

Understanding Alaska's Statewide MAP Growth Results - Fall 2022



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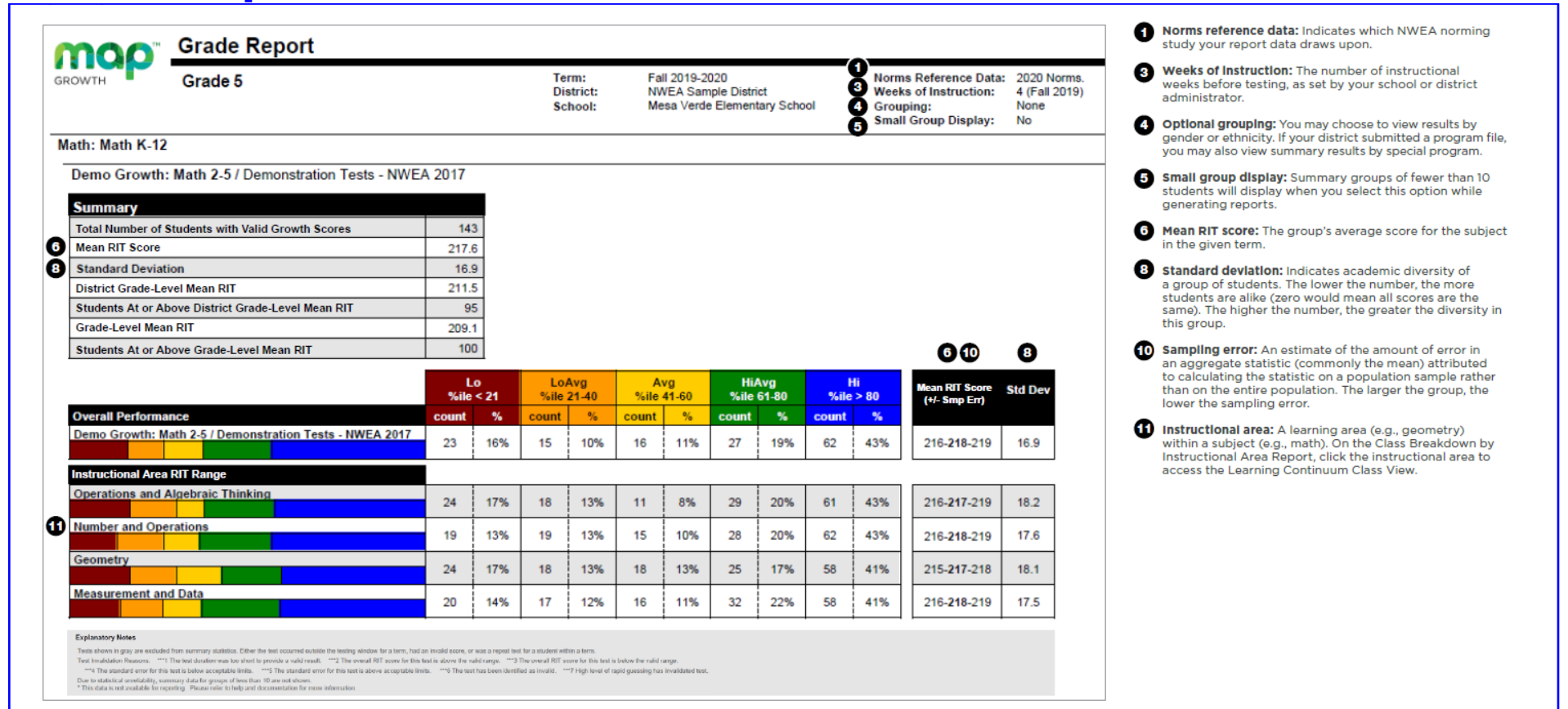
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Grade Report



1 Norms reference data: Indicates which NWEA norming study your report data draws upon.

3 Weeks of Instruction: The number of instructional weeks before testing, as set by your school or district administrator.

4 Optional grouping: You may choose to view results by gender or ethnicity. If your district submitted a program file, you may also view summary results by special program.

5 Small group display: Summary groups of fewer than 10 students will display when you select this option while generating reports.

