



Where can I get more information about MAP?

The Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) is a not-for-profit organization which developed the MAP assessments. For more information on the MAP Assessments, visit their website at:

www.nwea.org

For questions in regard to your child's performance, contact your child's teacher or school principal.



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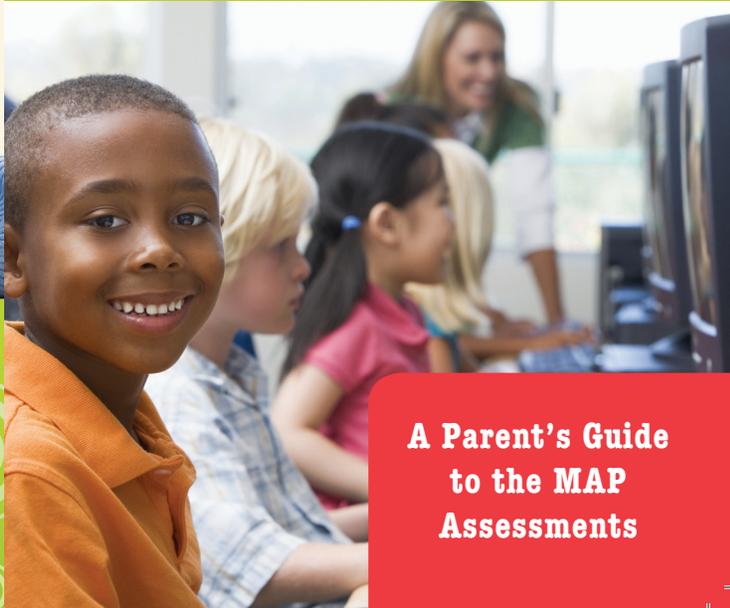
“Only by working together, can we fulfill our urgent commitment of guiding every WCSD child, by name and face, to graduation.”



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How do you keep track of your child's progress?



A Parent's Guide to the MAP Assessments

Tips for Parents

MAP assessments are more about finding the level of instruction that will help your child achieve his or her goals and less about assigning a grade or score. Before each test, encourage your child to take his or her time and do the best he or she can. Here are a few more tips to help your child achieve his or her goals.

- Meet with your child's teacher as often as needed to discuss his or her progress.
- Make sure your child is well rested on school days and especially on the day of the test.
- Support language and literacy. Provide books and magazines for your child to read at home.
- Encourage problem-solving. Give your child time to try to work things out on their own before providing assistance.
- Talk to your child and encourage him or her to engage in conversation during family time.
- Provide a quiet, comfortable place for studying at home.

What is a RIT score?

RIT is a unit of measure that uses individual item difficulty values to estimate student achievement. Similar to measuring height on a yard-stick, the RIT scale is used to measure how "tall" a student is on the curriculum scale and scores can be compared to tell how much growth a student has made. It is important to remember that the RIT score is one of the most important pieces of information on a student's report. This score is independent of the age or grade of the student, and reflects the instructional level at which the student is currently performing.

What Every Parent Needs to Know About MAP

"Parents are most interested in teaching and learning that is centered on their child. A majority of teachers say that individual student performance and personalized education are of paramount importance to them." NWEA Assessment Perceptions Study (2012)

What is MAP?

MAP assessments are computerized adaptive tests that measure your child's instructional level in math and reading. Students are asked the same number of questions, but the difficulty of each question is based on how well the student answered previous questions. Although the assessments are not timed, it usually takes students about one hour to complete each assessment.

MAP assessment results are reported as a RIT score which is a numerical representation of your child's instructional level.

MAP assessments are nationally normed which means that your child's scores can be related to other students within the same grade level across the country.

Who takes this test?

Currently, students in grades 3-9 take the reading test and students in grades 1-9 take the math test.

When will students be assessed?

Students take the MAP assessments three times a year—fall, winter and spring.

If your child does not finish an assessment within the time-frame set aside for his or her class, the assessment may be paused and then resumed at a later date without penalty.

What are the benefits of the MAP assessment?

MAP assessments support the Common Core State Standards. The results from MAP provide teachers with accurate and timely information to assist in their classroom instruction.

Teachers may use the student's instructional level information from a MAP assessment to monitor student learning and pinpoint areas for more specific and intense instruction as well as celebrate areas where significant growth has occurred.

Is MAP the only assessment my child is given?

MAP is only one assessment that your child takes throughout the school year. Please contact your child's teacher to learn about other assessments being administered in the classroom or at the school.

No single assessment provides a full picture of your child's abilities and achievements. Each assessment that your child participates in contributes to the whole picture and provides important decisions about your child's education.

