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# Professional Learning Catalog



# Introduction

The 2021–2022 NWEA® Professional Learning Catalog for Alaska provides an overview of professional learning opportunities offered statewide for teachers, teacher leaders, coaches, and administrators. These opportunities include virtual seminars and on-demand eLearning. In this catalog, you'll find descriptions of the professional learning offerings, along with dates, times, and details on the intended audience. Registration is required for all virtual workshops and virtual seminars. Upon registration, links for all virtual workshops and virtual seminars will be provided. For more information, [read this brief overview of the catalog and registration](#).



## Virtual learning

### Virtual workshops

Virtual workshops are 90 minutes in length and delivered by a facilitator to a live audience. These workshops are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and have a maximum capacity of 40 participants. In a virtual workshop, participants will be able to engage and collaborate with the facilitator and other participants using a variety of virtual tools, such as chat, audio, and breakout rooms.

### Virtual seminars

Virtual seminars are 90 minutes in length and delivered by a facilitator to a live audience. These seminars are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and have a maximum capacity of 400 participants. In a virtual seminar, participants will have limited engagement opportunities, compared to a virtual workshop, but the setting allows for a larger audience.



## Professional Learning Online

On-demand eLearning is available anytime on [Professional Learning Online](#) for individuals and teams. Discover a wealth of resources to help teachers and leaders prepare for testing and understand MAP® Growth™ data to enhance student achievement and growth.



# Virtual Learning: Seminars

## IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION

### What Is MAP Growth, and How Does It Work?

#### DATE AND TIME

December 2, 2021, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST

#### [REGISTER](#)

#### DESCRIPTION

Get ready for a successful implementation, gain a solid understanding of what makes MAP Growth unique, and explore resources that can help inform the process. Learn how to administer the assessments and begin to understand the importance of engaging students and leveraging data to inform instruction.

#### LEARNING TARGETS

- + Understand the components and key characteristics of the MAP Growth assessment
- + Consider strategies to prepare students for the assessment experience

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#### AUDIENCE

Teachers, Teacher Leaders, Instructional Coaches, School Leaders, District Leaders



## How Are My Students Doing?

### DATE AND TIME

January 25, 2022, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST  
February 8, 2022, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST

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### DESCRIPTION

Now that you're comfortable with the basics of administering MAP Growth, get hands-on with your reports. Learn to access, interpret, and apply MAP Growth data.

### LEARNING TARGETS

- + Using class- and student-level reports, interpret how grade levels are performing in relation to NWEA normative data and other comparative data

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### AUDIENCE

Teachers, Teacher Leaders,  
School Leaders

## How Do I Set Goals With Students?

### DATE AND TIME

January 28, 2022, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST  
February 10, 2022, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST

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### DESCRIPTION

Learn to access, interpret, and apply MAP Growth data. Then plan how to use your data to inform ongoing work, with a particular focus on goal setting with students.

### LEARNING TARGET

- + Develop student learning goals using growth projections and learning statements from the Student Profile report

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### AUDIENCE

Teachers, Teacher Leaders,  
School Leaders



# Virtual Learning: Workshops

## IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION

### MAP Growth Basics: Leadership Meeting

#### DATE AND TIME

November 30, 2021, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST

#### [REGISTER](#)

#### DESCRIPTION

Get ready for a successful implementation, gain a solid understanding of what makes MAP Growth unique, and explore resources that can help inform the process. Learn how to administer the assessments and begin to understand the importance of engaging students and leveraging data to inform instruction.

#### LEARNING TARGETS

- + Make decisions about how MAP Growth will be used and who will be involved

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#### AUDIENCE

School Leaders, District Leaders

## REPORTS AND DATA USE

### Applying Reports: Essential Reports for Teachers

#### DATE AND TIME

December 7, 2021, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST

December 9, 2021, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST

February 1, 2022, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST

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#### DESCRIPTION

Discover the purpose and key metrics of essential MAP Growth reports specifically for teachers. Learn to access, interpret, and apply MAP Growth data.

#### LEARNING TARGETS

- + Learn about the metrics
- + Explore the most recent student data
- + Identify reports that assist in flexible grouping

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#### AUDIENCE

Teachers, Teacher Leaders, School Leaders

## Applying Reports: Essential Reports for Administrators (Status Reports)

### DATE AND TIME

January 11, 2022, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST

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### DESCRIPTION

Explore the purpose and key metrics of essential MAP Growth status reports specifically for leaders. Learn to access, interpret, and apply MAP Growth data.

### LEARNING TARGETS

- + Develop a culture of data use
- + Learn about the metrics
- + Explore status reports

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### AUDIENCE

Instructional Coaches,  
School Leaders, District  
Leaders

## Applying Reports: Student Growth and Goal Setting

### DATE AND TIME

January 13, 2022, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST  
February 3, 2022, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST  
February 15, 2022, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST

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### DESCRIPTION

Learn how to access and interpret growth data, then plan how to use your data to inform ongoing work, with a particular focus on goal setting with students.

