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Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s) -

During the months of September and January, your child will take Northwest Educational Association Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA - MAP). This is a computer administered and adaptive assessment. The NWEA -MAP results are one data point of many that indicate a student's achievement and progress. Data, including NWEA scores, should be considered together when determining achievement and progress.

Below are helpful links which provide additional information on the assessment:

- [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 after each testing period. Students will be administered the following NWEA - MAP assessments:

	Kindergarten through 1 st grade	2 nd through 5 th grade	6 th through 8 th grade	
Language Usage 2+		X <i>Beginning in 4th</i>		
Mathematics K-2	X			
Mathematics 2-5		X		
Mathematics 6+			X	
Reading 2-5		X (4-5 only)		
Reading 6+			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 are available once a child takes two iterations of the same assessment.

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.

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 and ensuring that they don't feel overwhelmed or worried about a test.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Zavodjancik". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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