



## Help all kids learn with an easy-to-use, engaging classroom assessment tool

Skills Navigator supports educators in the classroom, enabling them to:

- help students with diverse needs
- close achievement gaps
- use data to inform instruction
- monitor progress for every child



**From Northwest Evaluation Association™ (NWEA™), the maker of Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®) assessments and more.**

# Better assessment. Better understanding. Better outcomes.

Discover classroom assessment that makes a real difference for students and teachers with Skills Navigator®. NWEA worked closely with educators and students to design this engaging tool that helps teachers close achievement gaps, use data to guide instruction, and support kids with diverse needs. Designed for grades K – 8, this new classroom assessment system helps you easily accomplish four key tasks: identify the skills students are ready to learn, check evidence of skill learning, monitor student progress toward mastery, and provide instructional resources to meet students' specific needs—on, above, or below grade level.

**Intuitive:** Skills Navigator has an intuitive design that makes it easy for every student to learn independently and for teachers to track student progress.

**Flexible:** Teachers can immediately see students' progress and needs, then adapt instruction to help each individual.

**Fast:** Skills Navigator offers quick assessments that measure progress on discrete skills, making both assessment and instruction more efficient.

**Informative:** When students use Skills Navigator, you get a wealth of valuable information that's useful at the student, classroom, school, and district level.

**Integrated:** Skills Navigator supports your curriculum with instructional resources closely correlated to what students are ready to learn. And if you already use MAP interim assessments, you'll enjoy integration with MAP data, too.

**Innovative:** Skills Navigator incorporates features that engage students, support curriculum, and tie assessment directly to meaningful instruction, and is based on a proprietary skills framework.

See how Skills Navigator can make a  
difference in your classrooms

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# Skills Navigator Features

Assessment type	Classroom
Grade range	Covers K – 8 skills; suitable for all grade levels working on those skills
Structure	Cross-grade; provides measurement of students who perform on, above, or below grade level
Recommended use	As often as necessary to assess skills and monitor progress
Test time	Five to 15 minutes
Progress monitoring use	Designed for Tier II Response to Intervention (RTI) progress monitoring programs
Subjects	Math, reading comprehension, vocabulary, and language usage
Item pool	Nearly 10,000 quality multiple choice and common stimulus items
Proprietary skills framework	Research-informed progression of skills built around a logical instructional sequence designed by NWEA education experts
Instructional resources	Includes online instructional resources, expertly curated and aligned directly to the skills a student needs to learn
Number of skills covered	Measures over 1,000 skills that build foundations for college and career readiness



Skills Navigator helps you assess skills, monitor progress, and improve learning for **every** student

## Skills Locator

# Short, adaptive assessment to identify skills for learning

## How it helps you

Make timely instructional decisions for all students, even when you have diverse learning needs in a classroom. Skills Locator makes it easy to precisely identify the skills each student is ready to work on, then deliver the instruction every student needs—helping you close achievement gaps and support every student.

## How it works

Skills Navigator provides two tools to identify skills and evaluate mastery. The first is the Skills Locator, which lets you select any knowledge strand and test a student's achievement for one to five skills within that strand.

- Typically takes 15 minutes or less
- Identifies the math, language usage, reading comprehension, and vocabulary skills a student needs to work on
- Can be taken any time, any place with an internet connection—no need to test groups of students together or actively proctor a student's use
- Computer adaptive to accurately assess students performing on, above, or below grade level
- Use grade level as a starting point, and the test's adaptive engine will quickly hone in on the student's true level of achievement
- Educators using MAP interim assessments can use a student's goal area RIT score as a starting point for even faster identification of skills for learning
- Links to instructional resources tied directly to the skill area a student is ready to learn
- Can be used as little or as often as necessary to monitor student progress and identify new skills for students to learn

## Progress monitoring for RTI: an essential tool

Skills Navigator is built on the principles of a Response to Intervention (RTI) progress monitor for measuring skills mastery as defined by the National Center for Intensive Intervention (NCII). Skills Navigator allows you to understand, at a glance, which students are responding to remediation efforts and which students need increased levels of intervention. As a Tier II intervention progress monitoring tool, Skills Navigator helps educators:

- monitor progress of students in RTI programs frequently
- direct students to instructional resources tailored to exactly what they're ready to learn
- assess the effectiveness of RTI programs with solid student performance data
- track how students respond to changes in intervention strategies

## Mastery Check

### **An easy, informative tool to assess skill mastery**

#### How it helps you

Make it easier to help kids with diverse needs by differentiating instruction based on mastery of skills that build toward college and career readiness. Because the Mastery Check is remarkably efficient, you can focus your time on teaching the skills students are ready to learn.

