

Measures of Academic Progress

Introducing the MAP Assessment by NWEA



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What is the **MAP** assessment?

Measure of Academic Progress

- Computer based assessment
- Nationally normed
- Dynamically *adapts* based on student responses
- Over 30 years old-- reliable/ validated
- Used by many independent schools across the nation



Purpose: To provide educators with detailed insights into a student's learning

ERB vs. MAP

MAP

- Taken on the computer
- Questions are presented/ adapted based on an individual child's response
- Teachers can access scores within 24 hours
- Scaled score is independent of grade level
- Testing time is much shorter
- Untimed testing

ERB

- Pencil/ Paper/Scantron
- Questions are pre-determined
- Teachers received scores well after the assessment
- Scaled score is dependent on grade level
- Testing time can be up to 5 hours
- Timed testing

BOTTOM LINE: The MAP assessment is personalized to each child and gives us individualized data and information to assist a child with their journey.

MAP at Friends Academy

MAP Testing this School Year (2022-2023)

- Grades 3-8
- Two times per year (Fall & Spring)
- Focus on Literacy and Mathematics Assessment

MAP Data

- Serves as additional screening instrument for students
- Provides teachers and administrators with data to help with planning for differentiated instructional needs
- Monitors individual student progress and growth

What to Expect as Parents

Following the MAP assessment, families will receive the **MAP Growth Family Report**. This report contains information and scores from a student's most recent MAP Growth assessments. If you have questions, it's a good idea to discuss results with teachers for a full understanding of what the information means and how they can use their child's reading and math scores to identify resources that can support home learning.

Resources for Parents and Caregivers

- [Family Toolkit](#) - Resources for parents and families
- [Family Guide to MAP Growth](#) - What it is, what it measures, how it works, what a RIT score is
- [Video](#): Learning today with NWEA
- [NWEA Connection](#)
- [NWEA FAQ](#): Frequently asked questions by parents

Next Steps

- Teachers will help students prepare for taking this type of assessment over the next few weeks
- Practice tests given week of October 24
- First MAP assessment will be given to students in grades 3-8 on November 2 and November 3
- We hope to have results to families before the December break
- Can students prepare? NO. Just ensure they have a good night's sleep, a hearty breakfast, and arrive at school on time.

