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Admissions Department
Stafford Municipal School District
Stafford, TX 77477

Dear Parents and Guardians of Incoming First Grade Applicants,

We are sharing information about the NWEA MAP Growth test. This test serves as the admissions assessment for entry into 1st grade at the Stafford STEM Magnet Academy for all first grade applicants.

What Is the NWEA MAP Growth Test
MAP Growth is a computer-based assessment used by schools across the United States. It measures what your child knows and what your child is ready to learn next. The test changes as your child answers each question. Correct answers lead to more challenging questions. Incorrect answers lead to simpler questions. This helps show your child's skill level. The test covers early reading skills such as letter sounds, phonics, and understanding simple text. The math section covers counting, number sense, basic addition and subtraction, shapes, and patterns. Your child does not pass or fail this test. The goal is to measure readiness for learning and academic growth.

What to Expect on Test Day
Your child will take the test on a computer or tablet. The test includes reading and math. Please anticipate one to one and a half hours for onboarding, directions, and testing. Most students complete the test within this time. Please make sure your child is well rested and has eaten before testing. Encourage your child to take their time and try their best.

Please register for the exam using the link provided:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4cyfjelBpka83loSa7HGrVF6cQeh3uVHi-x3rNgUJNpURVlMQkRWRVhTU1FFMkw0VklaVUpLVEhLSS4u

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Practice at Home
Use the NWEA practice site to help your child get familiar with the test.

- Practice Test Link
  - https://practice.mapnwea.org/#/practice-landing?ref=https:%2F%2Fstudentresources.nwea.org%2Fapp%2Fk_two%2Fk_to_two.html
- Username: grow
- Password: grow

- **Math Practice Setup**
  - First drop-down box, select 1st Grade.
  - Second box, select Math K–12.
  - Third box, select English.
  - Fourth box, select Practice Items Math K–2.
  - Select the blue arrow to start.

- **Reading Practice Setup**
  - First drop-down box, select 1st Grade.
  - Second box, select Reading.
  - Third box, select English.
  - Fourth box, select Practice Items Reading K–2.
  - Select the blue arrow to start.

These practice items reflect the question types on the admissions test.

Where to Learn More
You will find videos and practice activities on the official NWEA MAP K–2 student site.

https://studentresources.nwea.org/app/k_two/k_to_two.html

Sincerely,

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Available Test Dates:
Testing Site: Stafford STEM Magnet Acadmey

- **March 20, 2027 @ 9:00AM**
- **April 24, 2027 @ 9:00AM**
- **May 8, 2027 @ 9:00AM**
- **Additional Test Dates Are Potentially Available on an 'As-Needed' Bases**

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Contact the Admissions Department for more information.

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