NOME PUBLIC SCHOOLS Driven By Data

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Mission Statement: We inspire and empower students to be culturally grounded responsible citizens who are deeply connected to our community and world.

Vision Statement:

Together, strong in identity, purpose, potential

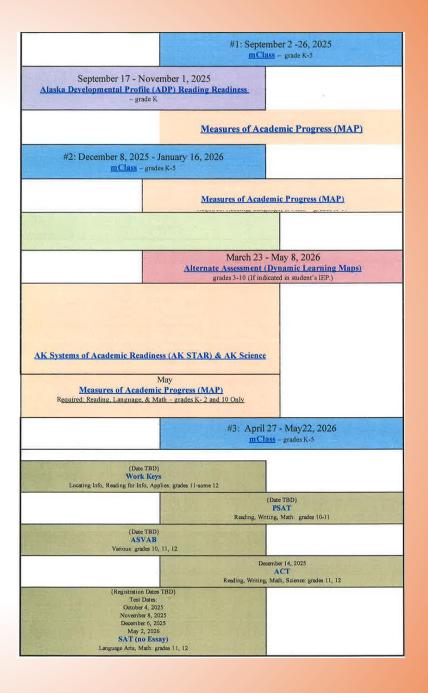


December Report Focus

- This report will focus on Assessments which can impact a wide range of educational systems. For instance:
 - Curriculum Design
 - Instructional Practices
 - Student Support Systems
 - Professional Development
 - Accountability systems

 These systems are all interconnected, and assessments help ensure that each one supports student growth and success.

Assessment Calendar





 NWEA refers to the results from Northwest Evaluation Association Assessments, primarily the MAP growth computer- adaptive test



- Achievement and growth: The data helps track how much a student has learned over time and how they are progressing academically.
- Performance on a RIT scale: Scores are based on the RIT (RASCH unIT) scale, which is an equal-interval measurement scale, similar to a ruler, that simplifies the interpretation of test results and slows for accurate tracing of progress.
- Student and Class performance: Teacher can see individual student performance and overall class performance in specific subject area to identify strengths and areas of improvement
- National and state comparisons: The data can be compared to national norms to provide context for a student's performance an help educators see how students are performing relative to their peers nationwide.

How the data is used



Personalized learning: Teachers use the data to tailor lessons and create learning plans that meet each student's unique needs and abilities.



Plan Instruction: the results inform lesson planning and allow educators to make data-driven decisions about curriculum and teaching strategies



Support students: the data can help identify students who may need additional support or intervention and can be used to set goals with students.



Support different subjects: While the tests focus on math, reading, language, and science, the data can also be used to support instruction in other subjects like history

What strategies do teachers use to help student improve their RIT scores based on NWEA data?



Data Analysis and Instructional Planning:



Identify Strengths and Weaknesses



Leverage the Learning Continuum



Combine with Formative Assessment

Nome Public School – Deep Dive

- Building a strong student culture
- Working on character development
- Developing dedicated teachers
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- Dedicating summer work on curriculum and perhaps interim assessments for Kindergarten – eighth grade
- Developing an interim assessment calendar
- Developing formal data-drive instruction for new teachers
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- Training for school leadership in leading assessment analysis meetings

