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## NWEA Fall Testing - Remote Students

September 21, 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,



Starting the week of September 21, 2020, students receiving remote instruction will complete the Measures of Academic Progress benchmark assessment from Northwest Evaluation Association, or NWEA MAP, for mathematics and reading remotely. NWEA MAP Growth is used to measure a student's performance level at different times of the school year and determine their academic growth in mathematics and reading. Teachers can use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students.

MAP Growth tests are unique, and it adapts to your child's responses to measure your child's skill level. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether on, above, or below their grade level.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it's easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly. Each school year, students take the tests, three times a year. Following each testing period, you will receive a Family Report showing a summary of how your child is performing academically.

If possible, please be available to support your child's testing on the following dates and times:

- September 24 @ 9:15am - 11:15am - Mathematics Assessment
- September 29 @ 9:15am - 11:15am - Reading Assessment

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement. Attached you will find a list of frequently asked questions. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly. If you would not like your child to participate in this assessment, please contact me. Please understand that if you choose to exempt your student from the assessment no scores or summary of individual student performance will be provided to you or your student. For more information about MAP Growth, visit [NWEA.org/familytoolkit](https://www.nwea.org/familytoolkit).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. HARRISES", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Stephen HARRISES  
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# NWEA Remote Testing FAQs

## **How does my child access the test?**

Your child's teacher will walk students through the login process via Zoom on the day of the test. Students will go to the testing site, [test.mapnwea.org](https://test.mapnwea.org). Your child will then enter the session name and password provided by their teacher and click the arrow icon. Next, they will select their name from a drop-down menu and select if they are taking the mathematics or reading test. After clicking the arrow again, a confirmation will pop up indicating your child's name, grade, and test. If correct, your child will click 'yes' to confirm. Once the teacher confirms the test, your child can click 'start test' to begin.

## **How do I prepare my child to take tests online?**

Your child's teacher will walk students through a device check a few days 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.

## **Is there anything I can do to support my child on the day of the test?**

We greatly appreciate your support with completing a few tasks on test day:

- Make sure your child's device has an internet connection and is fully charged
- Disable pop-up blocking on your child's internet browser

## **How do I create the best testing environment at home?**

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.

## **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).

## **What if my child asks for my help during the test?**

While we know it is difficult, to ensure the validity of test results, please resist the urge to help your child with answers. Encourage your child to do their best and reassure them that it is okay to make mistakes. If your child does not know the answer, please remind them that it is okay to take their best guess and move on to the next question.

## **What if my child has technical difficulties during the test?**

Your child's teacher will let you know the best way to communicate with them during the test. Please contact your child's teacher immediately if your child has any difficulties during the test.