

**Vendor Information for Ohio Department of Education
Approved Assessments 2020-2021**

This form provides general information about this approved assessment and the information is used by districts to consider before directly contacting providers about potential local procurements.

Provider Information

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| Name of Product: | MAP Growth |
| Name of Vendor: | NWEA |
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| | Megan Golsby Account Executive megan.golsby@nwea.org (708) 846-8338 |
| Vendor/Assessment Website: | www.nwea.org |

ODE Approved for (ODE use only)

K-3 Diagnostic Assessment

Grades: K-3

Alternative Reading Assessment: TGRG

Growth Measure: Teacher and Principal Evaluation

Grades: K-3

OLS Mathematics, OLS ELA

High Quality Student Data

Grades & Content:

| ELA | Math | Science |
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| Pre K-8 | K-8 | 3-8 |
| ELA I & II | Algebra 1 & Geometry | |

Alternative Standardized Assessments for Grades 3-8

Grades & Content:

| ELA | Math | Science |
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| 3-8 | 3-8 | 3-8 |

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| Gifted Student: Identification | |
| Specific Academic Ability (Math and Reading only) | |
| Grades: 2-5 | |
| MAP Growth 2-5 | |
| Specific Academic Ability (Math and Reading only) | |
| Grades: 6-10 | |
| MAP Growth 6+ | |
| Estimated Service Provider Costs (nonbinding) | |
| *Districts should contact vendor for exact costs and requirements. | |
| Contact for questions about costs: | Megan Golsby (708) 846-8338 |
| Link to web-based cost sheet/PDF for approved assessment. | www.nwea.org/sales-information |
| As a provider of assessments, we are prepared to provide services to: | |
| | Any Districts in the State of Ohio |
| Overview for districts describing in detail the assessment, its use and how your organization supports implementation of the assessment. (2 pages maximum) | |
| <p>NWEA® proudly partners with Local Education Agencies (LEAs) throughout Ohio. Currently, more than 730,000 students are licensed to take MAP Growth tests in the State. Our mission — Partnering to help all kids learn® — aligns with 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.</p> <p>We appreciate the flexibility Local Education Agencies have to choose from a list of approved assessment options. MAP® Growth™ assessments are currently used for multiple purposes throughout Ohio, including the following State-approved assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparable Assessments to Ohio's K–3 Diagnostic Assessment for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee; • Alternative Standardized Assessment for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee; • Alternative Standardized Assessment for Grades 3–8 for Chartered Nonpublic Schools; • Teacher and Principal Evaluation Component; and • Gifted Prescreening and Identification. | |

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- We have also applied for approval for the new High Quality Student Data component of the Ohio Department of Education's approved assessment list, including MAP Growth in grades K–10 in English Language Arts and Mathematics (including Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry), and grades 3–8 in Science.

Our unmatched MAP Growth assessment system provides a flexible, rigorous, and efficient solution for multiple purposes in Ohio.

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 for high-stakes purposes.

OUR SERVICE IN OHIO

We have developed a deep understanding of the needs of the schools and districts of Ohio through our service of 599 partners in the State. MAP Growth assessments are aligned to Ohio's Learning Standards, enabling Ohio LEAs and educators to link results and reports to the Ohio standards and their chosen curriculum.

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® and SAT®. 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.

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.

Our Research team conducts our own trusted normative study — most recently completed in 2015 with a new study to be released in July of 2020 — using the largest sample of any K–12 assessment: more than twenty-six million students. NWEA norms studies 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. Educators value these two data points as they identify where each student is on the reading scale and his or her growth trajectory.

LASTING SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP

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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.