6 Mean RIT score: The group's average score for the subject in the given term.

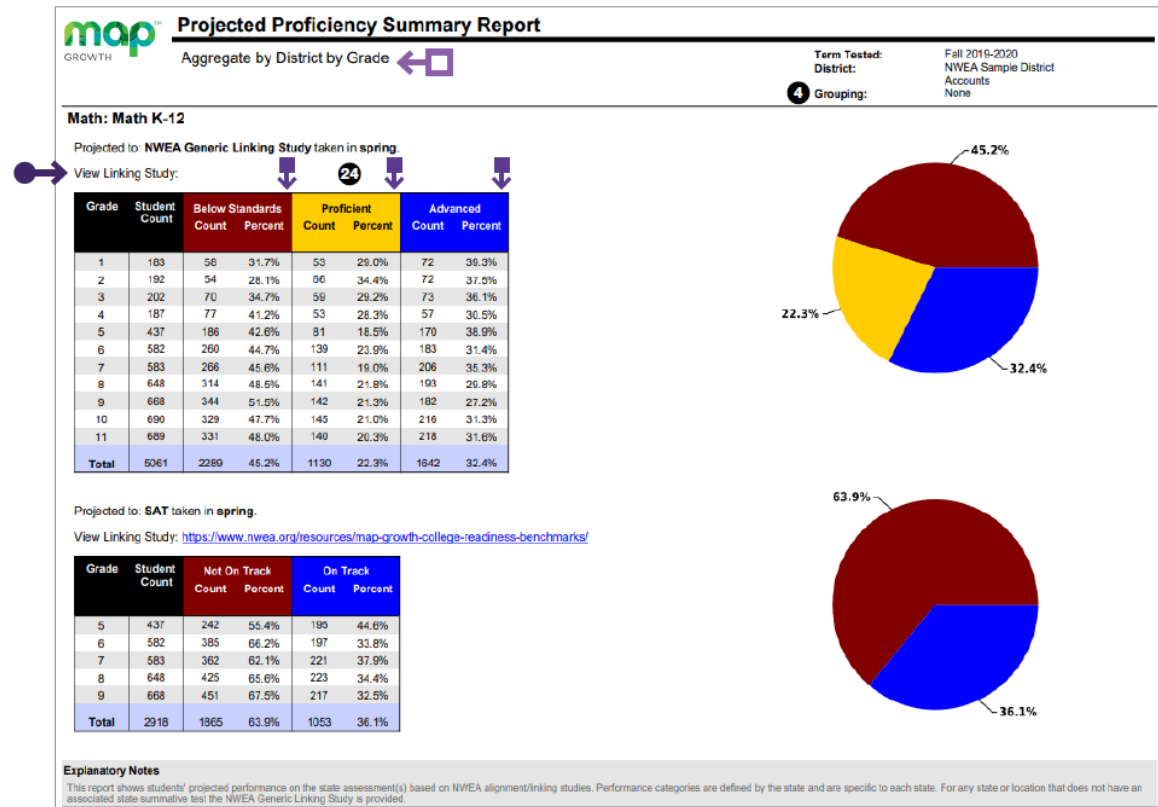
8 Standard deviation: Indicates academic diversity of a group of students. The lower the number, the more students are alike (zero would mean all scores are the same). The higher the number, the greater the diversity in this group.

10 Sampling error: An estimate of the amount of error in an aggregate statistic (commonly the mean) attributed to calculating the statistic on a population sample rather than on the entire population. The larger the group, the lower the sampling error.

11 Instructional area: A learning area (e.g., geometry) within a subject (e.g., math). On the Class Breakdown by Instructional Area Report, click the instructional area to access the Learning Continuum Class View.

What this report offers	Questions to consider
State-level performance data for a specific test window	How is this grade level doing overall?
Information organized by grade level and subject	What is this grade's lowest instructional area? Highest?
Individual student achievement data (RIT scores) for students across the state	How are we performing compared to national norms?
Comparisons to normative data and state grade-level mean, reported as network grade-level mean	How might this inform statewide decisions related to programs, resources, or professional learning?
	How could this data guide state and district improvement planning?

