

## **NWEA - MAP Growth Assessments**

Each year, students in grades K-8 take the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) tests known as Measures of Academic Progress (MAP Growth). We use these assessments, along with other formative and summative assessments, to determine a student's instructional level and measure academic growth in math and English Language Arts over the course of a year and from one year to the next. This information allows teachers to more accurately target instruction to student needs.

Students in grades K-2 and grades 6-8 are tested on math and reading. Students in grades 3-5 are tested on math, reading, and language usage. The MAP assessments serve as one of our district common assessments in these areas.

MAP tests are administered online and are computer adaptive. Each test a child takes is constantly adapting to the student's skill level based on the answers they provide. This provides detailed information about a student's specific areas of strength and weakness for tested topics.

The [Northwest Evaluation Association \(NWEA\)](#) offers a [Parent Toolkit](#) that includes Frequently Asked Questions about the MAP Growth assessment and interpreting student results.

For additional information about MAP Growth assessments, please see your child's teacher or building principal.