

NWEA Q & A

What is the NWEA?

The NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) test is an assessment used in many schools to measure student academic progress and growth over time. It is designed to provide educators with insights into each student's strengths and weaknesses in various subject areas, such as math, reading, language usage, and science. It is computer-adaptive, meaning that the difficulty of the questions adjusts based on the student's responses. This adaptive approach allows for a more accurate assessment of a student's abilities across a wide range of skill levels.

Incoming students take this test for placement, and current UPA students take this test once or twice a year in their Math and English classes from 7th through 10th grade.

What will you do with the scores?

We utilize the NWEA test to effectively track student progress and academic growth.

For incoming students during the spring/summer, we use a shorter version of the assessment as a placement test to ensure each student is appropriately placed for success.

What happens if my student doesn't do well?

In instances where students may encounter challenges with the NWEA test, we extend invitations to our summer bridge program and consider enrollment in support classes throughout the academic year. We would like to emphasize that our intention is solely to provide organized support, not to impose any punitive measures on students. Our aim is to empower our students to begin and end their academic journey with strength and confidence.

What if my student does do well?

For 7th graders who achieve a score of 250 or higher in math, demonstrate proficiency, and readiness, they can choose to advance to Math 8. If your child is in a different grade, our counselors can talk to you about other options available.

Can I see the scores?

Students will see their score when they finish their NWEA. We will have this information at the intake meeting if you would like to ask your interviewer. Unfortunately, we are not sending out NWEA placement scores at the moment.