

# How charter schools partner with NWEA for student success



At NWEA®, our research-based MAP® Growth™ and MAP Reading Fluency™ assessments help charter school educators answer a crucial question: Are my students learning? By delivering precise, real-time information about every student, we help educators feel confident that they can set students up for success.

We hear from charter schools across the country that are successfully using our assessment tools and professional learning strategies. Here are a few of their stories, showing how your peers are leveraging assessment data to drive results for their students.

## Combating summer slide

Teachers from Uplift Education in Dallas, Texas, have been using MAP Growth data to differentiate instruction. It started with homework and station ideas throughout the school year and has progressed to summer work packets that keep students engaged and excited to learn—throughout the summer and into the next school year.

## Implementing formative strategies

After attending the NWEA Building Your Formative Assessment workshop, The New America School in Colorado put what they learned into practice by holding a science fair for teachers to share formative assessment ideas, interactive strategies, and feedback techniques. Professional Development Coordinator Tracey McCormick describes it this way: “The concepts of ‘inclusion’ and ‘teamwork’ and a sense of new purpose radiated throughout the room. It was electric!”

## Creating a data-informed culture

Westlake Charter School in Sacramento recently hosted a MAP Growth “lunch and learn” for local charter schools in the community. During the event, Westlake teachers shared how they’re using MAP Growth to build a school culture where data is used to guide instructional strategies.

**“By meeting to discuss our NWEA MAP Growth projections, setting goals, and devising action plans, campus PLCs [professional learning communities] are tailored to determine how to adjust instructional practice and provide acceleration opportunities that foster a continuous growth trajectory for our diverse learners.”**

**Dr. Brandie Buford, Director of Accountability and Testing**  
Varnett Public Schools, Houston, Texas

## Assessment needs and solutions for charter schools

More than 3,500 charter schools around the country use assessments from NWEA. Find out how we help address key charter school challenges.

### YOU NEED

### HOW WE HELP

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#### A measure of student growth

MAP Growth dynamically adjusts to each student to create a personalized assessment experience—whether a student performs on, above, or below grade level. Every question is calibrated to our proprietary RIT scale. Since the scale is continuous across grades, educators trust it to track longitudinal growth over a student's career.

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#### To compare performance to other students in the US

MAP Growth norms are based on data from over 10.2 million students. They provide a reliable comparison point to national student performance and include achievement and growth measures for individual students and schools.

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#### To know if your students are college and career ready

MAP Growth aligns to state and Common Core standards and provides projected proficiency on ACT and SAT tests. The NWEA [College Explorer](#) is a powerful tool that links MAP Growth scores with national benchmarks for colleges, universities, and even specific majors.

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#### To provide a more complete picture of early learners

Available for grades pre-K–5, MAP Reading Fluency is a benchmark and progress monitoring assessment that measures oral reading fluency, literal comprehension, and foundational skills for an entire class in about 20 minutes. Speech-recognition technology, an included dyslexia screener, and automatic scoring help educators support young readers while preserving valuable instructional time.

MAP Growth K–2 includes special features, such as warm-up tests, audio instruction, and a visual interface specifically designed to engage young learners and assess what they know. Included in your MAP Growth license are K–2 skill checklist assessments that can be used between interim assessments to quickly gauge how well your students know foundational skills in both math and reading

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#### To ensure effective data use by staff

We offer live (onsite or virtual) and online professional learning to help educators understand how to use assessment data to inform instructional planning, identify the impact of key decisions, set academic goals, and establish a culture of data use.

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#### To share your performance and progress with external stakeholders

We provide objective data to support you in communicating with charter management organizations, authorizers, alliances, and other stakeholders.

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## Set your charter school students up for success

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