

INTERVENTION AND ADVANCEMENT TEAM (IAT)

The first period of each day at SPS is devoted to Intervention and Advancement Team (IAT) groups. Instead of grouping students on the basis of chronological age and grade, students are assigned to (1) advanced, (2) supplemental, or (3) intervention groups on the basis of benchmark test results and teacher recommendations. Groups are therefore homogeneous in terms of level of functioning. We use the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test for benchmark testing and then spend a trimester each on reading skills, writing skills, and mathematics.

For additional information regarding the MAP test itself, please see Northwest Evaluation Association at <http://www.nwea.org/>.