

## Do's and Don'ts for Parents for NWEA MAP administration from home environment:

### DO the following:

- Read the NWEA Parent Information you will receive from your child's teacher.
- Set-up the device that will be used for testing for children in grades K-2, and for any child(ren) who may need help accessing online learning. **Note: Students in grades K-2 will need a parent/guardian/caregiver present during the testing process.**
  - Make sure speakers/sound is turned on for K-2 students since many questions include audio to assist students who are still learning to read.
  - Make sure the Screen Resolution is set to 1024x768 and that pop-up blocker is disabled for test administration (ask your child's teacher for troubleshooting guide if needed). Please also share this information with older children who will be testing.
- Provide a quiet, comfortable, distraction-free place for testing at home, e.g., free from television, gaming devices, social media, smartwatch, cell phones, pets, etc.
- Make sure that your child is well rested. Children who are tired are less able to pay attention or have difficulty handling the demands of testing.
- Make sure your child has had a healthy meal/snack before testing. A healthy body leads to a healthy, active mind. Small snacks and short breaks can help with test fatigue.
- Do allow your child to spend time on each question; the test is not timed so there is no need for them to rush through the test questions. If students are engaged in Rapid Response (clicking through the answers very quickly) the test will be paused.
- Do review the test accommodations that are allowable for children with an IEP, 504 or EL plan to support them with taking the test, such as, on-screen or hand-held calculator, ruler, or highlighters, larger text size, headphones, etc. Check with your child's teacher if you have questions about accommodations.
  - For students who have not yet learned to read or students with difficulty reading, the test provides a text-to-speech software called JAWS. This software can be activated by the teacher or other school staff when setting up the test session for your child. Contact your child's teacher if you have questions about this accommodation.
- Allow your child to use scratch paper.
- Make sure your child listens to, reads, and follows all directions given. If they do not understand the directions, make sure your child knows they can ask the teacher to read and clarify the directions.
- Tell your child to ask questions of the teacher before testing begins.

### DO NOT allow the following:

- Do not provide answers to test items under any circumstance—even for kindergarten students.
- Do not coach or give students feedback on how to solve problems they may not have answered correctly.
- Do not allow your child to ask others for help with answering test items. Remember, your child's teacher needs to know what your child is able to do and what they still need to learn for the best possible learning support throughout the school year.
- Do not allow students to use unauthorized electronic devices that could compromise the security of the test. Examples of these unauthorized devices are **cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, cameras, video or audio recording devices, calculators on non-calculator items, etc.**
  - A student can access an on-screen digital calculator for calculator-allowed items. If the online calculator is not appropriate (e.g., for a student who is blind), the student may use a calculator provided with assistive technology devices (such as a talking calculator or a Braille calculator).
- Do not allow students to use social media, the internet or any other supports that could provide them or others with answers, e.g., Wikipedia, Dictionary.com, dictionaries, thesaurus, spell-check, Ask Dr. Math, Siri, Alexa, Google, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Reddit, blogs, chat rooms, etc. Your child must not provide anyone else with answers to the test. **Remember, the test is secure, confidential and copyrighted, no one is permitted to divulge the contents of the test in any medium (word of mouth, paper or electronically) on any platform.**
- No one is permitted to record, copy or duplicate any portion of the test, including the taking of a screenshot or photograph.
- **Students should do their best and will be held accountable for completing their tests independently.**