percentile), but it is now 240 (90th percentile). I didn't know I was capable of so much growth, but in the end I was.”

**Kayla, 6th grade**  
Santa Ana, CA



## What to do next

We recommend requesting a copy of the Family Report. As you review the MAP Growth results together, here are sample questions to ask your child's teacher: Does my child need extra help in any specific areas? How does my child compare with the national average? How is my child progressing toward grade-level expectations? How can I help my child's academic growth from home?



## Frequently Asked Questions

### How do schools and teachers use MAP Growth scores?

Teachers can use the scores to identify learning areas that their class should focus on, as well as monitor the growth of individual students. Principals and administrators can use the scores to see the performance and progress of a grade level, school, or the entire district.

### Can MAP Growth tell me if my child is working at grade level?

Yes, but please note that MAP Growth scores are just one data point that teachers use to determine how a student is performing. Please discuss any questions that you have about your child's performance with their teacher.

### How often will my child take MAP Growth tests?

Most schools give MAP Growth tests to students at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year (in the fall, winter, and spring). Some schools choose to administer tests only twice a year.

### What are norms?

NWEA provides schools with norms by utilizing anonymous data from more than 13+ million students around the US. Knowing the top, middle, and bottom scores of all these students combined allows teachers to compare where your child is to other students and help them grow. In addition, NWEA provides comparison data for private, accredited, English-based, international schools using MAP Growth outside the US.

### Is MAP Growth a standardized test?

MAP Growth is administered periodically during the school year. Instead of asking all students the same questions, it adjusts to each child's performance—giving a more accurate measure of what they know. Teachers also receive results right away, which enables them to react more quickly.

### What types of questions are on MAP Growth tests?

The MAP Growth tests include multiple choice, drag-and-drop, and other types of questions. For sample tests, visit [Warmup.NWEA.org](https://www.nwea.org/warmup).

Find more family resources at [nwea.org/familytoolkit](https://www.nwea.org/familytoolkit)

