



# Letter Template for Families



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*This letter template is to help school leaders communicate with families and caregivers about recent MAP Growth updates that include the 2025 norms and enhanced item selection algorithm. The template includes approved language in a word document for districts and schools to provide the message in a format that best suits their intended audience.*

## Dear Families,

We want to share an important update about your child's MAP Growth assessment results. Starting this fall, MAP Growth will use a new set of national norms to help interpret student scores. This allows educators to set more personalized growth goals, especially for students who are above or below grade level.

### What does this mean for your child?

You may notice that your child's percentile ranking looks different than before. This percentile represents where your child stands when compared with their peers today--not peers from several years ago. Because student performance has generally declined since the pandemic, the same score may now be associated with a higher percentile. This change applies to both current and past reports in MAP Growth.

### Has the test itself changed?

MAP Growth has also improved how it adapts to each student. The test now aligns even more closely with the material students are learning in class, helping teachers understand how students are performing relative to grade-level expectations.

### How can you learn more?

[This blogpost](#) explains the updates in more detail. If you have questions or want to talk more about your child's progress, we're here to support you.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's learning journey.

Warmly,

[Your Name]

[Your Title]

[School Name]