

# Elementary School District 102

October 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Enclosed are your child's test results for one or more assessments depending on his or her current grade level.

| Assessment*  | When it was administered | Students who should receive a report                         |
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| Illinois Assessment of Readiness* ( <b>IAR</b> )<br>State of Illinois Assessment in English /<br>Language Arts and Mathematics.              | April 2022               | Students currently in grades<br>4-9 (last year's grades 3-8) |
| Measures of Academic Progress ( <b>MAP</b> ) in<br>Reading and Mathematics-administered in<br>the fall and in the spring of the school year. | September<br>2022        | Students currently in grades<br>2-8                          |

\*Not all students participated in these assessments.

The Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) is administered in the spring to students in grades 3-8. It aligns with the Illinois Learning Standards and measures students' problem-solving abilities, critical thinking, and writing skills needed to stay on track for college and career readiness after high school. For more information on interpreting the IAR report please see:

[https://il.mypearsonsupport.com/resources/reporting/parent/PC1141422\\_IAR\\_ScoreGuide\\_Parent\\_Spr22.pdf](https://il.mypearsonsupport.com/resources/reporting/parent/PC1141422_IAR_ScoreGuide_Parent_Spr22.pdf)

The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment is administered to students in grades 2-8 in the fall and the spring in reading and mathematics. This assessment from the Northwestern Evaluation Association helps determine students' instructional levels in reading and mathematics and measures academic growth throughout the school year. Please see the reverse side of this letter for the NWEA MAP Reference Guide.

Students participate in a number of standardized tests as part of their educational experience. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child's academic growth and success. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the Teaching and Learning Department at 708-215-7009 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

## **NWEA Measures of Academic Progress Explanation of Terms on *Student Progress Report***

The ***MAP Growth Student Progress Report*** displays current and any past RIT scores of a student. RIT stands for Rasch Unit, which is a unit of measure that uses individual test question difficulty values to estimate student achievement. The MAP scores help teachers plan instruction at an appropriate level for the student.

**Student RIT** – The middle number is this student's RIT score. The numbers on either side of the RIT score define the score +/- the standard error. If retested soon, the student's score would fall within this range most of the time.

**District Grade Level Mean RIT** – The average RIT score for students in the same grade in the district that were tested at the same time.

**Norm Grade Level Mean RIT** – The average RIT score for students in the same grade and tested in the same term as observed in the most recent NWEA RIT Scale Norms study.

**Student RIT Projection** – The projected Spring RIT score of the student based on the NWEA Norms Study.

**Goals Performance** – Each goal area included in the test is listed along with a goal range or descriptive adjective of the student's score. The possible descriptors are Low (percentile < 21), LoAvg (percentile between 21 and 40), Avg (percentile between 41 and 60), HiAvg (percentile between 61 and 80), and High (percentile > 80).

**Lexile Range** – This range appears when the student has taken a reading test. You can use it with online resources to identify appropriately challenging books, periodicals, and other reading material for the student.

**Term/Year** – The test term (FA=fall, SP=spring, WI=winter, SU=summer) and the year when the student took the test.

**Grade** – Grade of the student when the test was taken.

**RIT Growth** – Presents the student's growth in RIT points made between growth tests in the Growth Comparison Period. The Spring MAP reports will report Fall to Spring growth.

**Growth Projection** – The average growth of students who were in the same grade and began the same term at a similar RIT score according to the most recent NWEA RIT Scale Norms study.

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**Percentile Range** – The number in the middle is this student's national percentile rank, or the percentage of students that had a RIT score less than or equal to this student's score according to the most recent NWEA RIT Scale Norms study. The numbers on either side of the percentile rank define the percentile range. If retested soon, this student's percentile rank would be within this range most of the time.