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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Fall is traditionally a time of assessment as we get to know our students and prepare our lessons to meet their needs. One of these assessments is the NWEA MAP Growth for both Reading and Math. This fall, it will be administered to our students in grades 1-10 in a remote format, and **we will need your help**. This letter explains the assessment as well as what we will be asking parents and guardians to do in order to make this a successful experience for your child. Families with students in grades 1-3 will receive an additional letter next month with more details.

## What is MAP Growth?

MAP Growth helps teachers understand what students know today, so goals can be set to improve growth throughout the year. **Students cannot pass or fail this test.** This test will not affect grades. In fact, it's normal for students to only answer about half the questions correctly. NWEA has a [webpage](#) just for parents and guardians to learn more about the test as well as what the remote assessment experience will be like for you and your child.

## What will I need to do to help my child?

The help we will need from you to make this a success will be [checking device readiness](#) and preparing a quiet location for the test day. The next page includes all the links you will need to get your child ready for the test. While all students will practice the test with their teacher before their scheduled date, it does not hurt to [practice a few times](#), especially since this is a new experience.

The most important thing is to let your child complete the test to the best of their ability. Please don't help them! Given the challenges of learning from home, MAP Growth test results are especially helpful for us this year. These results will help us know what students are ready to learn.

## What else should I expect?

Students in grades 1, 2, 9 & 10 take two MAP tests: math and reading. Students in grades 3-8 take three: math, reading, and language. Each test takes from 45-60 minutes – if your child is spending additional time on a session, their teacher will intervene.

Once your child is logged in to the test, you will not need to do anything else. The teacher will be able to monitor the test as it proceeds. If you have any additional questions, please email your child's teacher.

**Thank you** for all the help and support you are providing your child during our remote instruction period. We believe that the success your child experiences is directly related to the help of the important adults in their life, and we are happy to work alongside you to make this remote testing experience a smooth and successful one!

Sincerely,

Patricia Haynes, PhD  
Director of Teaching & Learning

# FAMILY MAP GROWTH TESTING GUIDE

This document will help you prepare your child to take the MAP Growth test. Your child's teacher will share the date and time of the MAP Growth test with them in class.

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## TEST PREPARATION

### Prior to Test Day

1. Make sure your device has an internet connection
2. Disable pop-up blocking on your internet browser
3. Make sure your device meets testing requirements using the [Device Readiness Check](#)
4. Watch the MAP Growth [introduction video](#)
5. Practice the test at [practice.mapnwea.org](#) (Username: grow, Password: grow)

### On Test Day

1. Minimize distractions for your child as much as possible
2. Provide a quiet testing environment
3. Wait until the teacher/proctor opens the session to log in (students will be notified by the teacher)
4. Log in at [test.mapnwea.org](#)
5. The teacher will remind students of the communication method used during the test (most likely Zoom or Google Meet)
6. Follow any additional instructions from the teacher/proctor