Projected Proficiency Summary Report



4 **Optional grouping:** You may choose to view results by gender or ethnicity. If your district submitted a program file, you may also view summary results by special program.

24 **Projected proficiency category:** Students are grouped in predicted proficiency categories based on NWEA linking studies that align the MAP Growth RIT scale to state assessments and college and career readiness measures.

Tips and tricks

State-specific linking study: This takes you to your state's linking study research document. If you do not have a linking study for your state, MAP Growth will provide information using a default linking study. Learn more about the default linking study at [NWEA.org](https://www.nwea.org).

Categories of proficiency: In this area, you will see your state's specific categories of proficiency.

Aggregation: There are three ways to aggregate this data: District by Grade, District by School, or School by Grade. The first two of these aggregation options require a district coordinator role for access.

What this report offers

State-level projected proficiency data for a specific test window

Information organized by test and grade

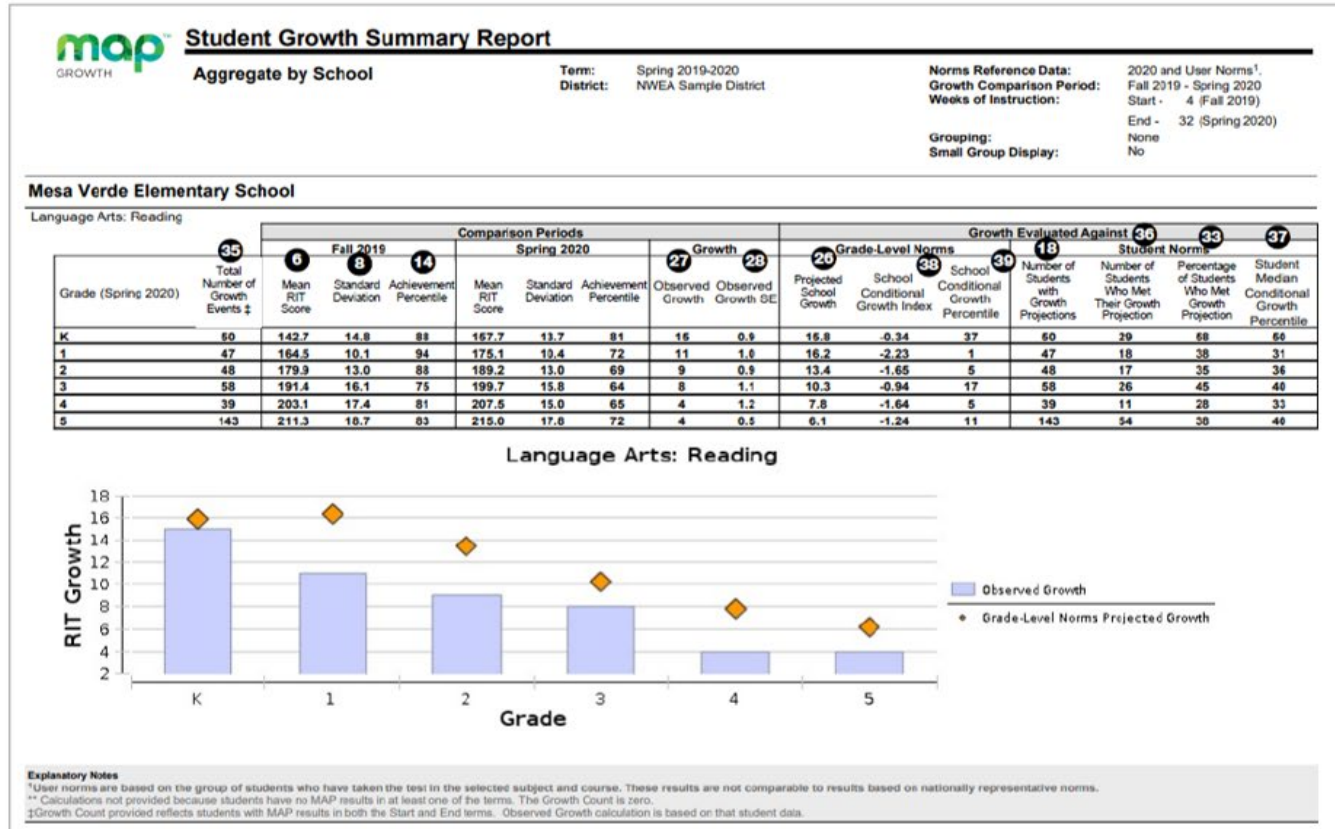
Aligned to AK STAR state assessment

Questions to consider

How are students projected to perform on the AK STAR state assessment?

