

Formative assessments, including academic screeners, are a part of every student's regular instructional program and provide timely information on a student's literacy, math, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Screeners such as *Acadience* and *MAP Growth* are designed to benchmark performance at pre-determined times across the school year, guide instruction, and help determine which students may need additional support or extensions.

Families can view general information about their child's academic screener performance in NYC School Accounts (NYCSA) in the Reading and Math Progress tile. For more information, families may contact their child's teacher or school. Schools are encouraged to share more information about student progress and performance on these screeners with families using the Family Reports that are available in *Acadience*, *MAP Growth*, and *i-Ready*. These reports serve as resources to support these conversations. Steps for accessing these reports can be found on the following page.

While the communication strategies below will be familiar, consider these points when sharing information about academic screeners:

- **Purpose:** Academic screeners are low-stakes assessments that help monitor progress and identify areas that may need further support or extension. When communicating with families, use these opportunities to also address misconceptions about the role of assessment in teaching and learning.
- **Timing and consistency:** Assessment data is time-sensitive information that teachers act upon to support student growth. Consistent and timely communication about student progress helps to build trust with families.
- **Next steps:** Information should be paired with reasonable and actionable goals on what students should be mastering and demonstrating. Offer ideas on how families can support their children at home with these goals.
- **Invite questions:** When viewing these Families Reports, anticipate the questions families may ask. Use language that encourages families to ask questions, so they have a shared understanding of the information found in these reports.
- **The big picture:** Assessment data is one piece of information at one moment in time about a student that is communicated with their family. Consider information from other current sources (e.g., class assignments, group discussion, unit projects) to formulate a holistic understanding of student growth.



Acadience Family Reports

These reports can be generated in bulk for a school, class, or group in [Acadience Learning Online](#) using the following steps:

1. Select the “Students” list view
2. In the header row, click on the circle next to “Student Name” to select all students, or select individual students as desired.
3. Select “Generate Parent Reports”
4. In the drop-down menu, select the language, “English” or “Spanish”
5. Click on “Generate”
6. Use the print option in the browser’s file menu to print the reports



For detailed guidance on these steps, refer to this [Acadience article](#) and/or contact the Acadience Support Team at (888) 476-1331. Note that Acadience is an indicator of individual literacy skills. The color-coded benchmark categories in the Family Report can support understanding of performance levels for these skills.

MAP Growth Family Reports

These reports in [MAP Growth](#) can only be printed by individual class/course section using the following steps:

1. Navigate to “MAP Growth Reports”
2. Select “Family Report”
3. Select the roster term, instructor, and class before clicking “Next”
4. Select the desired subject areas to be displayed before clicking “Next”
5. Keep or deselect comparison data as applicable and click “Next”
6. Select the print option for “All students in this class”, or “Select students in this class” and individually select students as needed
7. Click on “Create PDF Report”
8. Navigate to the “Reports Queue” screen
9. Click on “Download”
10. Use the print option in the browser’s file menu to print the reports



For detailed guidance on these steps, refer to this [MAP Growth article](#) and/or contact the MAP Growth Support Team at (888) 291-0650. A [Family Guide to MAP Growth in multiple languages](#), [family letter template](#), and [Spanish translation reference](#) are also available.

i-Ready Family Reports

1. On the [i-Ready dashboard](#) select “Reports”
2. Select the “Student” tab under “Reports”
3. Select “For Families” in the menu on the left
4. Select the subject, “Reading” or “Math”
5. The family report will appear on the screen
6. In the drop-down menu, select the language, “English” or “Spanish”
7. To print, press the “PDF” icon in the top right corner
8. A print pop-up menu will appear
9. Press the green print button in the pop-up menu to open the PDF



For detailed guidance on these steps, the i-Ready Support Team can be contacted at (800) 225-0248. [Resources to support families with i-Ready](#) are also available.