### LEARNING TARGETS

- + Explore growth reports
- + Use MAP Growth data to support a goal-setting process with students

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# Applying Reports: Essential Reports for Administrators (Growth Reports)

## DATE AND TIME

February 15, 2022, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST

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## DESCRIPTION

Comfortable with the basics of administering MAP Growth? Now get hands-on with your reports. Learn to access, interpret, and apply MAP Growth data. Then plan how to use your data to inform ongoing work, with a particular focus on goal setting.

## LEARNING TARGETS

- + Understand how student growth is measured
- + Develop a culture of data use
- + Explore growth reports
- + Incorporate strengths-based conversations

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Instructional Coaches,  
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Leaders

# Informing Instruction: Differentiated Instruction

## DATE AND TIME

January 28, 2022, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST

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## DESCRIPTION

Develop common understanding of differentiation and investigate the role of MAP Growth in differentiated instruction.

## LEARNING TARGETS

- + Develop common understanding of differentiation
- + Investigate the role of MAP Growth in differentiated instruction
- + Use MAP Growth reports and resources to identify student and class areas of strength and of focus

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School Leaders

# Informing Instruction: Responsive Planning for Instruction

## DATE AND TIME

February 3, 2022, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST

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## DESCRIPTION

Discover classroom applications of MAP Growth reports and the Learning Continuum. Support differentiated instruction and meet the needs of every student through responsive instruction using your MAP Growth results.

## LEARNING TARGETS

- + Learn the responsive planning for instruction process
- + Engage in learning centers related to strategies to support effective instruction, including formative assessment and flexible grouping

## ASSESSMENT LITERACY

# Assessment Literacy: Student-Centered Assessment Literacy

## DATE AND TIME

February 10, 2022, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST  
February 17, 2022, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST

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## DESCRIPTION

Consider how to build a culture of learning to increase engagement and activate student ownership of learning.

## LEARNING TARGETS

- + Identify the elements needed to actively engage learners in assessment
- + Select structures and strategies to support elements of learner engagement
- + Analyze evidence of student assessment literacy
- + Plan increased involvement of learners in the classroom assessment process

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Teachers, Teacher Leaders,  
School Leaders

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## AUDIENCE

Teachers, School Leaders,  
District Leaders



# Assessment Literacy: Balanced Assessment Systems for Leaders

## DATE AND TIME

January 13, 2022, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST  
February 24, 2022, 4:00–5:30 p.m. AKST

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## DESCRIPTION

Deepen knowledge of essential elements for supporting a balanced assessment system that proactively informs instruction to maximize student growth toward grade-level proficiencies and beyond.

## LEARNING TARGETS

- + Apply attributes of an effective balanced assessment system to your district
- + Leverage components of quality assessment to drive instructional improvements
- + Identify and plan for the use of key assessment practices to promote student engagement

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# Professional Learning Online

To learn more about MAP Growth, please access our [Professional Learning Online resources](#) for use at your own pace and as your schedule allows. Professional Learning Online includes our Online MAP Growth Basics courses for all Alaska educators. Learn more below!

## Online MAP Growth Basics

Online MAP Growth Basics establishes the foundational concepts educators need to be successful with MAP Growth assessments and to communicate the value of the data across all schools. No matter your level of experience with MAP Growth, you can explore self-paced learning opportunities anytime.

Through a mix of short videos and multimedia activities, you'll:

- + Understand the purpose of MAP Growth and the data it provides about students
- + Identify ways to integrate MAP Growth reports and data into instruction
- + Leverage planning tools and additional resources to help build expertise

## Course list

### Get Started: Why Use MAP Growth (15–20 min.)

- + Learn about the benefits of MAP Growth for you and your students
- + Through a series of prompts and exercises, explore why your school has chosen to use MAP Growth and how it can help your school meet educational goals

### Get Your Teachers Ready for MAP Growth (15–20 min.)

- + Prepare teachers for the integration of MAP Growth
- + Identify success factors and potential obstacles for your school
- + Create a presentation to introduce MAP Growth to your teachers

### Get Students Ready for MAP Growth (10–20 min.)

- + Find out how to prepare students to do their personal best on the MAP Growth tests
- + Complete a lesson plan to teach students the purpose of MAP Growth and help them prepare to take a computer-adaptive test

## MAP Growth K-2: Getting Started (20 min.)

- + For primary grade teachers; included in Get Students Ready for MAP Growth
- + Identify the assessments available in MAP Growth K-2
- + Determine which assessments you'll use to achieve your instructional goals

## Get Yourself Ready to Be a Proctor (22 min.)

- + Proctor Quick Start: Perform the basic procedures of MAP Growth testing
- + Set Up Testing: Set up sessions ahead of time, save them, and open them
- + Interrupt and Continue Testing: Pause or continue testing later
- + Make-up Testing: Bring together students to finish testing



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