



PLANNING SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION

NWEA Map data is a valuable tool to help drive and plan small group instruction. When we pair MAP data with what we know about upcoming units, standards and instruction we can plan small group instruction to support all students to be successful. The guiding questions below are a process that can be used to plan for instruction to support students of all levels reach grade level goals. They can be applied to most MAP reports and most standards/curriculums. A few reports we suggest using for this process are:

- Class Report- shows class needs by instructional area and students RIT scores from low to high
- Class Breakdown by Goal- shows students grouped by instructional areas within a subject by similar instructional readiness levels for a subject (by RIT)
- Learning Continuum- shows students grouped by the skills and concepts they need to develop

Identify a topic

Determine the upcoming topic in your curriculum and what NWEA Map domain this aligns to.

Step 1: What is upcoming in my curriculum/what am I going to teach next? What domain does this align with in NWEA Map?

Step 2: Looking at the end of unit assessment, the aligned standards or the learning continuum- what do students need to know and be able to do by the end of this topic?

Step 3: Where will students struggle? What skills and concepts will be difficult for students?



Design small group instruction

Use the information above and NWEA Map reports to create small groups.

Step 1: Identify what students are below the 50th percentile and above for this domain. Break those students into groups below.			
Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4

Step 2: Using the standards, learning continuum, or a curriculum unit one grade level below*- what skills and concepts from previous grade levels do the groups below the 50th percentile need to be successful on this topic? <i>*Use the resources at your disposal including other teachers in grades below/above you!</i>			
Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4

Step 3: What questions or activities will you plan for each group to make sure they are successful with this topic?			
Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4