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What will I receive from my child's school? What if I need more information about test results?

On the back page you will find a sample copy of a Student Profile Report that is available after each testing window ends, along with explanations of key information. If you need further information regarding scores or your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher.

Please see Sample Student Profile Report on the back page.

## SAMPLE STUDENT PROFILE REPORT

### Student Profile: Next-Generation Report



## A PARENT'S GUIDE TO



**What is MAP Growth?**  
The Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®) Growth is an interim, or benchmark, Computer Adaptive assessment.

**HOW IT WORKS**  
The questions adjust in difficulty based on student's answers.

**Question 1: 10 + 2**  
If the student answers correctly, he or she is given a more difficult question.

**Question 2: 10 + 12**  
If the student answers this question incorrectly, he or she will be given a question easier than the second, but more difficult than the first.

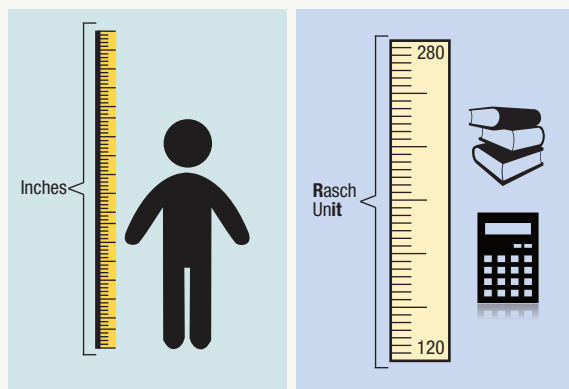
**Question 3: 12 + 3**  
Questions will continue this way until proficiency level is determined, eliminating questions too far above or below.

## What are the SWUC MAP Growth® Testing Guidelines?

- Administered 3 times a year (Fall, Winter, Spring)
- Untimed – the average student takes between 45 – 55 minutes; however, students are not restricted to completing a test in one sitting
- Math and Reading are required for all students grades 1-9

## What does MAP Growth® measure and what is a RIT score?

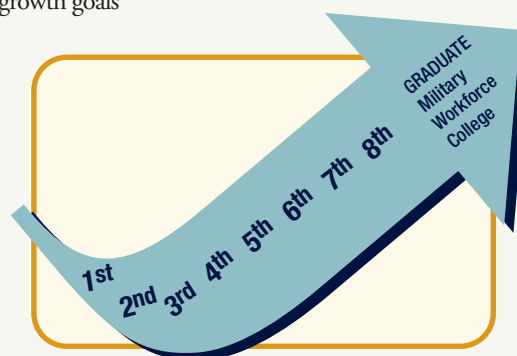
It is like a yardstick for measuring learning growth.



- **Equal Interval Scale** – 5 inches at top of the scale is equal to 5 inches at bottom of the scale.
- **Continuous measure** – any height can be measured in inches.
- **Permits measure of growth** in height independent of age.
- **Equal Interval Scale** – 5 RIT points at top of the scale is equal to 5 RIT points at the bottom of the scale.
- **Continuous measure** any level of student learning can be measured in RITs.
- **Permits measure of learning growth** in math and reading, independent of grade level.

## How do schools and teachers use MAP Growth® data?

- To individualize instruction based on assessed strengths and weaknesses
- To identify the most appropriate strategies for:
  - enhancing student learning (including educational software)
  - choosing advanced course work
  - providing academic supports
- Accurate placement on college and career pathway using growth goals



## Can MAP Growth® tell me if my child is working at grade level?

While MAP Growth® does not restrict test items to a student's grade level standards, it does assign a percentile that corresponds to their RIT score (more information in sample Student Profile Report on back page). The RIT score describes a student's performance in absolute terms (amount of underlying knowledge) while the percentile describes a student's performance in relative terms (a student's rank as compared to other students at their grade level).

Example: Two students take the fall reading test.

3rd grader: RIT score 210, 91st percentile

7th grader: RIT score 210, 39th percentile

Interpretation: the 3rd grader is performing much better than typical 3rd graders, while the 7th grader is performing low compared to typical 7th graders; the underlying amount of reading knowledge for both students, however, is comparable.

## Is MAP Growth® a standardized test? How is it different than “high stakes” or state tests?

### Comparison of MAP Growth® with Typical Standardized Tests

MAP Growth® Assessment	Typical Standardized Tests
MAP Growth® is an interim assessment that provides a measure of students' academic growth along the learning continuum of skills that are central to our standards.	Typically used as a cumulative assessment providing information on mastery of grade-level standards at the end of a school year or unit of study.
MAP Growth® is not grade specific and measures achievement across grade content.	Typically assess within grade-level restricted content.
MAP Growth® data are used to analyze academic growth over time and inform instructional and program decisions.	Typically data are used to make high stakes accountability decisions.
MAP Growth® uses a single, constant, validated scale to measure growth accurately across grade levels, over long periods of time.	Typically use a unique scale, assigning a score value to proficiency, for answering questions based on standards specific to the grade level.

## How can I help my child prepare for MAP Growth® tests?

Your child's teacher will work with students to explain the test and provide instructions on how to use the mouse and keyboard for answering questions. Working with your child at home, as well, on mouse and keyboard skills may help him or her to become more comfortable using them. You can also ensure your child is well-rested and has a good, well-balanced breakfast. You can support your child's daily learning and accomplishments in school, and encourage their best effort to “show what they know.”