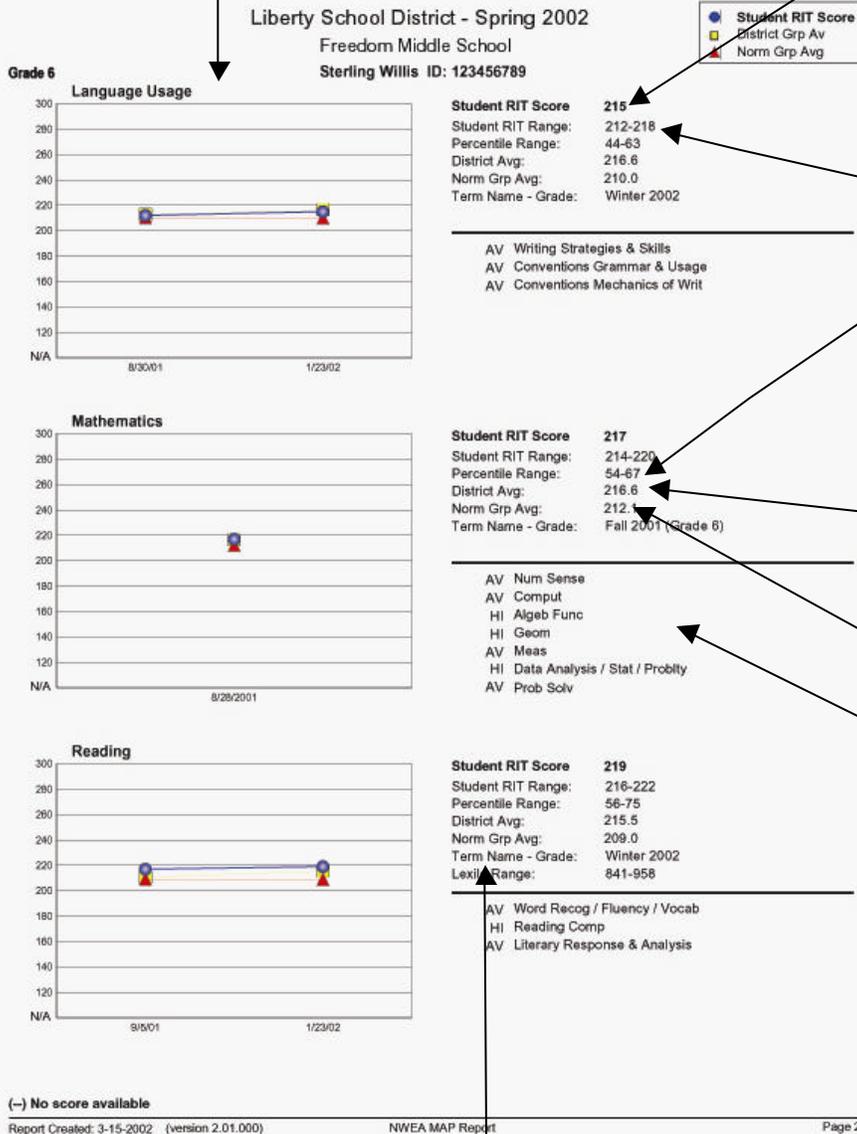


# Northwest Evaluation Association Understanding the Individual Student Report

Plotted on the graph are the student's RIT score, the District Norm Group Average, and the NWEA Norm Group Average for the subject in which a student was tested.



**RIT Score:** This is the student's overall score on the test. (215 for Sterling). This piece of information is one of the most important pieces on the entire report. This score is unrelated to the age or grade of the student, but reflects the level at which the student is currently performing. RIT stands for Rasch Unit, which is used to measure a child's achievement growth, similar to how inches are used to measure a child's height.

**RIT Range:** No score is absolute. We would expect that if a student took the test again relatively soon, that his or her score would fall within this range most of the time.

**Percentile Range:** Percentiles are used to compare one student's performance to that of a larger group (norm group\*). Percentile means the student scored as well as, or better than that percent of students taking the test in his/her grade. There is about a 68% chance that a student's percentile ranking would fall within this range if the student tested again relatively soon.

**District Average:** The average RIT score for all students in the school district in the same grade who were tested at the same time as this student.

**Norm Group Average:** The average score for students observed in the norm group\*.

**Goal Performance:** The columns to the right of the graph show the student's performance in the goal strands (subtests) tested in this subject. Data will only show up in these columns if a student took a Goals Survey test. Goal performance of LO means that the student is performing at the 33<sup>rd</sup> percentile or lower. Goal performance of AV means that the student is performing between the 34<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> percentile. Goal performance of HI means that the student is performing at or above the 67<sup>th</sup> percentile.

**Lexile:** Some districts have chosen to subscribe to MetaMetrics Lexile Framework. This information can help in choosing appropriate reading materials based on a student's RIT score. For more information, go to <http://www.lexile.com>.

**\*Norm Group:** Approximately 500,000 NWEA test scores from students across the United States.

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