Differentiated Instruction and Interventions

Flexible Grouping

Targeted
Practice for
Foundational
Skills

Personalized Learning Paths Explicitly
Teach
Academic
Vocabulary

Goal Setting and Student Engagement



COLLABORATIVE GOALS SETTING



STUDENT CONFERENCES



POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

General Classroom and Test-Taking Strategies





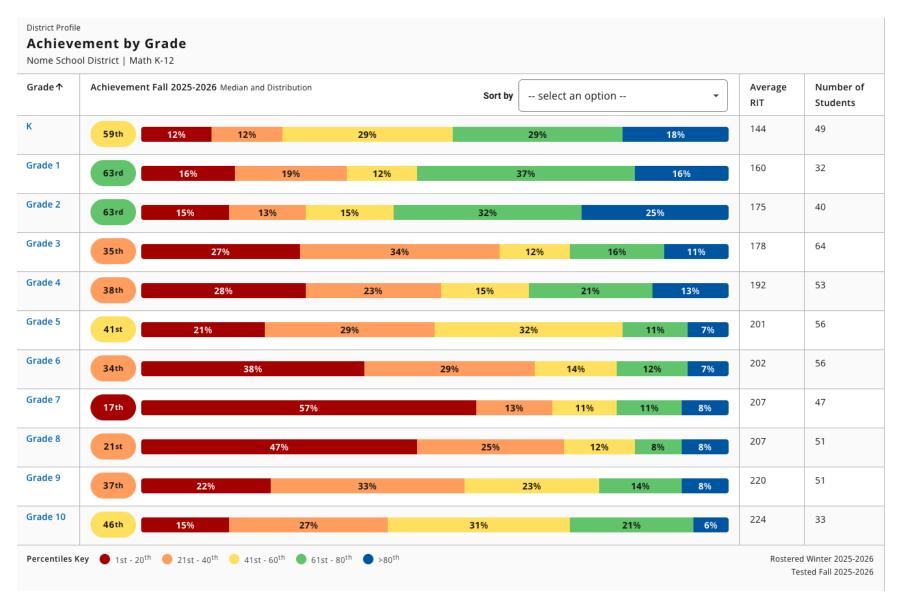


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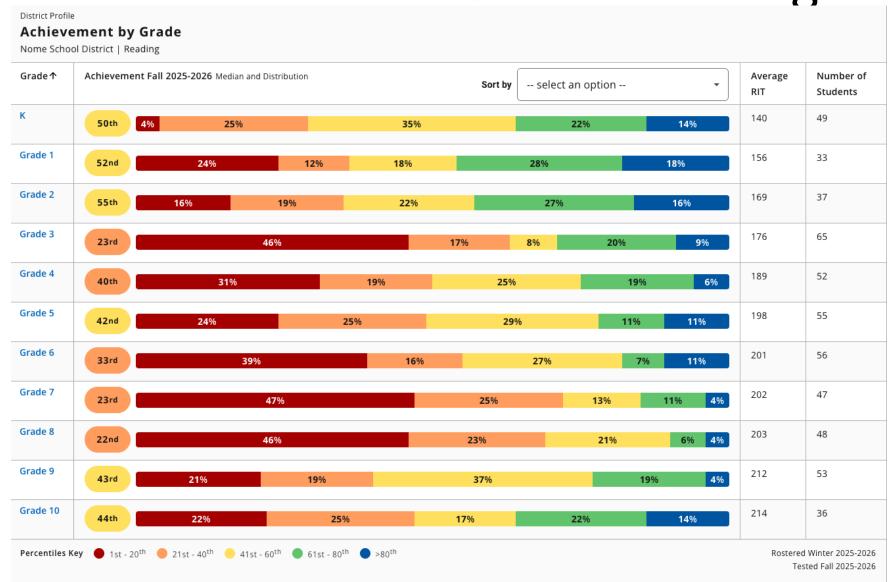


