

## Vendor Information with Ohio Department of Education Guidelines for Approved Assessments 2018-2019

This form will be posted on the Ohio Department of Education’s website for all proposals that are approved in conjunction with this Request for Qualifications to allow school districts to understand offerings in advance of directly contacting providers regarding potential further procurements.

Provider Information	
Name of Provider:	NWEA®
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Name of Product:	MAP® Growth™
Does the product use EVAAS methodology to show growth? If so, is there a current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Battelle for Kids? <i>*Only for Teacher/Learning Evaluation.</i>	<p>NWEA has a current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Battelle for Kids.</p> <p>NWEA proposes a partnership with Battelle for Kids (BFK) and SAS® to provide Local Education Agencies (LEAs) with teacher effectiveness ratings using the SAS Education Value-Added Assessment System (EVAAS®) to produce results in the five-level framework. Under this partnership, SAS will calculate growth measures and standard errors using MAP Growth assessment data with the EVAAS Multivariate Response Model (MRM) methodology. This partnership is available for districts using MAP Growth in mathematics and reading for students in grades K–3.</p> <p>MAP Growth can also be used as a local (C) measure for students in grades K–12 using our proprietary growth model if districts do not have a BFK agreement.</p>

Estimated Service Provider Costs (non-binding)	
*Districts should contact vendor for exact costs and requirements.	
A succinct estimated fixed cost over a given academic year.	<p>MAP Growth has been approved for the following purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comparable Diagnostic Assessment for Third Grade Reading Guarantee</li> <li>▪ Alternative Standardized Assessment for Third Grade Reading Guarantee</li> <li>▪ Teacher and Principal Evaluation: Student Assessments</li> <li>▪ Identification Instrument for Children Who Are Gifted</li> </ul>

	<p>NWEA is pleased to offer MAP Growth Mathematics, Reading, and Language Usage assessments at a variety of discounts from our list price of \$13.50. For all purposes, a minimum annual license fee of \$1,500 applies. <u>Please contact an NWEA Ohio Account Executive to discuss pricing for these and other uses of MAP Growth assessments.</u></p> <p>The following support is provided within the per-student license price:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>  A dedicated Account Manager to support the use of NWEA assessments in the State for the length of the partnership.</li> <li>  An Implementation Support Specialist to coordinate and provide guidance on test configuration, training, test administration, and professional learning.</li> <li>▪ Unlimited access to the Partner Support team via a toll-free telephone number, email, and/or our chat support platform.</li> <li>  Embedded resources and troubleshooting support via the MAP Help Center.</li> </ul> <p><b>Professional Learning Required for Standard Administration</b></p> <p>For districts implementing MAP Growth for the first time, required sessions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>  MAP Growth Administration Workshop*</li> <li>  Applying Reports</li> </ul> <p>The price for onsite MAP Growth Foundation Series workshops is \$3,500 per session. Onsite workshops are available as full- or half-day modules, for up to forty participants.</p> <p>The price of an onsite workshop includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>  NWEA Professional Learning Consultant travel and expenses</li> <li>  Workshop materials</li> <li>  Consulting costs for the training session</li> </ul> <p><i>*Alternately, districts may choose to purchase the online version of MAP Growth Administration for \$1,000, available to an unlimited number of participants through NWEA Professional Learning Online.</i></p>
<p>Estimated per-student costs, over a given academic year, that are above the estimated fixed costs.</p>	<p>This is not applicable to MAP Growth when used as a Diagnostic Assessment for Third Grade Reading Guarantee, an Alternative Standardized Assessment for Third Grade Reading Guarantee, or an Identification Instrument for Children Who Are Gifted.</p> <p>For use as an approved assessment for Teacher and Principal Evaluation, an annual per-student fee of \$6.25* must be paid</p>

	<p>directly to Battelle for Kids (BFK) by LEAs interested in providing a Teacher Effectiveness Rating. This cost includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Battelle for Kids roster verification and data services using BFK•Link®</li> <li>▪ SAS EVAAS to provide LEAs with teacher effectiveness ratings using the five-level framework</li> </ul> <p><i>*NWEA has provided pricing for BFK for informational purposes only. Districts must contract directly with BFK for services.</i></p>
<p>Please list any costs in addition to the estimated per-student cost.</p>	<p><b>Professional Learning Not Required for Standard Administration</b></p> <p>The price for additional onsite MAP Growth Foundation Series workshops is \$3,500 per session. These workshops include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! Informing Instruction</li> <li>! Focusing on Growth</li> </ul> <p>Onsite workshops are available as full- or half-day modules, for up to forty participants. The price of an onsite workshop includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! NWEA Professional Learning Consultant travel and expenses</li> <li>! Workshop materials</li> <li>! Consulting costs for the training session</li> </ul>

<p><b>As a provider of assessments, we are prepared to provide services to (Please indicate by clicking on the appropriate boxes below):</b></p>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any Districts in the State of Ohio, or	
<input type="checkbox"/> Only to those eligible Districts indicated Below:	
<p>Provide a link to a web based cost sheet/PDF for the approved assessment.</p>	<p>For pricing of MAP Growth assessments, go to <a href="https://www.nwea.org/contact-us/sales-information">https://www.nwea.org/contact-us/sales-information</a> to contact an Account Executive. The Ohio Account Executive, Sylvia St. Cyr, can also be reached directly using the contact information listed under “Provider Information” on the first page of this form.</p>

**Please provide an overview of your assessment for districts describing in detail the assessment, use of the assessment and how your organization supports implementation of the assessment. (2 pages maximum)**

NWEA proudly partners with LEAs throughout Ohio. Currently, more than 640,000 students are licensed to take MAP Growth tests in the State. Our mission — *Partnering to help all kids learn*<sup>®</sup> — aligns with the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE's) Strategic Plan for education in Ohio (#EachChildOurFuture) and we support the State's goal to decrease assessment time by using a single assessment to meet multiple needs.

