

## District Assessment Report – March 2023

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and LPSD School Board Members

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The assessments that I outline in this report are only part of our balanced assessment system. These are the assessments that are supported by the state of Alaska for a variety of purposes. They represent only a small portion of what our teachers do, on a daily basis, to evaluate and support the learning of our LPSD students. On this report, ASSESSMENT refers to types of tests. However, assessment is much more than that. It encompasses all the ways, formal and informal, that educators evaluate the learning, progress, and needs of students.

### **NWEA MAP Growth Assessments** – Students in grades K-9

- Students across the district are completing testing.
- Spring Growth scores will come for the AK Star assessments.

The Map Growth assessment, and the data that comes from it, is very well aligned with the standards based system. It does not measure a student at their state grade level. Instead, it assesses them where they are in their personal learning and shows how much growth they make from benchmark to benchmark. These results are broken down by standard. This gives students and teachers one tool to understand how they are learning and how to design instruction to work best for each student.

### **AK Star and Alaska Science Assessment** – Students in grades 3-10

- Sites are wrapping up the AK Star and Alaska Science Assessments. Everyone has done a great job to ensure this is a positive experience for all.
- A special thanks goes to Tracey Thomas and Matthew Grossman. They each traveled to one of our closed sites to provide a testing opportunity for the LVHS students in those communities.

The AK Star and Alaska Science assessments are once a year criterion referenced tests. Some form of this kind of test is given all over the country. The purpose of this type of test is to give a once a year, “30,000 ft” view of educational progress. The results of these tests aren’t used to evaluate individual students. Instead, they are to give a one-time snapshot of how students, schools, districts, and states compare to others with similar demographics. The results of these types of assessments are used for looking at “the big picture,” of how students, schools, and states are doing.

### **ADP - Alaska Developmental Profile** – Kindergarten students

- The assessment will be administered in September and October of next school year. The Alaska Developmental Profile is given early in the year for incoming kindergarteners. The purpose of this test is to get an overall view of where Alaska students are, developmentally, when entering kindergarten. It is a “big picture” assessment that is used to look at pre-school programs and future learning, at the state level.

### **DLM -Alternative Assessment, Dynamic Learning Maps** – Select students in grades 3-10

- Currently there are no LPSD students who will be taking the DLM

### **NAEP- The National Assessment of Education Progress** – Select student in select grades

- Nothing to report

Available results for any statewide assessment can be accessed here:  
<https://education.alaska.gov/assessments/results>