

MAP-A Myths and Facts

MYTH: If you conduct an assessment activity in a community setting it automatically makes the activity an application activity.

FACT: An activity demonstrates application only when there is a purpose in the child's life that naturally involves the activity. The setting is not the sole determinant in whether an activity is acquisition or application.

MYTH: If I enter my MAP-A data in Profile (the measured progress software program for MAP-A) it is automatically submitted for scoring.

FACT: The Profile software program can be used to enter the data and complete the required forms, but the forms must be printed out and a hardcopy included in the student's MAP-A notebook, which is mailed by your district to ARC to be scored. (Let me mention that districts attempting to use PROFILE with an operating system of 98 or less, are reporting problems with the program including missing data.)

MYTH: I cannot use games in a MAP-A activity.

FACT: Games chosen for leisure time activities can be very appropriate in demonstrating application of math and communication arts skills in an authentic life activity.

MYTH: All the data points I collect must be application.

FACT: On the Entry/Data Summary sheet, two of the data points could be acquisition in each collection period. The first column must contain an application activity, the other two data points may be either acquisition or application.

Entry/Data Summary Sheet)

HUMPHREYS: Let me clarify that the Y and N are circled to represent whether a tangible work product is attached to the required student work record. As you recall from training, the application activity does not have to be assessed first but the data must be recorded in the first column.

RATCLIFFE: Lisa, while we are on this form, how are the API averages computed?

SIRENO: If you are using the Profile software program those averages are automatically computed for you and you would simply print the form and enter it in the notebook. However, if you are not using Profile, then... (Explain...)

MYTH: You cannot use the same activity for both data collection periods.

FACT: The same activity can be conducted and assessed in each collection period as long as the data collection dates fall within the designated collection period.

MYTH: I can simultaneously use the same activity for collecting data for two different APIs.

FACT: Yes, but each API must be addressed separately as it relates to the activity. The same activity description should not be used on two API Data Summary Sheets.