

Vendor Information for Ohio Department of Education

Approved Assessments 2022-2023

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

Name of Product:	MAP Growth
Name of Vendor:	NWEA
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Vendor/Assessment Website:	https://www.nwea.org

ODE Approved for (ODE use only)

[K-3 Diagnostic Assessment](#)

Grades: K-3

[Alternative Reading Assessment: TGRG](#)

Grades: K-3

High Quality Student Data

Grades & Content:

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

Alternative Standardized Assessments for Grades 3-8

Grades & Content:

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

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+

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Estimated Service Provider Costs (nonbinding)	
*Districts should contact vendor for exact costs and requirements.	
Contact for questions about costs:	Susie Spafford (503) 548-5195
Link to web-based cost sheet/PDF for approved assessment.	https://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><u>NWEA® proudly partners with Local Education Agencies (LEAs) throughout Ohio</u></p> <p>Currently, more than 625,600 students are licensed to take NWEA assessments 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. We appreciate the flexibility Local Education Agencies have to choose from a list of approved assessment options.</p> <p>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 in Mathematics, English Language Arts, and Science; High Quality Student Data Gifted Prescreening and Identification <p>With the varying methods of student learning in the past two school years due to COVID-19, it is important to have an assessment that provides efficient, reliable, and actionable information regardless of how or where the test is administered. Our unmatched assessment system provides a flexible, rigorous, and efficient solution for multiple purposes in Ohio.</p> <p><u>One Assessment, Multiple Purposes</u></p> <p>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</p>	

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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 616 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 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

Ohio LEAs will have the support of our internal teams to provide successful administration and use of MAP Growth assessments. 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 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

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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.