

May 26, 2023

Dear Parents:

I am writing to you to share some exciting news concerning the success of Frontier School Corporation for the 2022-2023 school year. Each year, Frontier School Corporation uses the Northwest Evaluation Association MAP suite of tests to track student achievement and growth. Students are administered NWEA assessments three (3) times during the school year. The last and final Spring window of NWEA assessments ended on Friday, May 12, 2023.

The Northwest Evaluation Association provides assessments that measure growth and proficiency. The results assist classroom teachers and provide insight in terms of the strengths and weaknesses of students. NWEA assessment results are monitored by building principals and classroom teachers. The teachers use the results and make changes or modifications to the instruction to address any weaknesses that the assessments highlight.

In 2020, the Northwest Evaluation Association conducted a norming study. NWEA conducts a norming study every three to five years to provide the most up to date information about student achievement and growth to assist in educational decision making. In 2020, NWEA assessments were given to 500,000 to 700,000 students attending over 24,500 public schools in 5,860 school corporations across all fifty (50) states.

The 2020 Northwest Evaluation Association created grade level RIT norms and standard deviations in which sixty-eight percent of students would fall within the average range. As a result, the RIT score can be used to compare how students in different states did in looking at achievement and growth.

Below is a chart showing the median RIT score among Frontier School Corporation students at a grade level and the median RIT score that NWEA established in the 2020 Norming Study. Additionally, the chart shows the NWEA projected growth for the grade and the observed 2022-2023 growth for the subject and grade level:

Subject	Grade Level	22-23 Spring Grade Level RIT	2020 Grade Level RIT Norm	2022-2023 Predicted Growth	2022-2023 Actual Growth
Reading	Kindergarten	159.3	153.09	16	18
Math	Kindergarten	163.1	157.11	15.8	17
Reading	1st Grade	175.8	171.4	15.8	17

Math	1st Grade	185.7	176.4	16.2	21
Reading	2nd Grade	184.4	185.7	13.1	15
Math	2nd Grade	190.3	189.42	14.4	16
Language Usage	2nd Grade	188.5	188.4	14.4	16
Reading	3rd Grade	201.1	197.12	10.5	12
Math	3rd Grade	206.3	201.8	12.6	19
Language Usage	3rd Grade	203.1	198.32	10.5	12
Reading	4th Grade	205.7	204.83	8.2	10
Math	4th Grade	214.1	210.51	10.9	15
Language Usage	4th Grade	205.3	205	7.7	8
Reading	5th Grade	212.2	210.98	6.6	6
Math	5th Grade	217.5	218.75	9.6	10
Language Usage	5th Grade	210.4	210.19	5.9	3
Reading	6th Grade	220.9	215.36	5	7
Math	6th Grade	234.7	222.8	8.2	19
Language Usage	6th Grade	220	214.19	4.7	7

Grade	Subject	22-23 Spring Grade Level RIT	2020 Grade Level RIT Norm	2022-2023 Predicted Growth	2022-2023 Actual Growth
Reading	7th	213.7	218.36	4.4	5
Math	7th	237.7	226.73	6.7	13
Language Usage	7th	220.4	216.47	3.7	6
Reading	8th	220.5	221.66	3.9	7
Math	8th	247.3	230.3	5.3	18
Language Usage	8th	222.3	218.74	3.9	7

Math	9th	237.1	230.03	Not Provided	Not Provided
Language Usage	9th	226.5	219	Not Provided	Not Provided
Math	10th	241	232.4	Not Provided	Not Provided
Language Usage	10th	223.1	220.86	Not Provided	Not Provided

Frontier School Corporation students **exceeded** the NWEA Growth Norm in 25 out of 29 grade level subject areas as noted on the chart above during the 2022-2023 school year.

Frontier School Corporation students **exceeded** the NWEA projected growth in 23 out of 25 grade level subject areas as noted on the chart above during the 2022-2023 school year.

The graduating class of 2023 had twenty seven (27) out of forty eight (48) students have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during their high school careers.

The graduating class of 2023 had twenty eight (28) out of forty eight (48) students qualify for an Academic Honors Diploma or a Technical Honors Diploma.

The graduating class of 2023 qualified for \$828,000 worth of local scholarships as well as institutional scholarships through a post-secondary institution of higher learning.

Students in the class of 2023 by enrolling in dual credit courses at Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School saved approximately \$500,000 in future college tuition costs.

100% of General Education students in third grade passed the IREAD-3 test.

The 2022-2023 school year was a very successful academic year at Frontier Elementary and Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School. The staff and administration at Frontier Elementary and Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School have a fantastic job providing students with academic gains and opportunities. This letter is to share the exciting news with you.

Sincerely,

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