ACTIVE PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

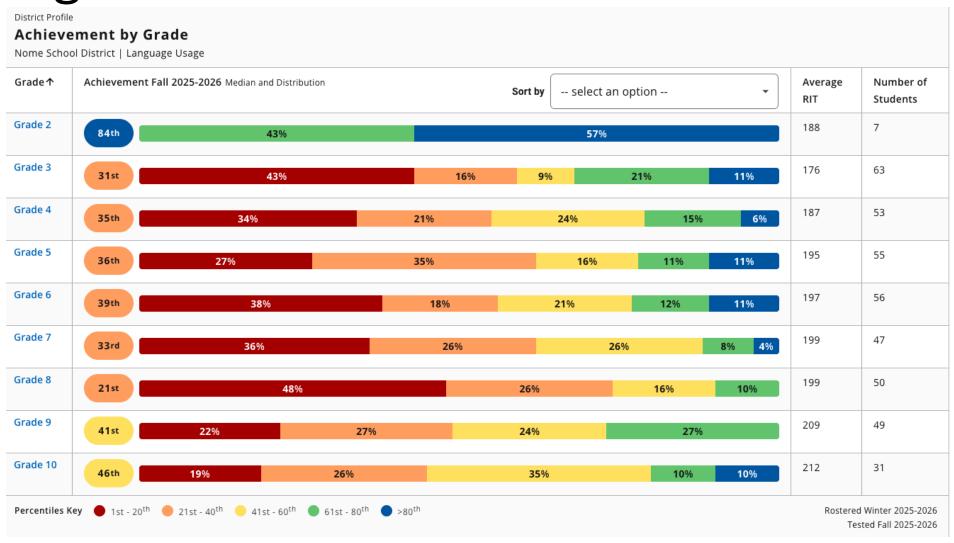
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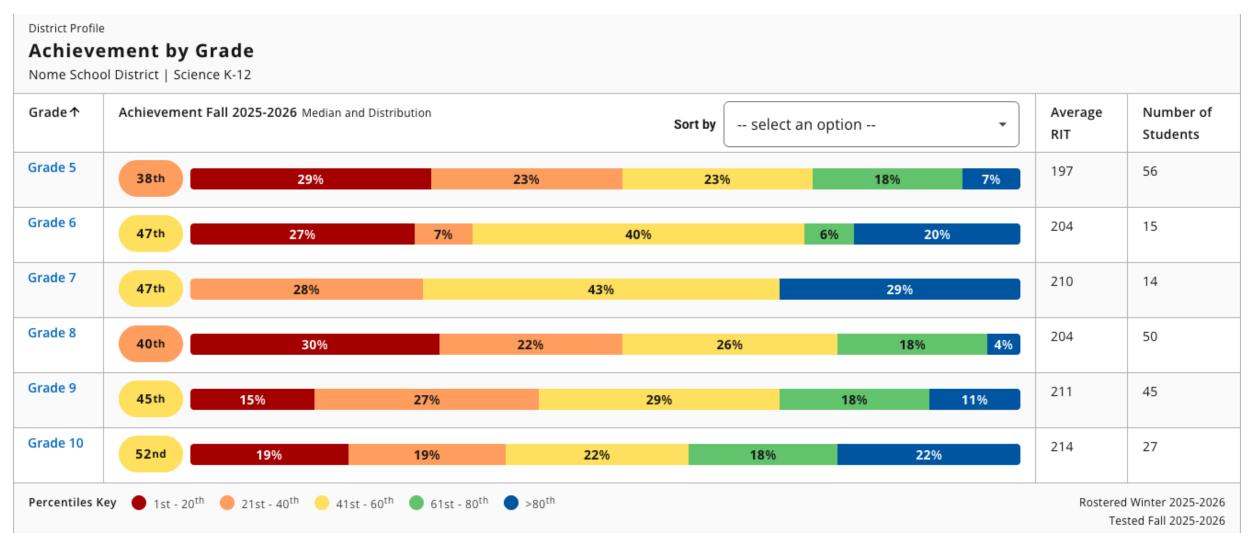
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AK STAR DISTRICT RESULTS – Language Usage K-12



AK STAR DISTRICT RESULTS – Science K-12



AK STAR DISTRICT RESULTS - Life Science



Laying the Foundation for Effective Action

- For analysis to be useful it must be timely.
- Systems must be put in place to ensure insights of the data-driven instruction are put to use.
- Calendar for interim assessments are analyzed with 48 hours of being scored - use Wednesday PLCs:
 - ½ days following each round of interim assessments to allow for analysis resulting in a 3-day turnaround from results to action plans.
- Teacher and Leader Side By Side:
 - Leadership training is crucial
- Implement with fidelity

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Foundations of Effective Analysis

 If assessments define the ultimate goals, analysis identifies the strategy and tactics needed to get there

