**PREPARING FOR THE MAP TEST AT HOME**

**IMPORTANT TEST DATES:**

- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11** - MATH 1 & MATH 2 STUDENTS WILL TAKE THE MATH MAP ASSESSMENT DURING THEIR HOMEROOM/ADVISORY BLOCKS.

- **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15** - ALL RRMS STUDENTS WILL TAKE THE READING MAP ASSESSMENT DURING THEIR HOMEROOM/ADVISORY BLOCKS.

- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16** - ALL RRMS STUDENTS (EXCEPT MATH 1 & MATH 2 STUDENTS) WILL TAKE THE MATH MAP ASSESSMENT DURING THEIR HOMEROOM/ADVISORY BLOCKS.

"ON TESTING DAYS, STUDENTS MUST LOG INTO THEIR HOMEROOM LIVE MEETINGS IN CANVAS AND REMAIN IN THEIR HOMEROOM/ADVISORY LIVE SESSIONS UNTIL TESTING IS COMPLETED"

**WHAT DOES MAP GROWTH MEASURE?**

MAP Growth measures what students know and what they don't know, regardless of their grade level. This helps teachers adjust their instruction for each student. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your student's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years.

**HOW DO SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS USE MAP GROWTH SCORES?**

Teachers can use the score to inform instruction, personalize learning, and monitor the growth of individual students. Principals and administrators can use the scores to see the performance and progress of a grade level, school, or the entire district.

**WHAT IS A RIT SCORE?**

After each MAP Growth test, results are delivered in the form of a RIT score that reflects the student's academic knowledge, skills, and abilities. Think of this score like marking height on a growth chart. You can tell how tall your child is at various points in time and how much they have grown between one stage and another. The RIT (Rasch Unit) scale is a stable, equal-interval scale. Equal-interval means that a change of 10 RIT points indicates the same thing regardless of whether a student is at the top, bottom, or middle of the scale. A RIT score has the same meaning regardless of grade level or age of the student. You can compare scores over time to tell how much growth a student has made.

**WHAT TYPES OF QUESTIONS ARE ON MAP GROWTH TESTS? ARE THERE SAMPLE TESTS? HOW LONG DO MAP TESTS TAKE?**

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. See our Student Resources in the Family Toolkit.

Most students finish their test in about 50 minutes when they take them in school. When students take tests remotely (e.g. in-home), it typically takes a little bit longer.

**FOR TECHNOLOGY TROUBLESHOOTING ISSUES**

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**REMINDERS FOR TESTING:**

**PRIOR TO THE TEST**

- Students need to go to https://check.nwea.org to do a device readiness check.
- Complete the student practice exercise at the following website: https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/cdn.nwea.org/docs/ProctorDeviceReadinessExercise.pdf
- Ensure your student has a quiet testing environment, free from distractions.

**TEST DAY**

- Students open communication app (Zoom, Google Meets, etc.)
- Students: sign in (in another browser window) - https://test.mapnwea.org (Do NOT use NWEA app on Chromebook)
- Students: will need session name and session password (Possibly use the Remind App)
- Students: choose their name from dropdown and click Yes to continue

**DURING THE TEST**

- Students will need to communicate with their teacher/proctor before and during testing
- Communication applications: Zoom, Google Meet (Homeroom Teacher’s communication app)

**AFTER THE TEST**

- Remain in their homeroom live session until after testing is completed.
- Student will write down their RIT Score if desired.
- Exit Test Session website
- Read a book or complete asynchronous assignments.
How do I create the best testing environment at home?
The best advice we have is to create a test taking atmosphere that is conducive to focus and engagement. We suggest removing any toys or additional electronics from the test taking area and reducing the amount of activity that might be around the student while testing. (e.g. siblings watching TV in the same room). It can also be helpful to reduce loud noises or conversations that may occur in or around the same space as the student. It is also a good idea to make sure that the student has eaten before the test, to remove any interruptions that hunger may cause. An environment with limited distractions helps students stay engaged and focused on their assessment. When students are focused, they are better suited to do their best, ensuring reliable, accurate insights for their teacher to personalize instruction.

How do I prepare my child to take tests online?
Before your child begins, ensure the device they’re planning to use is working and ready for a successful test session. This usually means following the instructions provided by the school on how to set up a device and/or using our interactive device readiness check to confirm your device is compatible. Prior to the assessment, provide emotional support and remind your child this is a special kind of test designed to figure out what they know and is not tied to their grades. Students may not be accustomed to tests that have such a wide range of questions and may need support if they become frustrated.

How do I make sure our equipment works and can feel assured my child’s answers are getting submitted and recorded correctly?
Your child’s teacher or proctor should walk their students through a device check before the test, but you can also check your own equipment ahead of time by using our interactive device readiness check. If you receive a “This machine has passed the check” result, your device is ready to test. If you receive a “This machine has failed the check” result, we suggest talking to the teacher or proctor about how to overcome any technical issues.

Can I help my child if they struggle or get frustrated?
The primary purpose of MAP Growth is to figure out what students know and what they’re ready to learn next so teachers can provide the most appropriate content to help them grow. Helping your child answer questions compromises test data and makes it harder for teachers to provide personalized instruction. We recommend that you encourage your child to do their absolute best, but that you don’t provide any hints or assist them in answering questions. It’s also great to remind them that unlike some tests they have taken, every student who takes the MAP Growth test gets some answers right and some answers wrong because the test is adapting to the student and providing harder or easier questions based on their answers.

What should I expect during the test?
Your child will answer around 45 – 50 questions, which come in a variety of formats (e.g. multiple choice, drag-and-drop, etc.). They will only be answering questions about a single subject in a single test session (e.g. math). Videos are available in the Understanding the MAP Suite section of our Family Toolkit, and we encourage you to watch with your student.

What will my child receive at the end of the test?
The test will notify your child that the test is complete and, depending on the district policy, might receive their RIT score on the final screen. (To understand what a RIT score is, see “What is a RIT Score” in our Common Questions or watch the What is MAP Growth? video in the “Understanding the MAP Suite” section of the Family Toolkit.)