NWEA- MAP Growth Testing

FAQs for Parents/Caregivers

What is MAP Growth?

- MAP Growth is a computer adaptive test created by NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) that kids take two to three times per school year. The results provide teachers with information to help them deliver appropriate content for each student's academic growth over time.

What does it mean to be computer adaptive?

- Computer adaptive tests adjust to each student's learning level, providing a unique set of test questions based on their responses to previous questions. As the student responds to questions, the test responds to the student, adjusting up or down in difficulty.

What does MAP Growth measure?

- MAP Growth measures what students know, regardless of their grade level.

What types of questions are on MAP Growth tests? Are these sample tests?

- The MAP Growth tests include multiple choice, drag-and-drop, and other types of questions. You can view our Practice Test to get an idea of what the questions look like.

Are there any remote testing support materials designed specifically for parents/caregivers?

- The Family Guide (available in several languages here) which includes:
  - An overview of MAP Growth
  - An explanation of the purpose and design of MAP Growth
  - An introduction to the RIT score and how the assessment results are used

Will this test count towards their academic grade?

- MAP Growth is designed to help teachers figure out what your child knows, and what they are ready to learn. It lets teachers have a better idea on how to design instruction so that your child maximizes their learning potential.

How long will the test take for my child to complete?

- Most students complete the test in about 50 minutes
- Please allow for a few extra minutes to log in

How will I know when my child is done with the test? Will the test tell me when it's done?

- When a grade 2-5 or 6+ test is complete, there is a screen that indicates it has completed.
- If your child is taking the K-2 test, they will see a screen with a dog that says, "good job" and a button that says "end test". Click this button, and you will see the final "end of test" screen.

What should I do if my child runs into technical issues during the test?

- Test proctors should be the first point of contact for technical issues that occur during the test.

Is there any kind of help that I can give my child during the test?

- In general, the purpose of the test is to help understand what the student knows and what they are ready to learn. Because outside help makes it harder to figure out how to best help your child learn, we strongly suggest that you provide technical assistance only.