NEBRASKA STATE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Multiple Measures to Help Students Learn
Purpose-built assessments in a comprehensive, coherent, and continuous system deliver the right data to inform decision making at the right time. By leveraging an effective, multiple-measures approach, Nebraska will provide educators and decision makers at all levels with the insight they need to support instruction and learning.

Supporting Decision Making at All Levels
Guided by the six tenets of AQuESTT and built in partnership with NWEA®, the Nebraska Assessment System provides a truly balanced system for formative, interim, and summative purposes, with a strong focus on professional development and assessment literacy.

Formative
Educator-created tests through TestWiz and the Navigate Item Bank™ give Nebraska educators flexibility to deliver formative assessment at the classroom or district level. Professional learning in formative assessment practices gives Nebraska educators the tools to monitor student learning in the moment and adjust instruction accordingly all throughout the year.

Interim
Nebraska educators have long trusted MAP® Growth™ to measure what students know and 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 is on, above, or below grade level. Timely, easy-to-use reports help teachers teach, students learn, and administrators lead.

Summative
A new, adaptive statewide assessment in English language arts and math for grades 3–8, and science for grades 5 and 8. Built with the input of Nebraska educators, these assessments include multiple item types and provide results comparable across grades, growth across administrations, and achievement level performance for all students, including alternative assessments.

Your Assessment System at a Glance

**FORMATIVE**
Educator-created tests. Create and administer classroom and district-wide assessments with TestWiz™ and the Navigate Item Bank™.

**FREQUENCY**
As needed

**SUBJECTS**
English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Science

**GRADE LEVEL**
K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

**INTERIM**
Adaptive, grade-level independent MAP Growth helps educators know what students are ready to learn next and measures growth over time.

**FREQUENCY**
Fall Winter Spring Summer

**SUBJECTS**
Math, Reading, Language, Science

**GRADE LEVEL**
K-12

**SUMMATIVE**
Adaptive, on-grade-level measure of academic proficiency relative to Nebraska’s academic standards.

**FREQUENCY**
Fall Winter Spring Summer

**SUBJECTS AND GRADE LEVEL**
K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

English Language Arts and Math, 3-8; Science, 5 and 8
Supporting Educators with Professional Learning
A comprehensive professional development plan will ensure Nebraska educators understand assessment results and have the tools to effectively use data to inform instruction and make decisions that support student learning. Professional learning in multiple formats will focus on assessment literacy, formative assessment practice, and understanding, interpreting, and applying results.

- Talking the talk: Assessment literacy professional development will help teachers understand the design and purpose of different types of assessment
- Walking the walk: Professional learning helps teachers effectively apply formative assessment practices in the classroom
- Understand, interpret, apply: NWEA-certified facilitators will help educators apply reports, inform instruction, and focus on long term growth

A Dependable Experience
MAP Growth and the new summative assessment will operate on the NWEA Comprehensive Assessment Platform—a secure, stable system that 95% of districts in Nebraska already know and trust. Platform continuity with the MAP Suite means your student data is managed with the same proven security protocols, assessment delivery remains consistent, and integration happens just once. The familiar interface and scalable platform ensure Nebraska students and educators will have a seamless testing experience.

EXPERT SUPPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION
Partner Support Services is dedicated to the success of your state assessment program. As your partner and your frontline team, we work closely with you to bring your assessment vision to life—so that your experience is comprehensible, seamless, and predictable.

ABOUT NWEA
NWEA is a not-for-profit organization that supports students and educators worldwide by providing assessment solutions, insightful reports, professional learning offerings, and research services. Visit NWEA.org to find out how NWEA can partner with you to help all kids learn.

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