

# 2005 Placement Guidelines

## Screening Students for Instructional Programs

BECAUSE NWEA TESTS PROVIDE INFORMATION about an individual student's instructional level, test scores can help guide placement in appropriate instructional programs. The tables that follow include grade level medians and considerations for gifted, at-risk/special-needs, and programs for each grade level.



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The data in these tables are based on our experience working with clients who use Measures of Academic Progress and Achievement Level Tests. Fall tables should be used from July 1 through December 31, and spring tables should be used between January 1 and June 30.

The following values are shown in the placement guideline tables:

- Grade Level Median is anchored at the 50th percentile.
- Gifted is anchored at the 95th percentile.
- At Risk/Special Needs (for Title I, Remedial, Special Education) include values 1 and 2 standard deviations below the grade level mean as well as 1 and 2 grade levels below the grade level mean.

### Fall Mathematics Screening (RIT values)

	GRADE LEVEL								
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Grade Level Median	179	193	203	211	218	225	230	234	238
Gifted	198	210	222	233	240	248	253	257	261
Geometry	-	-	-	-	-	245	245	245	245
Algebra	-	-	-	-	235	235	235	235	235
Intro Algebra	-	-	-	230	230	230	230	230	230
At Risk/Special Needs:									
1 sd below grd mean	168	181	190	198	203	207	212	215	218
2 sd below grd mean	157	169	178	184	188	191	195	197	201
1 grd level below	166	179	192	203	211	217	223	228	232
2 grd level below	153	166	179	192	203	211	217	223	228

### Fall Reading Screening (RIT values)

	GRADE LEVEL								
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Grade Level Median	178	192	201	208	213	217	220	223	226
Gifted	201	212	219	226	232	235	238	241	243
At Risk/Special Needs:									
1 sd below grd mean	162	176	185	192	196	200	204	206	209
2 sd below grd mean	147	161	170	177	182	186	189	191	194
1 grd level below	164	177	190	199	206	211	215	218	221
2 grd level below	151	164	177	190	199	206	211	215	218

### Fall Language Usage Screening (RIT values)

	GRADE LEVEL								
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Grade Level Median	180	194	203	210	214	218	220	222	225
Gifted	203	214	221	226	230	233	236	238	240
At Risk/Special Needs:									
1 sd below grd mean	166	179	188	195	200	203	206	208	210
2 sd below grd mean	152	166	175	182	187	190	193	195	198
1 grd level below	166	180	193	202	208	212	216	218	220
2 grd level below	153	166	180	193	202	208	212	216	218

### Spring Mathematics Screening (RIT values)

	GRADE LEVEL								
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Grade Level Median	191	202	211	219	224	229	234	239	240
Gifted	209	221	232	241	249	255	260	263	265
Geometry	-	-	-	-	-	245	245	245	245
Algebra	-	-	-	-	235	235	235	235	235
Intro Algebra	-	-	-	230	230	230	230	230	230
At Risk/Special Needs:									
1 sd below grd mean	179	189	197	204	207	211	215	218	220
2 sd below grd mean	167	177	183	189	191	193	197	200	202
1 grd level below	179	191	202	210	218	223	228	233	236
2 grd level below	168	179	191	202	210	218	223	228	233

### Spring Reading Screening (RIT values)

	GRADE LEVEL								
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Grade Level Median	190	200	207	212	217	220	223	225	227
Gifted	209	218	225	230	236	239	242	243	245
At Risk/Special Needs:									
1 sd below grd mean	174	183	191	197	200	203	207	208	209
2 sd below grd mean	159	169	176	183	186	188	192	193	193
1 grd level below	179	188	198	205	211	215	218	221	223
2 grd level below	169	179	188	198	205	211	215	218	221

### Spring Language Usage Screening (RIT values)

	GRADE LEVEL								
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Grade Level Median	193	202	209	214	218	220	222	224	225
Gifted	212	220	225	230	233	236	238	240	242
At Risk/Special Needs:									
1 sd below grd mean	178	187	194	200	203	205	208	210	210
2 sd below grd mean	164	174	181	187	191	192	195	197	197
1 grd level below	182	191	201	207	212	216	218	220	222
2 grd level below	173	182	191	201	207	212	216	218	220