



## GUIDE

Classroom ready: Engage your teachers with assessment support, curriculum connections, and professional learning

As an education leader, you guide a team of dedicated, enthusiastic professional educators, each committed to helping students dream big and reach new heights. Like the students they serve, every educator enters the classroom in varying states of readiness, whether they're a novice teacher, just completing their training, or an experienced practitioner continuing to refine their skills. As a leader, it's up to you to ensure each one has the tools, support, and guidance they need to make crucial instructional decisions on day one. Do you have what you need to engage your team at the level they need and deserve? NWEA® can help.

NWEA solutions are easy-to-understand products and services that work together to help your teachers and coaches make better instructional decisions every day. Each solution brings assessment and instruction into alignment with actionable data, connections to dozens of supplementary curriculum and instructional partners, and robust professional learning.

This guide examines how the components of an NWEA solution can provide the support your teachers demand and deserve.

### **Supporting teachers with actionable data**

The Growth Activation Solution is led by MAP® Growth™, the flagship interim assessment measuring growth and achievement in reading, language usage, math, and science. MAP Growth reports are timely and flexible, backed by robust norms to help educators compare achievement and growth at a single point in time or from year to year. Take a closer look at how MAP Growth reports can improve teaching and learning in your school community.







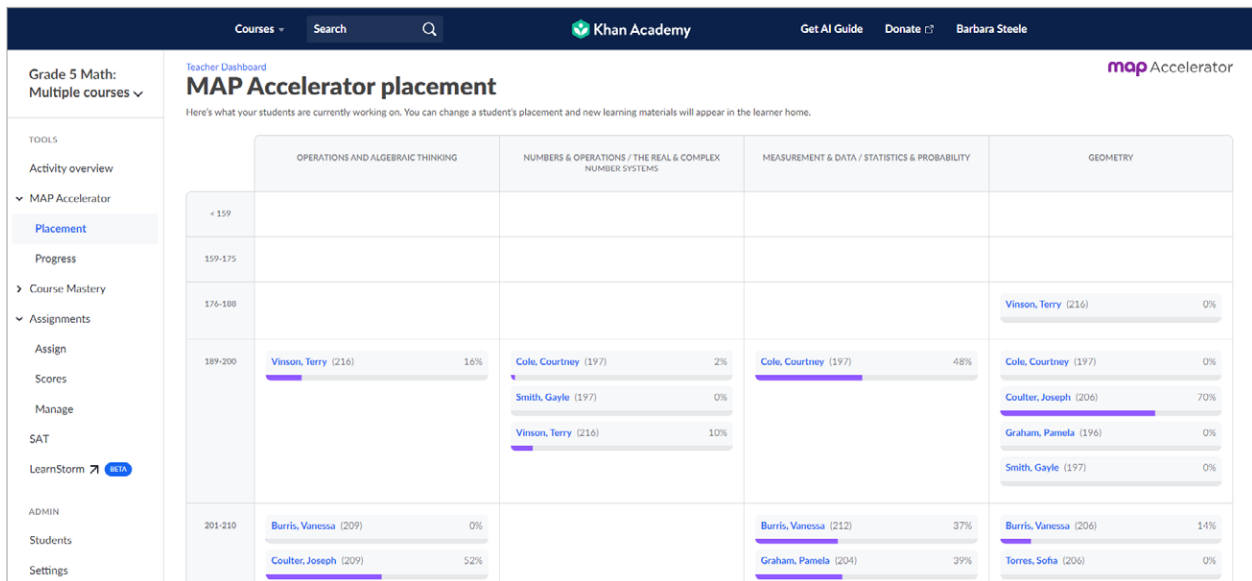
## Supporting teachers with supplementary instructional and curricular tools

Leveraging actionable data from MAP Growth, your team has the insights they need to take on what's next: differentiating students, provide interventions, or addressing unfinished learning. The Growth Activation Solution provides high-quality supplementary learning tools from NWEA and other top-tier providers.

### MAP Accelerator: Removing the manual work of math differentiation

Codeveloped with Khan Academy®, MAP Accelerator™ is an online, supplementary math learning tool for grades 3–8. It seamlessly connects MAP Growth results to personalized pathways of high-quality math content—whether students are below, on, and above grade-level. While teachers are relieved of the manual work of differentiation, they remain in control—as MAP Accelerator empowers educators to adjust pathways, goals, and more based on their knowledge of each student and their professional expertise.










