Colorado Growth Model Webinar

Accountability & Data Analysis Unit

August 16, 2019
This webinar will provide a brief conceptual overview of the Colorado Growth Model, including student growth percentiles, median growth percentiles, and an overview of changes in reports and measures associated with the 2019 release.
Agenda

- Why is student growth data important?
- The Colorado growth model
- What is growth?
  - SGP/MGP
  - Growth Pathways for 2019
- Data, Reports, & Resources
- Other Growth Caveats
- Resources/Trainings
- Questions
Why is student growth data important?

• Growth data provides a different and equally important perspective on the academic performance of students, schools and districts.

✓ Growth shows how well schools are doing in helping each student progress.
  o All students can show growth – even high performing students

✓ Growth data is integral for accountability determinations.
  o Elementary and middle schools: 60% of plan type rating is based on growth.
  o High schools/Districts: 40% of ratings are based on growth.

✓ Growth data informs improvement planning within schools and districts.
What is student growth?

- Developed by CDE and the National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment. The Growth Model was first used in Colorado in 2009.

- Growth data shows how much progress individual students have made between last year and this year as measured by the CMAS and PSAT/SAT assessments in English language arts and math.

- Student Growth Percentiles are determined by how much students have progressed compared to their “academic peers.” It is a normative comparison of change.

- Growth data can be summarized for specific groups of students, schools and by district.
Student Growth Percentile

• The student growth percentile (SGP): tells us how a student's current test score compares with those of other similar students (students across the state whose previous test scores are similar).

Calculations:

- Individual Student Growth Percentiles are calculated based on at least two sequential state assessment scores (known as scale scores). Calculation uses as many sequential (no “skip years”) scores as are available for every student.

- When the state assessment changed in (2015), student growth percentiles were NOT calculated based on prior assessment scores (No growth percentiles were provided from TCAP to CMAS).

- Current student growth percentiles use scale scores from as many prior years as possible (whenever possible).
Student Growth Percentile Calculation Heuristic

Medium 3rd grade score (700)

High 3rd grade score (725)

Low 3rd grade score (675)

Colorado 4th Graders

‘Heuristic’ slides adopted with permission from Julie O’Brian at the Center for Transforming Teaching and Learning
Student Growth Percentile Calculation Heuristic

Medium 3rd grade score (700)

706 707 708 693 723

Low 3rd grade score (675)

681 707 695 670 735

High 3rd grade score (725)

718 707 720 705 730
Student Growth Percentile Calculation Heuristic

Medium 3rd grade score (700)

- Scores: 693, 706, 707, 708, 723
- Percentiles: 11, 31, 50, 58, 86

High 3rd grade score (725)

- Scores: 705, 707, 718, 720, 730
- Percentiles: 19, 24, 52, 64, 99

Low 3rd grade score (675)

- Scores: 670, 681, 695, 707, 735
- Percentiles: 35, 39, 61, 82, 95
The **median growth percentile (MGP)** tells us how well a group of students is growing in comparison with other groups. The MGP tells us how much growth that a group as a whole is achieving.

- The metric provided is the “median” of the student growth percentiles for that disaggregated group – the **median student growth percentile**.

Median growth percentiles are calculated by CDE for the following groups:
- State, district, and school (overall and by grade)
- Minority, Migrant, Performance Level, Gifted, FRL, IEP, ELL, and Gender
School Median Growth Percentile Calculation Heuristic

Students grouped by School

Raider Elementary School

Students:
- 706
- 670
- 707
- 693
- 705
- 720
- 707
- 708

Percentiles:
- 31
- 35
- 50
- 11
- 19
- 64
- 24
- 58

Bronco Elementary School

Students:
- 730
- 723
- 695
- 707
- 735
- 681
- 718

Percentiles:
- 99
- 86
- 61
- 82
- 95
- 39
- 52
School Median Growth Percentile Calculation Heuristic

In Order by Student Growth Percentile within Schools

Raider Elementary School

Bronco Elementary School
How do we look at growth?

