Data Analysis Tips and Tricks

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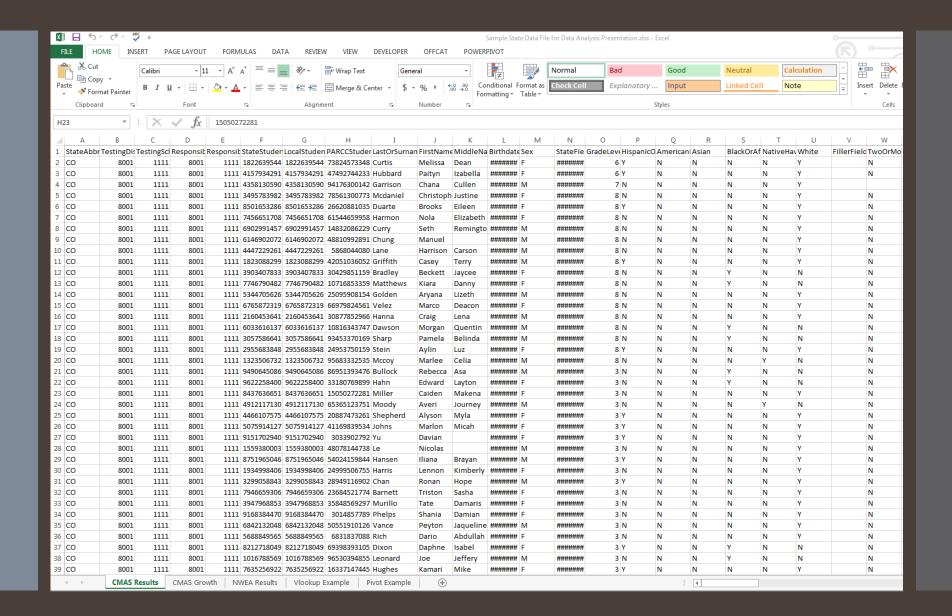
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Presentation Outline

- Looking at state files in Microsoft Excel
- Applying a filter
- Navigating filters/columns
- Finding counts and averages
- Entering formulas
- Using a VLookup formula to add in additional student information
- Using Pivot Tables to summarize data

Mirror my Screen

Please open the Excel file called "Sample State Data File for Data Analysis Presentation".



Tabs, Columns, & Rows

Excel Vocab Review

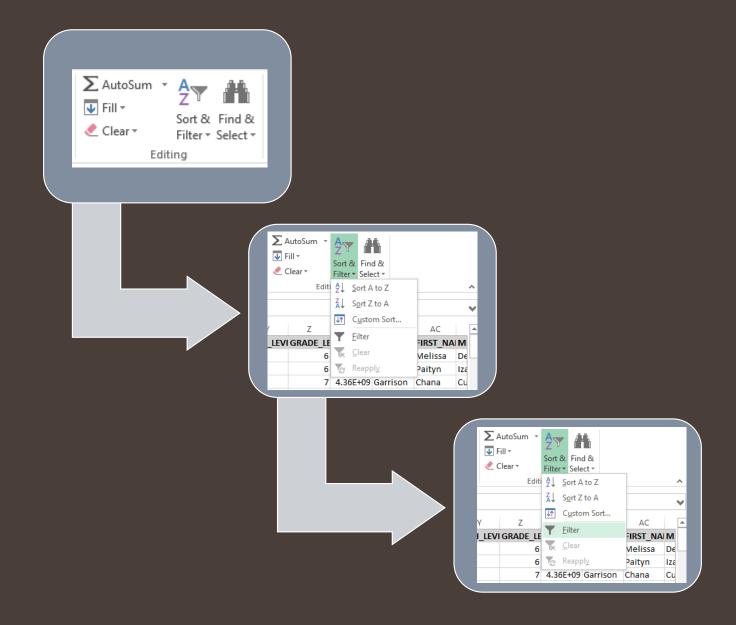
- Tabs: Different windows in an Excel file
- Columns: Always letters of the alphabet
- Rows: Always a number

What are we using today?

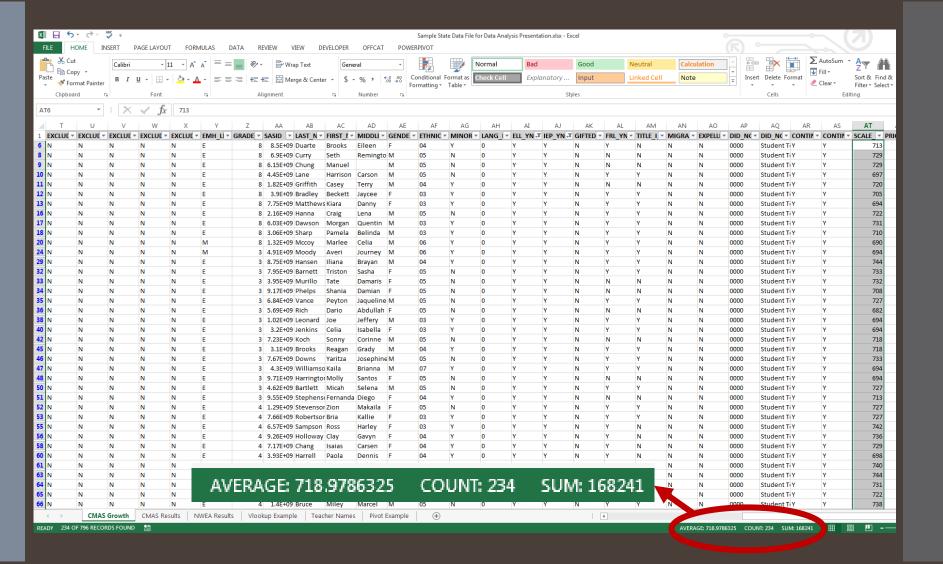
- Tabs:
 - CMAS Growth
 - CMAS Results
 - NWEA Results
 - VLookup Example
 - Teacher Names
 - Pivot Example
- "Cell A1" = Column A, Row 1

I am a School Leader. I'm interested in a certain population of students in my school. How can I quickly see how they've performed?

