

July 2023

Dear 9th Grade Families,

During the week of July 24th, your child will take two MAP[®] Growth[™] assessments on the same day he participates in laptop orientation. More details will follow regarding the precise timing of these assessments.

MAP Growth is designed to measure how well a student is learning critical skills. It gives teachers detailed, actionable information they can use to guide instruction and better support students. We plan to offer a second administration of this assessment in the spring semester, which will help us measure progress over the school year in Reading and Math. Reviewing these results prior to the start of the school year will empower our teachers and support staff to immediately support the unique needs of our students.

Before testing begins, we want to share some information about the assessment:

- **MAP Growth is computer adaptive and adjusts the difficulty of each question based on the student's previous answer.** If they answer a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This results in a detailed picture of what students know and are ready to learn—whether it's on, above, or below their grade level. It's possible they may get questions on content they haven't learned before. Students do not need to worry about preparing for this assessment.
- **MAP Growth will pause a student's test if they're rushing through and clicking any response.** This allows a teacher or proctor to check in and remind students to try their best. If they continue to rush, we may need to retest them to get a more accurate picture of what they know and are ready to learn.
- **The assessment will take students about 45-60 minutes to complete. Students will have up to 90 minutes to test, allowing them extended time as needed.**

Here are some helpful reminders and reassurances to share with your child:

- It's okay to ask for help. Your proctor is there to guide you.
- You might get questions on something you haven't learned. It's okay if you don't know the answer. Pick the one you think is right.
- Don't rush. It's more important to do the best you can than to be the first to finish.
- Do your best and give the assessment your full attention. Accurate results will equip your teacher to more effectively support you.
- Students may visit studentresources.nwea.org for more information.

We're truly excited to provide you with useful information about your child's individual growth and achievement. For more information about MAP Growth, visit NWEA.org/Parent-Toolkit/.

Sincerely,
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