**Students**
- Student-level growth percentiles (SGPs) range from 1-99

**Schools & Districts**
- Median growth percentiles (MGPs) range from 1-99, but tend to fall between 20 and 80

**State**
- Median growth percentiles (MGPs) range from 1-99 but tend to fall between 40 and 60
How do we look at student growth?

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* Middle and high school math pathways are not represented in this graphic.

** No growth will be reported crossing from CMAS ELA to PSAT EBRW due to differences in the assessment constructs.
Data, Reports, & Resources
What is available/coming soon?

Available Now

- CMAS Student Detail files
  - Available to district accountability contacts via Syncplicity
- All schools, districts, state summary for CMAS growth (Excel Workbook)
  - Includes overall performance and performance by level.
  - Posted here: [http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/growthmodelsummarydata](http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/growthmodelsummarydata)
- Individual school and district summary reports
  - One-page CMAS reports for districts and schools that include median growth percentiles overall, by grade, and by disaggregated groups by year (i.e. 2017, 2018 and 2019). Also, comparison data for the district and state are included.
  - Posted here: [http://www.cde.state.co.us/schoolview/coloradogrowthmodel](http://www.cde.state.co.us/schoolview/coloradogrowthmodel)
- Individual student growth reports
  - These reports have been prepared for parents to explain the performance and growth of their students on the CMAS PARCC assessments.

Coming Soon

- SAT Student Detail files, State Summary Files, and Summary Reports
  - The SAT detail files and summary reports will be released to district with the state performance framework data on the 21st. The growth summary files and reports will be publically posted on the 26th.
### General Notes:
- The 2018 CMAS growth results presented below reflect 4th to 8th grade median growth percentiles for CMAS Math and English Language Arts where applicable. Prior year results also include 9th grade CMAS growth results. The PSAT/SAT reports include growth results for 9th to 11th grades. The 2018 8th grade CMAS to PSAT9 results are included in the PSAT/SAT growth reports only (i.e., not with the CMAS 2018 results).
- The results included in this report are based on student accountability inclusion rules, the same as are used for the school and district performance frameworks.
- Median Growth Percentiles (MGP) for the district and state in this report are calculated based only on the grade levels that are served by the school for all students in the district/state.
- The number of students reflected in the data should be considered when interpreting results. Also, growth summary data including student counts is available at: [http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/growthmodelsummarydata](http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/growthmodelsummarydata)

### Table: English Language Arts Growth Percentiles

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Below Benchmark: reflects students that did not yet meet, partially meet, or approached grade level expectations (during the prior year) for the identified CMAS assessment. This category is not reflected on PSAT/SAT growth reports.

At or Above Benchmark: reflects students that met or exceeded grade level expectations (during the prior year) for the identified CMAS assessment. This category is not reflected on PSAT/SAT growth reports.
What is not available?

• **Small Populations**
  ▪ Student groups of less than 20 will not be displayed within publicly released growth reports.
    ▪ Student groups of less than 20 will not be displayed within reports.
      ▪ Complimentary suppression rules not needed/used with medians
    ▪ Why different n-size than assessment?
      ▪ Not just PII but also related to reliability of estimates.

• Certain students may not have growth percentiles due to the rarity of their assessment progressions.
  ▪ Atypical and twice-accelerated pathways won’t typically have growth. If your reports or student detail files lack growth percentiles it’s usually due to insufficient counts or an unusual pathway (e.g. a student was retained).
Other Growth Caveats

- What is ‘typical’ growth for groups of students?
  - CDE has defined low, typical, and high growth in relation to student level growth only. This helps to explain the concept to stakeholders. For most groups, ‘typical’ growth does not necessarily indicate sufficient growth.
Resources & Training

- Upcoming trainings will be announced in the Scoop, the CDE newsletter.
  - Call-in/walk-in appointments on the Growth Model and Performance Frameworks will be available until the end of October upon request
  - Training web-page: http://www.cde.state.co.us/uip/uip_training
  - On-site training opportunities may also be available upon request

- Growth Model Website:
  - http://www.cde.state.co.us/schoolview/coloradogrowthmodel
  - http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/coloradogrowthmodel

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Questions?