

What is the MAP Growth assessment?



NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) is a computer-adaptive test that assists teachers in accurately measuring what students know and are ready to learn next. Regardless of grade level, MAP allows educators to measure growth over time and supports parents in tracking their student's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years.

<https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/family-toolkit/>

How often will my student take the MAP test?

Teachers administer the MAP assessment in the classroom during a testing window in the Fall (August) (Grades 1-8 only), Winter (January) (Grades K-8), and Spring (May) (Grades K-8).

MAP tests are given in the following subjects:

- Math (Number Sense, Computation, Algebraic Concepts, Geometry, Measurement, Statistics) (Grades K-8)
- Reading (Foundational Skills: Spelling and Vocabulary, Literary Concepts, Informational Concepts) (Grades K-8)
- Science (Life Science, Earth Sciences, Physical Sciences) (Grades 3-8)
- Language Usage (Mechanics, Parts of Speech, Grammar Usage, Writing Process) (Grades 2-8)

New for 2024 is the Language Usage test for grades 2-8. This is an assessment of writing process, grammar, and mechanics, and is aligned with the district's Balanced Scorecard focus on improving writing through explicit instruction in grammar and the elements of the writing process.

Also new for 2024 is the Science test for grades 3-8. Along with adoption of new TEKS (state standards) and the implementation of new textbooks and instructional materials at all grade levels, this assessment will provide a view of student achievement and growth in science.

How do teachers use MAP Growth scores?

Teachers can use the scores to plan the next steps in instruction, personalize learning, and monitor the growth of individual students. Principals and administrators can use the scores to see the performance and progress of a grade level or school.

NWEA provides schools with norms by utilizing anonymous data from more than 10 million students across the US. Knowing the top, middle, and bottom scores of these students allows teachers to compare where your student is to other students and help them grow.

How can families find more information about student MAP Growth scores?

As soon as the MAP testing window is completed, the MAP score report is posted in the student's Skyward Portfolio. Available information includes: RIT score and percentile, comparison to district grade-level average and national grade-level average, growth and growth projection.

Additional information about accessing your student's test scores in HPISD is available online at: https://www.hpisd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=987004&type=d&pREC_ID=1318072

How can families help students prepare to do their best on MAP assessments?

Although the MAP test is not a test that you study for, like all tests students can be best prepared by being well rested, eating a healthy breakfast, and having the mindset to do their best. These tests are untimed, so students should take their time to read the reading passages and test questions carefully and give their best effort. This will give the best chance for a valid achievement and growth measure on the assessment.

Likewise, consistent school attendance and engagement in classroom instruction has the greatest impact on learning the language arts, math, and science standards tested on the assessments.

In addition to achievement and growth scores and percentiles reported, other information is also available: time spent on the test, percentage of guessing, and percent of items correct.

[What it is Like to Take a MAP Growth Test - Michael's Story \(video\)](#)

Please contact your student's school teacher for more information or to discuss your student's scores or school progress.