Not only does MAP Accelerator save teachers' time and remove extra work—it's effective. Research shows students who use MAP Accelerator 30 minutes each week achieve greater-than-projected gains in math—with increased scores across all grade levels and gender, race/ethnicity, and poverty levels.



## Supplement your curriculum with trusted instructional connections

Instructional connections are vetted, high-quality supplementary learning or curricular tools that use MAP Growth data as a starting point for students. With connections to more than 30 instructional providers, with broad coverage of subjects and grade levels, your team can use MAP Growth data to tailor learning support with tools they're already familiar with, saving time and money while boosting buy-in.

These flexible, high-quality supplementary learning tools simplify differentiation and give your teachers more time to focus on formative assessment related to core content—the best way to maximize instructional time.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROVIDER PRODUCT	K-2	3-5	6-8	9-12	MATH	READING	PROGRESS MONITORING
							
Waggle	x	x	x		x	x	
Read 180		x	x	x		x	Yes
Math 180		5	x	x	x		Yes
							
	x	x	x		x	x	Yes
							
Exact Path	x	x	x	x	x	x	Yes
Study Island	2+	x	x	x	x	x	
							
							
Imagine Language and Literacy	x	x	6			x	
Imagine Math	x	x	x	x	x		
Imagine MyPath	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Pathblazer	x	x	6		x	x	
							
							
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\*MAP Accelerator is codeveloped by NWEA and Khan Academy.

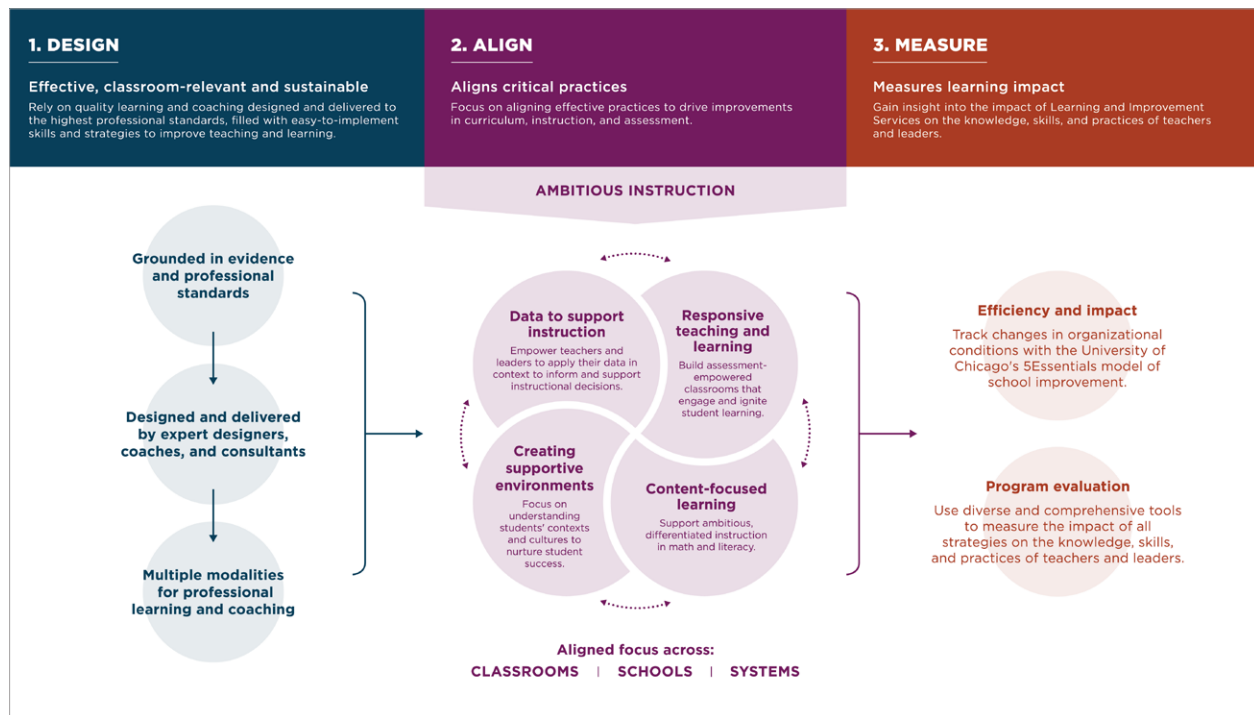
# Supporting teachers with professional learning

## Grounded in an evidence-based theory of change

School and system leaders trust NWEA to support their teachers with robust, holistic professional learning because we have a complete understanding of how our learning and improvement services can impact students, teachers, and systems. This is described as a theory of change.

