

Comparative Data to Inform Instructional Decisions

THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT is provided to help educators make informed decisions about what instructional programs or optional strategies might be used to help kids learn. These data should be used as one of many data points for instructional decisions rather than as the only single placement guide. They are applicable to a variety of instructional programs and instructional decisions. These might include but are not limited to:

- Identifying and qualifying students for various instructional strategies.
- Guiding teachers who do not regularly make decisions on instructional program choices for students.
- Scheduling and grouping to meet students' learning needs.
- Screening for special or alternative instruction.
- Staffing and resourcing.

For each chart below:

- The grade designations represent beginning-of-year grade levels.
- The RIT scores defining each level are separated by 1/2 standard deviation; the highest level is at the 95th percentile.
- At all levels, consider differentiated instruction, flexible grouping, tiered instruction, etc.
- As scores ascend, give more consideration to curriculum-compacting, accelerated instructional pacing, special programs, etc.
- As scores descend, give more consideration to additional instructional time, one-on-one tutoring, use of short cycle assessments, special programs, etc.

The instructional suggestions in this document are intended to provide initial ideas, not to be an exhaustive list of options.



MATHEMATICS										
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Higher Achievement ↑	198	210	223	234	241	249	255	258	262	265
NWEA Median	179	192	203	212	219	225	230	233	237	239
↓ Lower Achievement	174	186	197	205	211	216	221	223	226	228
	169	181	191	198	203	208	212	214	217	218
	164	175	184	191	196	200	204	205	208	209
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A student score at or above the following scores on a 6+ Mathematics Survey with Goals test suggests student readiness for:

- 230 Introduction to Algebra
- 235 Algebra
- 245 Geometry

Higher Achievement

Lower Achievement

Higher Achievement

Lower Achievement

Higher Achievement

Lower Achievement

Higher Achievement

Lower Achievement

READING										
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
201	212	220	227	232	236	239	241	244	245	
193	205	214	220	225	230	233	235	238	240	
186	198	207	213	219	222	226	228	231	233	
NWEA Median										
179	192	201	208	213	217	220	222	226	227	
173	185	193	200	205	208	212	214	217	218	
167	178	187	193	198	201	205	206	209	210	
160	172	180	186	191	194	198	199	202	203	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	

LANGUAGE USAGE										
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
202	212	220	226	230	233	236	238	240	242	
193	205	214	220	224	228	231	233	235	237	
187	199	207	214	218	221	225	226	228	230	
NWEA Median										
180	193	202	208	213	217	220	221	223	225	
175	186	195	201	205	209	212	213	215	217	
169	180	188	195	199	202	206	206	208	210	
163	174	182	188	193	196	199	200	202	204	
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GENERAL SCIENCE										
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
199	207	213	218	222	225	228	230	233		
193	200	207	212	215	219	222	224	227		
189	196	202	206	210	213	216	218	221		
NWEA Median										
184	191	196	201	205	208	211	213	216		
181	187	192	196	199	202	205	207	209		
177	182	187	191	194	197	199	201	203		
173	177	182	185	188	191	193	195	197		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	

SCIENCE CONCEPTS AND PROCESSES										
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
196	205	211	216	221	224	227	229	231		
190	199	205	210	214	218	221	223	225		
186	194	200	205	209	212	215	217	219		
NWEA Median										
180	189	195	200	204	207	210	212	214		
177	184	190	195	198	201	204	206	207		
172	180	185	190	193	196	198	200	202		
168	175	180	185	188	191	193	194	196		
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