Mathematics Strategies by RIT Range

Focus of the specific concepts students in a given RIT band

RIT Band	Typical Skills & Concepts	Instructional Strategies & Activities
151-160	 Simple fractions (equivalence, representation) Basic place value with multi-digit numbers Whole number multiplication/division concepts 	 Use visual aides like fraction bars or pie charts to model equivalence Provide hands-on activities with manipulatives to build number sense Use word problems to introduce basic multiplication/division concepts
161-170	 Problem-solving with basic units (foot, inch, mile) Data representation (bar graphs, pictographs) Simple angle measurement concepts 	 Integrate measurement activities using rulers and yardsticks Have students create simple bar graphs from collected classroom data (e.g., favorite colors). Introduce money concepts through simulations using coins and dollars.
180 - 190	 More complex multiplication concepts Introduction to decimals Area and perimeter calculations 	 Focus on repeated addition to reinforce multiplication concepts Use graph paper for drawing rectangles and calculating area and perimeter Teach academic vocabulary related to these geometric and computation concepts.

Reading Strategies by RIT Range

• For reading, strategies align with increasing complexity in vocabulary, comprehension, and analysis.

RIT Band	Typical Skills & Concepts	Instructional Strategies & Activities
161-170	 Recognizing simple sight words and decoding Identifying basic story elements (character, setting) Comprehending simple, explicit instructions 	 Engage in frequent paired reading and shared reading activities. Use word families and phonetics exercises to build decoding skills. Practice following multi-step written directions in fun activities.
180-190	 Understanding the main idea and supporting details in simple texts Making simple inferences and predictions Expanding basic vocabulary 	 Practice summarizing paragraphs orally or in writing. Use the text to "find the evidence" for predictions and inferences. Introduce new vocabulary through context clues with the reading material.
200+	 Analyzing text development and structure Determining the author's purpose Citing specific textual evidence to support analysis 	 Implement active reading strategies like note-taking, highlighting key points, and summarizing sections of texts. Facilitate student discourse and debates about the author's message or argument. Provide opportunities for self-directed learning and research on related topics



Looking for patterns – Questions to Ask During Interim Assessment Analysis

Dig in" Questions

- Bombed questions did students all choose same wrong answer? Why or Why not?
- Break down each standard: Did students do similarly on every question within the standard or were some questions harder? Why?
- Compare similar standards: Do results in one influence the other?
- Sort data by student scores: Are there questions that separate proficient and nonproficient students?
- Look horizontally by student: Are there any anomalies occurring with certain students?

Changing Teaching to Enhance Learning

- School Improvement Plans are strategic:
 - Data-driven instruction is worthless unless that information is used in the classroom
 - Data drives instruction resulting in instructional change
 - What is NPSs' Data-Driven Success Story?
 - DRIP/MTSS Plans
 - ATSI Plans
 - Professional Development is impacted
 - Implement with fidelity
- Curriculum Absolutely Required
 - Unit and lesson plan
 - · Implement with fidelity
- Grants:
 - Individual grant requirements are met
 - Tribal Consultation
 - Implement with fidelity
- Collaborative Process:
 - Directors
 - School Leadership
 - Parents
 - Community

An Example - Action Plan Template

TASK	ACTIVITY	TIMELINE	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	EVALUATION
RE-TEACH STANDARDS: What standards need to be re-taught to the whole class?	ANALYSIS: Why didn't the students learn it?	6-Week Instructional Plan	Principal Teacher	
	INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN: What techniques will you use to address these standards?			

Week 1 Dates 10/27 - 31	Week 1 Dates 11/3-11/7	Week 1 Dates 11/10 - 14
Standards for Review and Re-Teach	Standards for Review and Re-Teach	Standards for Review and Re-Teach
10/27 – Multiplication	11/3 - Algebraic Subtraction	11/11 - Comparison
10/30 – OE (Exponents)	11/4 – Place Value: Value Identity	11/12 – OE (Eggs)

School Board Comments and Questions

