# Creating Growth Trajectories with SMI Quantile Measures 

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## Session Goals

- Using SMI and the Quantile Scale to measure student math knowledge and skills.
- Creating growth curves to generate growth expectations and predict score on related assessments (local, state, or national).


## Mixed Ability Classrooms


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## The Quantile Scale

- It measures many concepts and skills needed to learn math in school - about 500 !
- Each of these concepts or skills has a measure.
- The measure is indicated by a number and the letter Q.
- Each measure shows how difficult one skill or concept is in relation to the others.



## The Quantile Skill and Concept (QSC)

- The description of a skill and its Quantile measure is called a Quantile Skill and Concept (QSC).
- The table on the next slide shows a few of these skills and their measures.
- As difficulty, or demand, of the skill increases, so does the Quantile measure.


## Examples of Quantile Measures and QSCs

6.RP.1: Understand the concept of a ratio and use ratio language to describe a ratio relationship between two quantities.

## Quantile Range for Grade 6: 645Q to 895Q

| Description | Quantile Measure |
| :--- | :--- |
| Represent fractions concretely and <br> symbolically, including representing whole <br> numbers as fractions. | 190Q - Prerequisite - Below Quantile range |
| Write a ratio or rate to compare two <br> quantities. . | 210Q - Focus - Below Quantile range |
| Describe the probability of a chance event <br> using a fraction or ratio. | 440 Q - Supporting - Below Quantile range |
| Model the concept of percent and relate to <br> the value in decimal or fractional form. | 400 Q - Supporting - Below Quantile range |
| Write a proportion to model a word problem; <br> solve proportions. (720Q). | 720 Q - Impending- Within Quantile range |
| Recognize and extend arithmetic <br> sequences and geometric sequences. <br> Identify the common difference or common <br> ratio. | 1250Q - Impending - Above Quantile range |



## Creating Growth Trajectories

- SMI growth curves can be created for a given class or grade level and the degree of variation among individual students can be assessed.
- SMI growth curves can be used to generate growth expectations, and SMI scores could also be used to predict scores on local and state assessments if these data were available.

> I am a $4^{\text {th }}$ grader with a $715 Q$.
> I am on grade level and I'm ready to learn!

## Example from School District "A" *

Demographics for SD "A" and all U.S. public schools, SY 2010-11ª
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| School African District Amer. | Hispanic White Asian |  |  | Other Ethnicity | F/R Lunch | ELL/ <br> LEP ESE |  | Total Enroll. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SD "A" 18 | 5 | 68 | 3 | 6 | 27 | 1 | 13 | 38,224 |
| U.S Public |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Schools 16 | 23 | 53 | 5 | 3 | 48 | 6 | 13 | 9,177,617 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ All values were obtained from NCES: http://ces.ed.gov/ccd/bat/

* For illustration purposes only - study conducted with prior version of SMI


# Example from School District "A" * 

Mean SMI Scores in Quantiles, Segregated by Grade (SD in red)

| Grade <br> at Year 1 | Range <br> of $n$ | Year 1 <br> Fall | Winter | Spring | Fall | Winter | Spring |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
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## Example from School District "A"

Ms. B's Class


## Example from School District "A"

## Mean SMI Scores



## Example from School District "A"

Mean Estimated Linear Growth in Quantile Performance.


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## Average SMI growth by grade and proficiency level within the academic year

|  | Below <br> Basic | Basic | Proficient | Advanced |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grade 2nd | 260 | 200 | 180 | 150 |
| Grade 3rd | 260 | 230 | 180 | 100 |
| Grade 4th | 260 | 210 | 120 | 60 |
| Grade 5th | 200 | 130 | 90 | 50 |
| Grade 6th | 150 | 90 | 50 | 50 |
| Grade 7th | 150 | 60 | 50 | 50 |
| Grade 8th | 150 | 60 | 50 | 50 |

## SMI \& SRI Validation Study

- Who: Scholastic + research firm + SDs
- When: SY 2014-2015 (fall, winter, spring)
- Sample: 6000+ students in grades K-12, (500+ students per grade level)
- Only grades with 50 students+
- Results will be shared with the SDs
- Incentives: Bookflix, FasttMath, SRI, or SMI site licenses
- Other requirements: SDs must administer a statewide test in order to correlate results with SRI/SMI, share student demographic and testing data, participate in technical audit.


## References

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inventory/index.asp
- MetaMetrics
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