

Chart Directions:

When you receive your child's NWEA RIT scores at the end of the school year, find the Reading RIT score for this year's testing.

1. Find the column with the score that is closest to your child's score for reading. If the score is between 215 and 219, the closest score is 220. If the score is between 211 and 214, the closest score is 210.
2. Read down the column to see sample test items. Your child's score suggests that he or she can get half of these items correct. This indicates that, currently, your child is actively learning at this level.
3. Now look at the items in the column(s) to the left. Your child is likely to get most of these items correct.
4. The items in the column(s) to the right will probably require new learning on your child's part.
5. Follow steps 1-4 to review your child's mathematics achievement for this year.

By contrasting test items that your child could do in the past with those he or she can do now, we can see how much growth has taken place over time.



NWEA Achievement Level Tests

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During the last week of April each year, second through eighth grade students are administered the NWEA Achievement Level Tests in reading and mathematics. Some of the defining attributes of this test series are as follows:

- The NWEA tests are a series of achievement measures that systematically increase in difficulty from one level to another.
- Level testing makes it possible to give each student a test appropriate to his or her achievement level and to measure growth from year to year. This information helps teachers plan instruction to meet the needs of individual student strengths and weaknesses in reading and mathematics.
- Information from tests also helps teachers and administrators to know whether instructional programs are working effectively.
- Student test results are called RIT scores. RIT scores are derived from a scale which functions much like a ruler does in measuring physical height. RIT scores are tied directly to the curriculum, rather than based on the performance of specific groups of students. Since the test information is anchored in the curriculum, it is possible to follow student progress accurately from year to year.
- NWEA test results provide an ongoing record of student progress in reading and mathematics. Comparison with Minnesota State testing is conducted yearly. A student's NWEA RIT score provides accurate information regarding his or her progress towards meeting the basic and high standards set by the State.
- The enclosed chart illustrates the concepts that are measured and provides examples of typical test items.
- For additional information, contact your child's teacher and/or principal.

Northwest Evaluation (NWEA) Reading and Mathematics Scores

Interpreting the NWEA RIT Scale Scores:

The two charts in this brochure will help you interpret your child's scores on the NWEA Reading and Mathematics Tests. RIT is the name of the score. Look for RIT scores at the top of each chart. A RIT score is a number between 160 and 260 on an equal-interval scale which measures your child's growth in reading and mathematics second grade through eighth grade.

These scores make it possible to monitor your child's reading and mathematics achievement growth from year to year. You will receive a Parent Report at the end of each school year that contains an accurate measurement of your child's present RIT score in both reading and mathematics (Directions on how to use the chart are printed on the next page.)

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