



# Understanding MAP

## A Quick Guide to High School MAP Testing

**High school students will participate in MAP assessments beginning January 9, 2023.**

The Measure of Academic Progress, or MAP, is an assessment tool that evaluates students' understanding of core subjects such as English Language Arts and Mathematics. Students cannot pass or fail the assessment and it will not affect their grades. This is just one measurement tool a teacher uses to understand what students know today and what they're ready to learn next.



### Why is it important?

The MAP assessment helps teachers, families and students set goals to improve growth throughout the school year. It also enables us to track student progress across multiple academic years.



### How does the MAP assessment work?

The MAP assessment is done online and is a computer-adaptive test, meaning it adjusts to each student's learning level by providing a series of questions based on their responses to previous questions. By doing this, it accurately pinpoints what each student knows and where they can grow academically. After completing their assessment, students receive a "RIT score".



### How can students prepare for the MAP assessment?

Just like any other school day, students should aim to be well-rested and fed so they can try their best. Students are also encouraged to talk to their teacher about what to expect leading up to, on, and after assessment days.

### How can MAP assessments help students as they plan for life after high school?

MAP assessments provide students with a RIT score, which can be used as a data point when surveying educational opportunities after high school.

The MAP "College Explorer" tool allows students to see the RIT scores required for many postsecondary programs, including universities, state schools, community colleges, trade programs and more! Visit <https://www.nwea.org/mapping-the-road-to-college/> to access the College Explorer tool.

### When do high school students take the MAP assessment?

MAP assessments take place three times throughout the school year: once in fall, once in winter and once in spring. The assessment dates for 2022/23 school year are as follows:

August 22 – September 2, 2022

April 24 – May 5, 2023

January 9 – January 20, 2023

