



## St. Joseph School

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Dear St. Joseph School Families,

Our St. Joseph School students, in grades K-8, recently completed our fall NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) standardized assessments in the areas of math and reading. These assessments are designed to measure growth in student learning throughout the school year, and will be administered three times—fall, winter, and spring.

The online testing platform allows for adaptive and individualized assessment opportunities. An adaptive test “adapts” to your child’s learning level, providing challenging questions when a student answers correctly and adjusting down a level if a student answers incorrectly.

Your child’s MAP scores are reported using two scales, RIT (Rash Unit) scales and percentile ranges. RIT scores are used to show a student’s current achievement on a scale that is independent of grade level. RIT scores show what students are ready to learn, rather than what they have already mastered. The RIT score is an equal interval scale, like feet and inches. As a result, we can easily measure learning growth. On this report, the “district” level is our St. Joseph School mean, and the norm RIT includes data from all students across the nation that tested during the same testing window. Your child’s RIT score is the **bold** number in the center.

The percentile range score is also **bold** and found in the center. This represents the percentage of students in the same grade that had a RIT score less than or equal to your student’s score. The numbers on either side of the percentile rank define the percentile range. If retested soon, your child’s percentile rank would likely be within this range.

Along with RIT scores and percentile range, NWEA MAP assessments report Lexile scores. The Lexile framework for reading provides an additional way to measure a student’s reading level and growth. At St. Joseph School, we use the Accelerated Reader leveling system for determining a student’s reading level. Your child’s teacher can let you know how the Lexile to Accelerated Reader conversion works. This tool helps teachers, students, and parents to select reading materials that appropriately challenge students.

Our St. Joseph School teachers will engage in professional development training throughout the school year to further our knowledge of analyzing and utilizing student assessment data. We are thrilled to use the NWEA MAP assessment tool to further inform and differentiate instruction to best meet the needs of each student.

Please contact your child’s teacher or me with questions, or access the NWEA parent toolkit at <https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/> for more information.

Sincerely,

Kelly Roche  
Principal

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