

What a MAP score tells you, and what it doesn't

A one-page guide for parents. One number shows the altitude. It does not show which skill is shaky.

WHAT THE SCORE SHOWS

Roughly where your child sits on a vertical achievement scale

How that compares to same-grade peers (the percentile)

Whether they are growing faster or slower than similar peers

When growth stalls across several testing windows

WHAT STILL NEEDS A CLOSER LOOK

Which specific skills are stable and which are shaky

Whether a correct answer came from understanding or recall

Whether a skill holds up when a problem is worded differently

What to reteach, and in what order, this week

Reading the number well

- Read the score as a range. A single RIT carries about 3 points of error; a move under ~6 points is usually steady, not news.
- Separate “where they sit” from “are they growing.” Ask the school for the Conditional Growth Percentile.
- Read the strand bars gently. One bar well below the others, across more than one window, is a place to start asking questions.
- Trust the pattern you see at home. A weekly meltdown over the same kind of problem is specific data the number cannot show.

Want the specific skills behind the number? The free diagnostic maps them in 30 to 40 minutes.

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