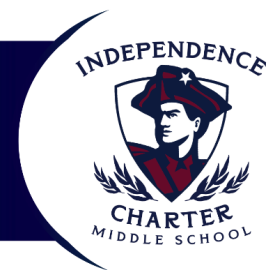


HARDING INDEPENDENCE CHARTER DISTRICT



Understanding MAP Growth

Why MAP Growth?

MAP Growth allows schools to differentiate and adjust instruction for individual students, groups of students, or entire classes based on results of the assessment. The results can be used by students, parents, teachers, grade levels, subject areas, schools, and the school district for a variety of purposes. Students take the MAP Growth assessment three times per year, which provides a timely measure of growth, in addition to proficiency.

- Proficiency = Do you know the content? Do you know what we expect students in your grade level to know?
- Growth = Are you learning? Did your knowledge increase an appropriate amount since the last test?

What is MAP Growth?

The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP Growth) is an adaptive online assessment that is aligned to the Common Core standards. When taking a MAP Growth test, the difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers all of the previous questions. As the student answers correctly, questions become more difficult. If the student answers incorrectly, the questions become easier. This allows us to more accurately pinpoint student learning. In addition, MAP Growth incorporates Technology-Enhanced Items so students solve “real world” scenarios.

How long does it take to complete a test?

- Most students will take 45 minutes to an hour to complete a test.
- Students who tend to be perfectionists often take longer.

What does MAP Growth measure?

MAP Growth measures what your student knows and how they are growing academically, allowing you to track your student’s progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. MAP Growth also provides teachers and families with the ability to understand how the student’s performance compares to their peers.

What does it mean to be computer adaptive?

Computer adaptive tests adjust to each student’s learning level, providing a unique set of test questions based on their responses to previous questions. If a student gets a question wrong, the next question will be easier. If a student gets a question right, the next question will be harder. To pinpoint where students are in their learning, the goal is to answer 50 percent of the questions correctly.

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.

RIT Scores (continued)

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.

How do schools and teachers use MAP Growth scores?

Teachers can use MAP Growth scores to monitor the growth of individual students and develop classroom-level strategies for equitable instruction that help maximize every student's learning potential. Principals and administrators can use the scores to see the performance and progress of a grade level, school, or the entire district.

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. Please discuss any questions that you have about your student's performance with their teacher.

Is MAP Growth a standardized test? How is it different from "high stakes" or state tests?

MAP Growth is administered periodically during the school year. Instead of asking all students the same questions, as standardized tests do, it adjusts to each child's performance—giving a more accurate measure of what they know.

We do not recommend using MAP Growth for grade-level advancement or accountability purposes.

How often will my student take MAP Growth tests?

In the 2022-2023 school year, HICD students will take the MAP Growth Math, Reading, and Language tests in September, January, and March.

What types of questions are on MAP Growth tests? Are there sample tests?

MAP Growth tests include multiple choice, drag-and-drop, and other types of questions. You can view the practice tests at practice.mapnwea.org to get an idea of what the questions look like.

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

Students and their families will receive a copy of the family report. View a sample family report at this link: <https://teach.mapnwea.org/impl/maphelp/Content/Data/SampleReports/FamilyReport.htm>

Who do I contact with specific questions regarding MAP testing?

Your school's administration should be able to answer questions regarding MAP testing. The MAP Testing Coordinator for HICD is Rachel Dowell and she can be reached via email at rdowell@hicd.org.