



Student Growth Pilot Project Update, Fall 2011

In early October, the Department released detailed communication arts and mathematics growth data to Pilot Project participants. These data were calculated using students' 2006 through 2011 MAP scores. This release included tables and graphs showing district-level and building-level value-added estimates and median student growth percentiles. The Department also reported growth percentiles for individual students as part of this release.

Prior to the October release, Department and University of Missouri staff previewed the report formats via webinar sessions. Following the release, the Department presented a series of interactive webinars focused on data interpretation. During the winter and early spring, we will utilize follow-up surveys and focus-group conversations to collect feedback from participants about various aspects of the project, including the report formats. We are also developing additional professional-development sessions that will focus on the appropriate uses of pilot growth data.

The Pilot Project Steering Committee continues to meet on a regular basis to offer guidance and to provide feedback from constituents. This committee is comprised of representatives from our state's educational associations and educator-preparation programs. Staff from Missouri's executive and legislative branches of government serve as ex-officio members.

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