How could this data guide state and district improvement planning?

Student Growth Summary Report



- 6 Mean RIT score:** The group's average score for the subject in the given term.
- 8 Standard deviation:** Indicates academic diversity of a group of students. The lower the number, the more students are alike (zero would mean all scores are the same). The higher the number, the greater the diversity in this group.
- 14 Percentile:** The percentage of students in the NWEA national norm sample for a grade and subject area that a given student's score (or group of students' mean score) equaled or exceeded. Percentile range is computed by identifying the percentile ranks of the low and high ends of the RIT score range (see annotation 13).
- 18 Number of students with growth projection:** The number of students in the growth count population with available growth projections.
- 26 Projected growth, growth projection, or typical growth:** The change in RIT score that about half of US students will make over time, based on student growth norms. The student's initial score plus projected growth equals projected RIT. The Student Growth Summary Report shows grade-level growth projections, which are based on school growth norms.
- 27 Observed growth or RIT growth:** The change in a student's RIT score during the growth comparison period. On the Student Growth Summary Report, observed growth is the end-term mean RIT minus the start-term mean RIT.
- 28 Observed growth standard error:** Amount of measurement error associated with observed term-to-term growth. If the student could be tested again over the same period with comparable tests, there would be about a 68% chance that growth would fall within a range defined by the term-to-term growth, plus or minus the standard error.
- 33 Percentage of students who met growth projection:** The percentage of students whose end-term RIT scores met or exceeded their individual growth projections.
- 35 Total number of growth events:** The number of students with valid growth-based test events for both terms.
- 36 Number of students who met their growth projection:** The number of students whose end-term RIT scores met or exceeded their individual growth projections.
- 37 Median conditional growth percentile:** The middle value of this student group's conditional growth percentiles if the individuals' percentiles were ordered from smallest to largest.
- 38 School conditional growth index:** This index allows for growth comparisons between grades within schools. It incorporates conditions that affect school growth, including weeks of instruction before testing and starting grade-level mean RIT scores. A value of zero corresponds to mean growth, indicating growth matched projection.
- 39 School conditional growth percentile:** The school conditional growth index (see annotation 38) translated into national percentile rankings for growth.

What this report offers

State-level growth summary data based on two test windows and compared to the national norms

Information organized by grade and subject

Questions to consider

Which grade levels are growing above typical and which ones are not?

What are trends over time with student growth?

How might this information support state and district improvement planning and/or goal setting?

Vocabulary

- **AK STAR is a criterion referenced assessment.**
 - Scores are based on criteria that are established by the state in alignment with state standards.
- **NWEA is a norm referenced assessment.**
 - A norm-referenced test results in data that distributes the scores across a “normal” distribution based on the actual results of all the students in the sample.
 - **Normative Data** allows educators to compare achievement status to students’ performance in the same grade at a comparable stage of the school year
- **Adaptive Assessment** means the difficulty of questions adjusts throughout the assessment based on the student's responses.
- **RIT Score/Scale**
 - Represents a student’s current level of achievement
 - Measures growth on an equal-interval scale
 - Does not indicate grade-level readiness
- **Instructional Level vs Mastery**
 - Instructional Level: What students can do with support, or the zone of proximal development (ZPD)
 - Mastery: What students can do independently
 - Mastery scores are the point at which students demonstrate proficiency with the skill or concept
 - MAP Growth scores do not measure mastery

Resources

- [Alaska Assessments Webpage](#)
- [MAP Growth Reports Portfolio](#)
- [AK STAR/MAP Growth Linking Study](#)
- [ALE Explorer Tool](#)