



Teacher Information Sheet
New York State Education Department's Growth Reporting System

As part of the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) process, applicable New York State teachers of math and English Language Arts (ELA) in grades 4 through 8, their principals, and principals of grades 9-12 (all grades) are receiving State-provided growth scores and ratings based on 2013–2014 State tests.¹² State-provided growth scores are one of the multiple measures that make up the annual performance ratings and count for 20 percent of these educator's evaluation score for the 2013-14 school year. For additional information, including a detailed training webinar describing how State-provided growth scores are calculated, please see the Resources on State Growth Measures page at (<http://engageny.org/resource/resources-about-state-growth-measures/>) on EngageNY.org. The information provided in these reports may support instructional improvement and professional development goals in conjunction with other information about educator effectiveness.

Prior to logging into the GRS for the first time, users should review the *Student Growth on State Tests* video at <http://www.engageny.org/resource/animated-video-student-growth-on-state-tests-2012-13>, which explains in a simple way how student growth is measured. The video will also be available on the main login page (<http://engageny.org/resource/secure-online-growth-reporting-system/>) along with additional resources. The login page also contains a GRS tutorial describing how to log into the system and the types of reports available, and a User Guide. The User Guide includes system information such as screen shots, details about how to login, and definitions of variables. These resources will be valuable to understand the data and how to best navigate the system. In addition we have developed a teacher guide available at: <https://www.engageny.org/resource/teacher-s-guide-to-interpreting-state-provided-growth-scores-2013-14-grades-4-8> to assist teachers with interpreting their State-provided growth scores.

NYSED makes every effort to protect the privacy of educators and students. GRS users should use caution when accessing the system to view growth data. Leaving your computer unattended while logged on to the GRS website and/or leaving printouts of your data in locations that are available to others can compromise your privacy and the privacy of your students.

Please note that the GRS is provided by our growth vendor, the American Institutes for Research (AIR). Questions about the GRS should be addressed to educatoreval@mail.nysed.gov. Please review the GRS tutorial and User Guide for assistance with login.

Please use your Teacher-Student Roster Verification (TSRV) login ID and password to access the system and view growth data for your assigned courses and students. If you have not created a TSRV account, please visit <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/teacher/> and contact your principal and/or district data coordinator in order to get a personal identification number (PIN) that will allow you to complete the account creation process. Please note that TSRV and GRS are separate systems: TSRV will allow you to view any roster data submitted by your district; GRS will allow you to see additional detail about your results for 2013-14 and to view the student-level data used by AIR to calculate the State-provided growth measures that are used as part of your APPR. If you cannot remember your password please go to the TSRV login page at <https://eservices.nysed.gov/taa/login.htm> and choose the "I forgot my password" option. Once your password is changed, you will be able to log on to both TSRV and GRS with this new password. Frequently asked questions regarding login issues are available here: <https://eservices.nysed.gov/taa/help.htm>. ***As the data in GRS are confidential, it is critical that you maintain security by not sharing login ID and/or passwords.***

¹ For more information about which educators do not have growth scores, see Section D of the APPR Guidance document at <https://www.engageny.org/resource/guidance-on-new-york-s-annual-professional-performance-review-law-and-regulations/>.

² Teachers and principals employed by the New York City Department of Education will use a separate distribution process to access their reports. Teachers can find more information at <http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/advance/>.