#### How it works

Select up to five skills in any strand to check for student mastery. If a skill is mastered, you know right away that it's time to teach the next one. If the student misses two questions, the skill isn't mastered and the test terminates. Then you can easily assign curated instructional resources to remediate that skill—or give students enrichment activities if they are moving ahead of the class.

- Takes just five minutes or less to assess most skills; takes about 10 minutes for reading comprehension
- Identifies which math, language usage, reading comprehension, and vocabulary skills a student has mastered
- Can be taken any time, any place with an internet connection—no need to test groups of students together
- Links to instructional resources aligned to skills
- Can be used as often as necessary to quickly evaluate mastery
- Can even be used to re-test mastered skills to check retention
- Skills can be marked as mastered based on student performance in the classroom, allowing you to track their progress without unnecessary tests

### **Skills framework: a solid foundation for assessment**

Skills Navigator is powered by a proprietary skills framework developed by the education experts at NWEA. The skills framework contains over 1,000 skills that build foundations for college and career readiness in math, language usage, vocabulary, and reading comprehension. The skills are organized into strands that identify a precise area of learning. The skills in each strand are arranged in a logical instructional sequence for grades K – 8.

The grade level math, vocabulary, and language usage skills within the framework are assessed with nearly 10,000 high-quality multiple choice items. Reading comprehension strands are genre-based and assessed via common stimulus passage and item sets that use longer passages to provide rich data on higher order understanding text while keeping testing time short. All items have undergone rigorous review by NWEA educational specialists for content quality, alignment accuracy, and bias sensitivity.

## Dynamic Dashboards & Reports

### Actionable data at a glance

#### How it helps you

The data you need to inform instruction is at your fingertips, facilitating key instructional and administrative decisions for students with diverse needs. This allows students to engage with the skills they're ready to learn, teachers to get a clear picture of how their classrooms are performing, and administrators to make critical resource decisions.

#### How it works

The dynamic user dashboards and reports generated by Skills Navigator give you access to a wealth of valuable information, presented in a way that gives you what you need when you need it.

- Administrator dashboards show key high-level district data, as well as give access to how specific classrooms, programs, and schools are performing
- Teacher dashboards make it clear at a glance what students are working on and ready to learn
- Easily drill up or down to access various levels of data aggregation in mere seconds
- Administrators and teachers can generate reports on specific sets of students, making it easy to group students by common skill status for differentiated instruction
- Student dashboards display assigned tasks, progress, and goals in a fun, engaging way
- Reports immediately show a wealth of data on each student after testing

### Links to instruction: tailored to each student's needs

See the skills a student needs to work on and immediately assign differentiated instruction to help that student grow. Skills Navigator provides direct links to thousands of curated online educational resources for every skill measured.

- The resources are curated by Knovation®, so you can be certain what you assign is high-quality, relevant, and appropriately aligned to grade and standard.
- These resources are available for you to assign and students to work on from anywhere with an internet connection—even at home
- Students can see all their assigned instructional resources from their dashboards, making it easy to get started on their learning any time, any place
- You can track which instructional resources any student has accessed

## MAP Integration

# Seamless MAP integration for a complete assessment solution

## How it helps you

You'll save time on testing because Skills Navigator seamlessly integrates your MAP interim assessment data, giving you a starting point for each student. And because the skill strands in Skills Navigator align directly to MAP goal areas, you can immediately start differentiating instruction based on the learning targets you've identified from RIT scores.

## How it works

Already using MAP? You'll find Skills Navigator to be an intuitive extension of your assessment suite.

- Built on the same stable universal assessment platform as MAP, so your student data are already there
- Skills Navigator strands in the skills framework are associated directly to MAP goals, with one to five strands for each goal area
- Use your MAP data to immediately identify the areas students need to work on—then use Skills Navigator to assess mastery of even more discrete skills, monitor progress, and locate differentiated instructional resources for each student
- Use student RIT scores as a starting point to reduce testing time
- System requirements and compatibilities are the same as Web-Based MAP
- Single roster solution for Skills Navigator and MAP. Teachers and staff use their existing MAP accounts to access Skills Navigator

## Our 360 degree support lets you focus on student success

### Implementation manager

Get A–Z support from the start so you're up and running quickly

### Account manager

Enjoy streamlined service thanks to your personal contact

### Technical support staff

Reach out by phone, email, or click-to-chat when you need help

### Professional development specialists

Lay a strong foundation for student success



## Classroom assessment that actually matters

Discover a classroom assessment solution that saves instructional time and supports every student—on, above, or below grade level. Skills Navigator—from the makers of MAP.

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Founded by educators nearly 40 years ago, NWEA is a global not-for-profit educational services organization known for our flagship interim assessment, MAP. Educators trust our assessments, professional development offerings, and research to help advance all students along their optimal learning path.

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