Applying & Navigating Filters



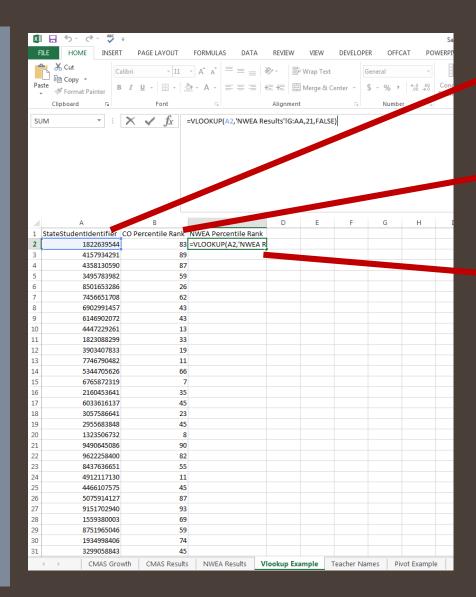
Finding Counts and Averages



I've seen how students performed on CMAS, now I want to compare that to their interim performance. How can I pull in percentile ranks from their NWEA MAP data?

Using VLookup

As long as you have a matching value in two different files, you can pull anything you want from one file to another using VLookup.



Why SASIDs?

 Always consistent, always unique

Why Percentile Rank?

 Comparison value available with NWEA

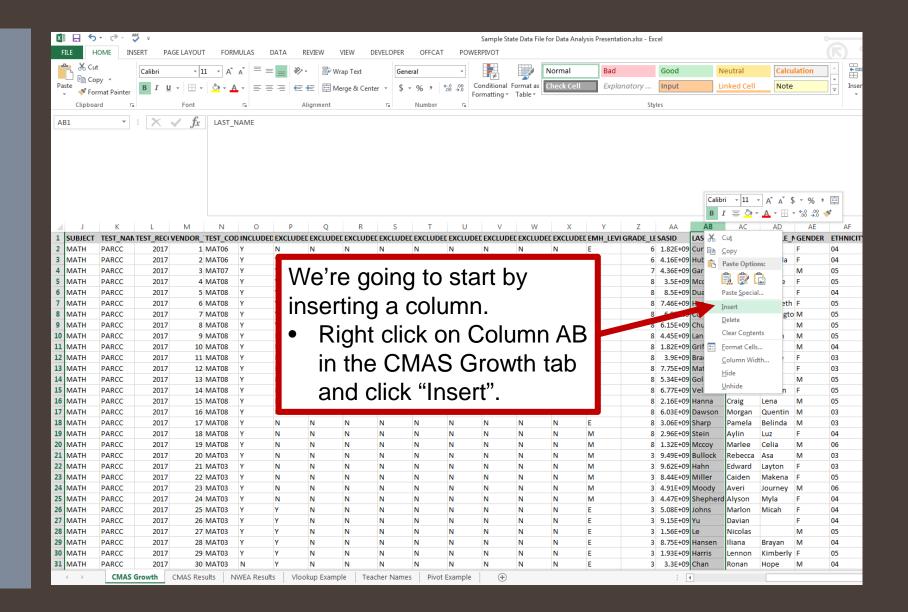
Where do I begin?

- Cell C3
- Type "=VLOOKUP(" into the cell

I want to look at student level results by teacher.

Using VLookup Part 2

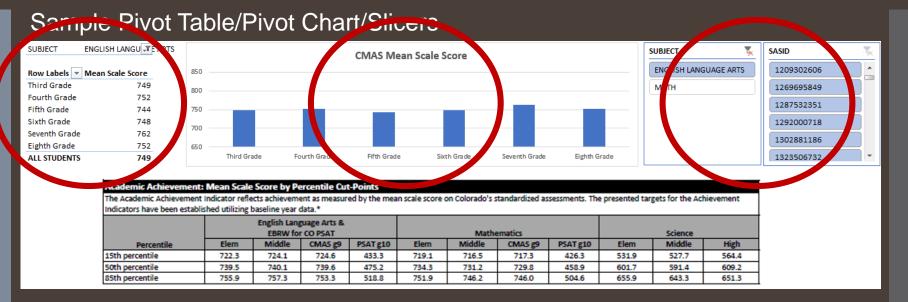
VLookup lets me pull values from other files. I can use it here.



I want to display some of the information I learned. What can I do?

Using Pivot Tables

Pivot Tables are easy ways to create data dashboards.



- **Pivot Table:** Takes a larger data file and compresses it into a table, using filters much like we did earlier.
- **Pivot Chart:** Can only be built from a Pivot Table, will change data automatically based on the results of the Pivot Table.
- Slicers: Can only be built from a Pivot Table/Pivot Chart, functions a lot like filters.

Finding Comparison Data

- CDE Resources (some examples):
 - Schoolview Data Center
 - School/District Dashboard
 - Education Statistics (Excel Flatfiles)