



Midland Public Schools

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Dear MPS Families:

District wide, all students in grades DK-10 will take the NWEA MAP Growth assessment. Students may be assessed in both reading and math. The Michigan Department of Education requires districts to administer math and reading benchmark testing to all DK-10 students, and the NWEA serves as our approved benchmark assessment. The results provide teachers with information to help guide appropriate instruction for each student's academic growth. It also provides you as a parent a snapshot of your child's growth over time. It is important to know the NWEA scores are just one data point about student learning. Teachers continuously use classroom assessments and tools to dig deeper with student learning and inform instructional plans. Below is additional information about the assessment.

What does MAP Growth measure?

MAP Growth measures what students know and what they don't know, regardless of their grade level in math and reading. 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.

Can MAP Growth tell me if my student is working at grade level?

MAP Growth scores are just one data point that teachers use to determine how a child is performing. MAP Growth measures if a student is performing similar to their peers (nationwide). **The MAP Growth assessment is not used for any part of a student's grade.**

Is MAP Growth a standardized test?

MAP Growth is administered periodically during the school year (fall, winter, spring). Instead of asking all students the same questions, it is computer adaptive, adjusting to each child's performance—giving a more accurate measure of what they know and what they are ready to learn. Teachers also receive results right away, which enables them to react more quickly.

What information will I receive from my student's school?

All schools will provide your student's Family Report, which contains information and scores from your student's most recent and past MAP Growth tests. We encourage you to visit the *Supporting Your Learner* section of our [Family Toolkit](#).

What do I do if I believe my child's abilities aren't being accurately reflected by their MAP scores?

Always talk to your child's teacher about any questions you have. They will have the most accurate, up to date information about your student's progress, and can further direct you to other instructional staff or administrators if you need additional support.

Additional information for parents can be found here:

- [Family Toolkit: Resources for Parents](#)
- [MAP Growth Video for Parents](#)
- [NWEA MAP Common Questions for Families](#)
- [A Family Guide to MAP Growth](#)