

Assessment Options

Start PreK–6 students on the right path and optimize learning throughout the year with your choice of three assessment options

Key Features	Imagine Language & Literacy Embedded Assessment	Imagine + ELA Diagnostic	NWEA MAP Growth
Overview	Includes multiple sub-tests that determine each student's language and literacy proficiency levels and dynamically presents the best combination to diagnose the ideal entry point for each student.	Three adaptive stages present a personalized set of multiple-choice and technology-enhanced items (TEIs) that continuously adapt to students' performance to precisely identify skill levels.	NWEA MAP Growth Assessment provides one of the most trusted sources of insights into student learning and proficiency by using the RIT scale to identify a student's proximal development.
How it works	Up to three benchmark tests per school year provide additional inputs to adjust the learning sequence and maximize learning. Predictive and evaluative checkpoints monitor skill performance and inform sequencing and scaffolding decisions to optimize student learning.	Up to four benchmark tests per year provide granular, domain-level insights that seamlessly flow into Imagine Language & Literacy. Student receive an overall scaled score, domain-specific scores, and Lexile measure. 3 age-appropriate versions are available depending on students' grade level: K–1 (includes a tutorial and audio support), 2–5, and 6–12.	Identifies the zone of proximal development or the exact point at which student is as likely to know and not know answers. MAP Growth also provides learning statements (aligned to state standards) specifying what each student is ready and able to learn.
How it affects the learning sequence	Students take the placement assessment when they log into Language & Literacy for the first time. The initial placement assessment for each student allows Smart Sequencer to determine the ideal starting point in the learning sequence.	The initial assessment allows SmartSequencer to determine the ideal starting point for the learning sequence and adapts those learning sequences based on student performance after each test throughout the year.	Districts can choose to integrate RIT scores at any time (BOY, MOY, or EOY) to update learning pathways in Language & Literacy. If the scores do not suggest a clear starting point, Smart Sequencer may automatically assign additional subtests to refine student placement into the content.
Ideal for:	Schools that value adaptive, embedded game-like assessments that wish to assess PreK students or immediately start students on their learning pathways. Schools and districts that prefer a single solution for learning and assessment.	Organizations that want flexible scheduling options and the ability to test up to 4 times per year. Organizations that want to view grade-level abilities. Organizations that want more granular reporting and/or a single test that places the student and provides a Lexile measure.	Schools already using NWEA MAP Growth to drive instruction and outcomes and wish to assess less and personalize more. Schools looking for flexible rostering options (available through ClassLink and Clever).

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