What is an Academic Peer

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The following slides indicate what an academic peer group is and how student assessment data is used to create a Student Growth Percentile.



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- Student growth percentiles (SGPs) consider where a student starts and use assessment results for all Washington students in a given content area and grade to quantify each student's annual progress.
- Similar to height and weight percentiles, an SGP describes a student's relative academic growth compared to other students with the same achievement history—their academic peers.
- Academic peers are not a set of students but are constructed using all the state's data.



Two Years of Test Scores: The Simplest Case





Accounting for Where a Student Starts





Identifying Relative Growth





A Student Growth Percentile of 75%





Academic Peers Start from the Same Place





All Data Are Used to Determine a Student Growth Percentile





Low & High Achieving Students Demonstrate Growth





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