



## Assessment Practices

Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts (RA) uses various diagnostic, formative, and summative assessment to inform instructional decision making. The CEO, Directors of Education and the instructional coaches routinely review assessment data with the staff to ensure our program is meeting the needs of our students. The assessments utilized are outlined below:

**Symphony Math Student Screener:** A web-enabled program with a visual and highly intuitive interface, Symphony Math® helps students understand math at a conceptual level. Students are given a screener three times a year. The screenings adjust the level of instruction provided by the program.

**NWEA Map:** MAP® Growth™ measures what students know and informs what they're ready to learn next. By dynamically adjusting to each student's performance, MAP Growth creates a personalized assessment experience that accurately measures performance—whether a student performs on, above, or below grade level. Students in grades 1-4 are tested in the fall, winter and spring while kindergarten students are assessed in winter and spring.

**Lexia Reading Core 5 Student Screener:** Lexia Reading Core5® supports educators in providing differentiated literacy instruction for students of all abilities in grades pre-K–5. Lexia's research-proven program provides explicit, systematic, personalized learning in the six areas of reading instruction, targeting skill gaps as they emerge, and providing teachers with the data and student-specific resources they need for individual or small-group instruction. Lexia's embedded assessments provide real time data on student progress.

**ERA:** The Emerging Reading Assessment evaluates a student's pre-literacy skills. It includes phonemic awareness, letter recognition, letter sounds and concepts of print. This assessment is proctored 1:1 with each kindergarten student 3 times a year.

**DRA2:** Diagnostic Reading Assessment establishes each student's reading level and gives the teacher a focus for classroom instruction designed to assist students' progression to the next reading level. This is proctored 1:1 with each student twice a year for kindergarten and 3 times a year for grades K-5.

**Benchmark Assessments:** RA has created benchmark assessments in ELA and math. These assessments are consistent across all classrooms per grade level.

**Ongoing Assessments:** Teachers at RA assess students throughout each and every lesson, collecting data to help drive their instruction. In reading, writing, and math, small groups are pulled daily based on observational data collected during whole group instruction. Additionally, students engage in tasks during assignments that are collected as a form of formative data.