

# MAP Testing

Students will begin MAP Testing Tuesday, December 3. The following information will help you better understand the schedule, scoring, and purpose for MAP. If you have any questions, please contact us.

## What is MAP testing?

MAP® is an individualized, computerized test created by NWEA™ that kids take three times per school year (August, December, and March). The results provide teachers with information to help them deliver appropriate content for each student and determine each student's academic growth over time.

## When will my child be tested?

They will be tested in reading on August 13, math on August 15 and language on August 22 (3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades). Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade will take reading fluency test on Tuesday August 20. Testing takes place for most students in their classrooms on laptops. Kindergarten students take the tests in the computer lab.

## How do teachers and schools use MAP data?

MAP helps schools and teachers know what your child is ready to learn at any point in time. Teachers can see the progress of individual students and of their class as a whole. Principals and administrators can see the progress of a grade level, school, or the entire district. Since students with similar MAP scores are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, it makes it easier for teachers to plan instruction. MAP also provides typical growth data for students who are in the same grade, subject, and have the same starting performance level. This data is often used to help students set goals and understand what they need to learn to achieve their goals.

## What subjects are tested?

Students in K-2 will take reading, math, and reading fluency tests. Students in 3-8 grades will be tested in reading, language usage, and math. For young learners, students wear headphones, since many questions include audio to assist those who are still learning to read.

## What are typical MAP scores?

MAP scores begin around 140 for K5 up to 300 by high school. Your child's teacher can give you more specific scores during parent conferences.

## How do teachers record growth?

Students are given individual goals based on their previous MAP scores (in this case, those from last spring). We have found that individual goals allow students to see their personal growth and feel successful at their personal level.

## How can my child prepare?

No preparation is needed, but a good night's sleep and a good breakfast is recommended. Your child's teacher will make sure they have paper and pencils for the MAP testing. Please make sure your child arrives on time to school on testing days (December 3, 4, and 5).