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Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s) -

This past month, your child took the Northwest Educational Association Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA - MAP). This is a computer administered and adaptive assessment which replaced STAR in previous school years. The NWEA -MAP results are one data point of many that indicate achievement and progress. Data, including NWEA scores, should be considered together when determining achievement and progress.

Earlier in September, the following links were disseminated to provide an overview of the assessment and its components:

- [Family Toolkit](#)
- [Family Guide to MAP Growth](#)
- [District NWEA FAQ](#)
- [Sample Assessments](#)
- [Family Report Sample – English](#) - [Spanish](#)

Students and their families will be provided with an individualized report for all administered assessments with a valid score. Students were administered the following NWEA - MAP assessments:

	Kindergarten through 2nd grade	3rd through 5 th grade	6th through 8th grade	9th grade
Language Usage 2+		X <i>Beginning in 4th</i>	X	
Mathematics K-2	X			
Mathematics 2-5		X		
Mathematics 6+ <i>or</i> Algebra I <i>or</i> Geometry			X	X <i>Algebra I only</i>
Reading 2-5		X (4-5 only)		
Reading 6+			X	X
Reading K-3	Kindergarten through 3rd grade students were administered the Acadience Reading Assessment in lieu of NWEA			

A curated and in-depth list of common questions from NWEA can be found [here](#).

The NWEA-MAP assessment is administered three times per year as a universal screening tool in Fairfield. The assessments provide educators with critical information regarding what students know and can do in language arts and mathematics. These assessments also give educators information on the growth of students' academic skills over time.

The NWEA-MAP is a normative assessment. It measures students on a vertical scale throughout their time in Fairfield Public Schools and against other test takers across the nation. The parent report, which will be uploaded to your Infinite Campus Digital Backpack, will supply you with information on your child's current academic performance and progress. Growth indicators will not be available until your child takes the assessment a second time in January 2024.

The parent report in the digital backpack will provide the following information:

- RIT Score - the measure used to identify your child's performance on the assessment. This measure can be compared across grade levels as your child continues to take the assessment.
- Percentile - the measure used to identify how your child scored in relation to other test-takers. For example, a child with a RIT score at the 50th percentile (average) scored better than 50 percent of the test takers.
- Growth - the measure of your child's academic progress over time. This indicator is not available in the Fall 2023 as only one assessment has been administered.

In closing, the NWEA-MAP assessment provides valuable information and when considered with other variables, can help educators support our students. While this assessment is an important part of the educational process, it is vital that we strike a balance between encouraging our children to meet their potential, while ensuring that they don't feel overwhelmed or worried about a test.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James Zavodjancik".

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