The [NWEA Learning and Improvement Services theory of change](#) focuses squarely on student learning, examining the levers activated by effective learning and coaching that drive instructional improvement. Our theory of change unites the following elements:

- Effective, classroom-relevant, and sustainable learning and coaching
- The knowledge and skills that help teachers and leaders turn learning evidence into instructional action
- Measures of the impact of those events on students, teachers, and leaders



“To create long-term and sustained educational change, our learning and coaching services provide the tools and techniques that empower those teachers and leaders to act on their expertise and provide equitable, differentiated, and rigorous educational experiences for all students.”

**Dr. Chase Nordengren, NWEA Researcher**

## **Four dedicated lanes of service to foster meaningful, measurable change**

We keep the “professional” in professional learning by engaging teachers in collaborative conversations and flexible learning experiences that foster high-quality, ambitious instruction that improves student outcomes.

NWEA develops professional practice across four critical and interconnected categories that help your team maximize their impact in the classroom and beyond.

### **Data to support instruction**

**Help your team plan instruction, inform differentiation, and build agency with NWEA assessments.**

Whether your educators are just getting started with NWEA products or looking to hone their skills, these professional learning experiences offer a comprehensive look at MAP Growth, MAP Reading Fluency™, and MAP Accelerator. From administration to applying results, help your teachers get the tools and knowledge they need to support responsive planning, interventions, goal setting, and more.

### **Responsive teaching and learning**

**Help your team build responsive teaching and learning skills to engage and empower every learner.**

The process of building capacity in responsive teaching and learning skills can be overwhelming to novice and experienced educators alike. This series features a planned, ongoing process to help your team develop the mindset, systems, and practices that empower the student as the center of learning.

### **Content-focused professional learning**

**Help your team develop the content knowledge and pedagogical practices needed to master the fundamentals of literacy and math instruction.**

Content-Focused Professional Learning is designed to enhance educators’ content knowledge and strengthen their pedagogical practice across mathematics and literacy. With content-focused professional learning, your team can improve instructional decision-making, explore evidence-based methods, and learn skills and methods that work with any high-quality curriculum and assessment data.

### **Creating supportive environments**

**Help your team develop actionable strategies for creating more equitable classroom practices.**

When paired with ambitious instruction, a supportive environment is a critical lever for improving student outcomes. The Creating Supportive Environments professional learning series explores supportive environments within the context of instruction to help your team create more equitable teaching and learning experiences and address systemic challenges that have limited or blocked sustained achievement.

## **More than “just another workshop.” NWEA Professional Learning is a partnership.**

Professional learning as usual isn't enough to help your teachers thrive as dedicated professionals—to fully engage or feel respected. To boost trust and foster a culture of continuous improvement, your professional learning experiences should be grounded in professional learning standards—tailored to your system's unique needs—and offer the flexibility teachers require.

### **NWEA Professional Learning is: Grounded in professional learning standards**

High-quality learning begins with reference to professional standards from four different bodies, each articulating the best practices in professional learning. Each session is developed and delivered by expert designers, coaches, and consultants.

### **Tailored to your local needs and context**

Our facilitators have experience in rural, suburban, and urban schools and boast an average of 25 years in education prior to joining NWEA. Each workshop is built around your unique goals and local context (district or state mandates, geographic challenges, etc.)

### **Available whenever (and wherever) you are**

NWEA Professional Learning offers flexible delivery models, with consultants available for any setting—onsite, virtual, small group, or 1:1 coaching. Sessions are offered in different durations, so your team can take part in a full day of learning or a quick session after school.

Professional learning as usual simply won't cut it. This is professional learning at its best: evidence-based, relevant, and tailored to your needs.

## **Your partner for helping teachers thrive**

For nearly 50 years, building and system leaders have trusted NWEA as an unrivaled leader in assessment. As the education landscape changes, we've expanded our portfolio of services and tools to ensure administrators have the evidence-based resources and guidance they need to fully engage and empower their teachers.

With actionable, easy-to-understand data, a proven supplementary learning tool, instructional connections, and robust professional learning, NWEA is your full-service partner—driven to provide the relevant, meaningful instructional support your teachers demand and deserve.

**Imagine what's possible for your school community.**

**Learn more at [NWEA.org](https://www.nwea.org)**



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