

# A connected approach: bridging interim and annual summative assessments

The Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR) is designed to streamline the testing experience for grades 3–9 in the areas of English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. This balanced approach connects fall or winter MAP® Growth™ interim assessments to the spring AK STAR, which is made up of a grade-specific summative component combined with a growth component. With this approach, Alaska has a comprehensive assessment system that improves efficiency and cohesion and drives student outcomes by prioritizing teaching and learning.

A robust and customized approach to professional learning accompanies the new assessment system, expanding Alaska educators' assessment literacy and knowledge of strategies for data-informed decision-making and formative instructional practices.

## mapGROWTH + AK STAR

### BALANCED APPROACH

- ✓ **Creates coherence across assessments**
  - Growth, a summative test score, and a proficiency determination is measured in a single spring assessment
  - AK STAR reports include a display of MAP Growth results
- ✓ **Informs instruction and meets accountability needs**
  - Reports and the Achievement Level Explorer tool help teachers use the results for instruction
  - MAP Growth results continue to be available to teachers and families.

## Alaska Connected Assessment System

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#### Fall Adaptive Growth Assessment

The assessment is an adaptive growth assessment personalized for each student, adapting above and below grade level as needed to provide teachers with accurate, actionable evidence to help inform instructional strategies regardless of how far students are above or below grade level. The fall and winter assessments provide:



projected proficiency information that is predicting the likelihood a student will be proficient on the AK STAR summative assessment



diagnostic information to inform instruction using the MAP Growth normative RIT scale, along with Instructional Area Scores



growth information when prior scores are available (i.e., meaning the student has taken the test in the past)

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#### Winter Adaptive Growth Assessment

### AK STAR



#### Spring Adaptive Growth & Summative Assessment

The assessment is an adaptive assessment personalized for each student that includes growth and summative components. The summative component addresses the breadth and depth of Alaska grade-level content standards, while the growth component personalizes the test for each student by adapting above and below grade level. It provides:



a summative test score and grade-level proficiency determination based on Alaska grade-level content standards



diagnostic information to inform instruction using the MAP Growth normative RIT scale, including a RIT score specific to each MAP Growth Instructional Area