December Q&A

**NWEA & Maine Through Year Assessment**

When you were talking about the funding for NWEA MAP Growth, will the state continue to fund MAP Growth in 2023-24?

The Department of Education will provide the Maine Through Year Assessment for grades 3 through 8 and second year of high school. MAP Growth subscriptions for “off grades” (K-2, 9, 11, and 12) would need to be purchased by the SAU. The Maine Through Year Assessment will provide RIT scores for all three assessment administrations: fall, winter (optional), and spring.

Can you describe the benefits of administering the MAP Growth assessment in spring 2023?

Please note that all students are required to participate in the Maine Through Year Assessment beginning in spring 2023. The chart below is designed to provide guidance to SAUs and schools when deciding whether or not to administer the MAP Growth assessment **in addition to** the Maine Through Year Assessment.

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| **MAP Growth** | **Maine Through Year Assessment** |
| No assessment window limitations | Assessment window: May 1st – 26th |
| RIT score data within 24 hours | In spring 2023 only, delayed RIT score data with an anticipated delivery date of late summer or early fall due to standard setting |
| RIT Instructional Areas based on the Maine Learning Results (2022-23 academic year) | RIT Instructional Areas based on the CCSS and consistent with the national MAP Growth assessment |
| Extended assessment seat time:  45 – 55 minutes per MAP Growth assessment and 55 – 60 minutes per Through Year Assessment\* | 55 – 60 minutes per Through Year Assessment\* |
| Option to administer the Language Usage assessment | No Language Usage assessment option |
| Continued compatibility with MAP Accelerator and Instructional Connections | Not yet compatible with MAP Accelerator or Instructional Connections |
| No additional cost to SAUs/schools in Spring 2023 | No cost to SAUs/schools |

\*Assessment seat times represent the average seat time. Individual students will take varying amounts of time to complete the assessments.

Will all the same NWEA reports be available for the Maine Year Through Assessment?

We are currently in discussions with NWEA regarding what is currently possible with reporting and what our future requirements will be for reporting. We understand the value of the MAP Growth suite reports and are working towards a solution for 2023-24 that incorporates many of those features.

Can you provide the link to register for the sessions?

[https://dpdol.nwea.org/pl/sa/ME/ME\_StatewidePL\_Catalog\_FY23.pdf](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdpdol.nwea.org%2Fpl%2Fsa%2FME%2FME_StatewidePL_Catalog_FY23.pdf&data=05%7C01%7Ckrista.averill%40maine.gov%7Ce548a7e318044e1bfc5c08dadeee89f2%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638067413479636094%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LPtshhr188Xmc9rhVxhasyzoLM8NLX1L3ATk6HeNTrM%3D&reserved=0)

If districts choose to not do both MAP Growth and the Maine Through Year Assessment this spring, how will districts do performance reports, ESSA applications this summer and fall?

The CNA requests both local and state level data in order to triangulate the data and ensure multiple data points are taken into consideration when determining student supports and programming. If the SAU utilized MAP Growth in their ESSA application as a performance measure, the MTYA will garner a RIT score in addition to the summative score and therefore, the SAU should be able to report out on identified goals. The same would be true for the fall in determining next steps.

What will the DOE accept or what ideas can be shared to support districts, both if we choose and do not choose to administer MAP Growth?

State level assessment data should not be the only data point a SAU has at hand to inform decision making. The SAU should review what other local measures are utilized to inform program decision making in the development of goals etc. within the ESSA application and CNA.

If we used NWEA RIT score data in goal setting for Title funding… will we be able to have RIT scores before the new Title application and/or Performance Reports are due?

Application is open in May and due August 1. Performance reports are due November 1. RIT scores will be received during the summer. We anticipate receiving Through Year Assessment results from NWEA in August 2023, which will also be available at that time to SAUs and schools through the NWEA state platform.

**Maine Science**

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*No questions*

**MSAA**

*No questions*

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*No questions*

**NAEP & International**

*No questions*