We appreciate the flexibility LEAs have to choose from a list of approved assessment options. MAP Growth assessments are currently used for multiple purposes throughout Ohio, including as the State-approved assessments detailed below:

- Comparable Assessments to Ohio's K-3 Diagnostic Assessment for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee: MAP Growth Reading assessments for students in grades K–3
- Alternative Standardized Assessment for Third Grade Reading: MAP Growth Reading assessments for students in third grade
- Teacher and Principal Evaluation: Qualifications for Student Assessments to be used by Ohio Districts for a Portion of Teachers' and Principals' Evaluations: MAP Growth Reading, Mathematics, and Language Usage assessments for students in grades K–3
- Identification Instruments for Children Who Are Gifted: MAP Growth Reading and Mathematics assessments for students in grades K–12

### **One Assessment, Multiple Purposes**

Many partners choose MAP Growth knowing the rich data can serve multiple purposes, decreasing the number of assessments needed. MAP Growth assessments are designed for all students, regardless of demographics or test-taking ability. MAP Growth assessments measure what students know and inform educators and parents about what they are ready to learn next. By dynamically adjusting to each student's answers, the computer adaptive tests create a personalized experience that accurately measures performance.

NWEA believes assessments should be used appropriately and for their intended purposes. We provide guidance to partners on using our assessments effectively, including for high-stakes purposes.

### **Our Research Base**

NWEA employs more than forty Research staff including psychometricians, researchers, and data analysts who are leaders in the industry and in academia. This team verifies the reliability, validity, and fit of MAP Growth for the intended uses and audiences.

Score validity and reliability are critical characteristics for test scores because they provide consistency, fairness, and accuracy. Validity and reliability take on even greater importance as scores are used to estimate growth. We adhere to the *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing*, including in the development and reporting of reliability coefficients and in our routine reporting of estimates of standard error of measurement (SEM) along with test scores. We conduct research-based studies regularly to analyze and confirm the continued validity and reliability of our tests.

Every three to four years, our Research team conducts a normative study — most recently completed in 2015, using the largest sample of any K–12 assessment: more than twenty-six million students. The 2015

MAP Growth Norms provide comparative data for achievement and growth, and these data are included in many of our reports to inform and target instruction, make classroom decisions, and help students learn.

### **Our Service in Ohio**

We have developed a deep understanding of the needs of the schools and districts of Ohio through our service of 244 public school districts and 564 partners in the State. We recently re-aligned our MAP Growth assessments to the latest version of Ohio's Learning Standards, enabling Ohio LEAs and educators to link results and reports to the Ohio standards and their chosen curriculum. This newly aligned version of MAP Growth will be available to Ohio districts and schools beginning in the fall of 2018.

MAP Growth assessments are reliable predictors of performance on Ohio's State Tests. MAP Growth assessments can also predict student achievement on college and career readiness tests, such as the ACT<sup>®</sup> and SAT<sup>®</sup>. In other words, teachers can connect what happens in the classroom today to a child's dreams for the future, helping students take control of their learning.

### **Lasting Support and Partnership**

Ohio LEAs will have the support of our internal teams to provide successful administration and use of MAP Growth assessments. Ohio LEAs that choose MAP Growth assessments for any purpose will receive implementation support, professional learning opportunities, and account management services. Our team will collaborate with LEAs, in person and online, to provide a testing system and support services that empower students, teachers, and administrators to learn.

Four decades ago, the NWEA founders (educators and researchers, who are at our organization's core) envisioned a better, more equitable way to measure achievement status and growth. Their vision included all students — not only those performing at grade level, but also those who are struggling, at-risk, differently abled, in an intervention program, on an individualized education plan, and English Language Learners. This inclusive vision eventually became our mission.

While our organization has grown and changed, we have stayed true to our founders' student-centric vision. We are a not-for-profit organization passionate about closing the achievement gap, so every child has opportunities to learn.

We are proud to continue partnering with the ODE and LEAs across the State to help every Ohio student grow.

## **Ohio Department of Education Guidelines:**

### **Notes on use for Gifted:**

#### **MAP Growth 2-5**

**Areas of Identification:** Specific Academic Ability (Math and Reading only)

**Grades:** 2-5

#### **MAP Growth 6+**

**Areas of Identification:** Specific Academic Ability (Math and Reading only)

**Grades:** 6-10

**Notes on use for Reading Diagnostic:**

Approved for grades K-3.

Further information available at [MAP for Reading](#)

**Notes on use for Teacher/Principal Evaluation:**

Approved for the following:

- MAP for Primary Grades
  - K-2 Reading
  - K-2 Math
- MAP
  - 2-3 ELA
  - 2-3 Math