Nathanial Hawthorne School #25
Parent Teacher Conference Form
Grades 4-6

Student ___________________________ Date ____________

☐ NWEA

☐ AIMSWEB

☐ STAR - DRA

☐ State Tests Domain or Unit Assessments

☐ SFA

☐ Peer relationships

☐ Behavior

What can parents focus on at home?

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School 25's Parent Guide to Testing

What are the tests?

NWEA
AIMSweb
STAR Reading
State tests (Grades 3-6)
Domain/Module assessments

How often does my child take these tests?
NWEA—3 times a year (Fall, Winter, Spring)
AIMSweb—benchmarks 3 times a year and progress monitoring based on your child's need.
STAR reading assessments: 3 -4 times a year
State tests - 1 time a year, ELA & Math (Science in 4th grade only)
Domain/Module Assessments: Think unit tests. These vary based on grade level and subject.

NWEA: What is it?
* Measure your child's progress in reading and math (MAP: Measure of Academic Progress)
* Given on the computer
* Not timed, (about 1 hour)
* Questions become more difficult as students answer correctly. If the student answers incorrectly the questions become easier.
* The final score is an estimate of the student's achievement level.
* Final score is called a RIT score (Rasch unit). RIT scores range from 100-300. A child should progress to a higher RIT from year to year.
* Identifies a child's strengths and weaknesses in reading and math.

AIMSweb: What is it?
* 3 benchmark tests are given 3 times a year to measure your child's growth in reading and math fluency:
  * Reading Curriculum Based Measure (R-CBM): measures your child's reading fluency, or words read correctly in 1 minute.
  * Math Concepts and Applications (M-CAP): measures your child's ability to apply math skills to problem solve. (8 minutes long)
  * Math Computation (M-COMP): measures your child's ability to solve computation problems at his/her grade level. (8 minutes long).

Progress Monitoring:
* Reading and math fluency "probes" are given weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly, depending on their score from the benchmarks.

STAR reading test:
* Reading comprehension test on the computer.
* Used to place students into leveled reading group and for Accelerated Reader levels.
* Measures grade equivalency (GE) in reading. Example: 2.4 = 2nd grade, 4th month,