



McGraw-Hill and NWEA Enter Strategic Partnership to Improve Student Outcomes and Announce a New Reseller Agreement

The two leading education organizations commit to connecting curriculum and assessment solutions with the mission of supporting every student's learning needs.

New York, NY and Portland, OR (March 3, 2020) – Leading providers of education and learning solutions McGraw-Hill and [NWEA](#) today announced a strategic partnership to connect curriculum and assessment with the goal of improving student outcomes and meeting the needs of the modern classroom.

The companies aim to collaborate on how best to make assessment data actionable by integrating it with core and intervention curriculum to deliver high-quality, research-based solutions that unlock the potential of each student and support their individual learning journeys. Through the partnership, both companies will research ways in which their current solutions work together and explore new opportunities to support teachers with data-informed instruction that enhances a classroom culture focused on student success.

“Making connections between curriculum and assessment is a critical part of the impactful work of great educators,” said Chris Minnich, CEO of NWEA. “We’re excited to provide those resources that make these connections easier empowering teachers to do more, and we’re starting with early reading.”

As a first step, the two organizations are focusing efforts to improve the nation’s literacy proficiency. [According to research](#), students who are not reading at grade-level by third grade are four times less likely to graduate from high school, and the most recent National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) report card indicates only 35% of fourth-graders are proficient in reading. Given this reality, McGraw-Hill is now an exclusive reseller of the [MAP® Reading Fluency™](#) assessment, NWEA’s pre-K-3 universal screening and progress monitoring assessment of early reading that quickly and efficiently identifies at-risk students, supports instructional planning and closely monitors the progress of students with reading difficulties. This group-administered, automatically-scored assessment of oral reading fluency, comprehension, and foundational skills is powered by [LanguaMetrics™](#) and includes EduSpeak® speech recognition software under license from SRI International®.

McGraw-Hill will now offer *MAP® Reading Fluency™* in conjunction with its own products aimed at building a strong foundation in reading skills, specifically *SRA Reading Mastery*, which is used in thousands of schools across the country and has provided effective reading instruction to a wide range of students, including significantly at-risk populations, for over 35 years. Flexible and comprehensive, *SRA Reading Mastery* is appropriate for use as a supplemental intervention program or a comprehensive core reading program.

The combination of the *MAP® Reading Fluency™* assessment with the long-standing, evidence-based *SRA Reading Mastery* curriculum allows schools to easily assess and provide appropriate and effective instruction to ensure every student has a strong foundation in reading.

“Both NWEA and McGraw-Hill understand the vital importance of ensuring that students develop early literacy skills, and the opportunity that early literacy education presents in helping close achievement gaps in the future,” said Heath Morrison, President of McGraw-Hill’s School Group. “We both understand that a strong foundation in reading is the basis for all learning, and that third grade reading proficiency is the most important predictor of high school graduation and career success. Focusing on foundations in reading allows us to have the greatest impact on student outcomes, which makes the combination of *SRA Reading Mastery* and *MAP® Reading Fluency™* an exciting first step.”

To learn more, please visit: <https://www.mheducation.com/prek-12/explore/map-reading-assessment.html>

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