

Measure of Academic Progress® (MAP)

A Parent Toolkit For Their Child's
Assessment Data

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What are the different NWEA assessments?

- Computerized, adaptive assessments
- Areas of Reading and Mathematics

Adaptive = the difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers the previous questions


Incorrect = Questions Become Easier

Correct = Questions Become More Difficult



Testing Dates and Time

- **DPS Benchmarks**
 - **Fall (September)**
 - **Winter (January)**
 - **Spring (April)**
- **Tests are not timed, and it usually takes about one hour per test.**



Do all students in the same grade level
take the same test?

- **No**
- **Tailored to student's current academic performance level**
- **Gives each student a fair opportunity to show what he or she knows and can do**



What are MAP assessments used for?

- Measure student progress and growth in reading and math
- Utilizes a RIT scale (**R**asch un**I**T)
 - Equal interval scale used to chart growth from year to year



How do teachers use the test scores?

- **Keep track of progress and growth in basic skills**
- **Identifies student's strengths and areas needing growth**
- **It will guide instruction in the classroom**

Lexile Framework for Reading

- A Lexile range is a score correlated to the MAP reading score.
- Helps identify reading material that is at an appropriate difficulty level for independent reading.
- Allows teachers, parents, and students to find reading material that will stimulate learning while acknowledging reading abilities.
- Website - <http://www.lexile.com/>



Tips for Parents (Reading)

- Meet with your child's teachers to discuss progress.
- Ask the teacher to suggest activities to improve upon or build upon your child's understanding.
- Provide authentic reading materials at home (books, magazines, newspapers).
- Play games like Scrabble, Scattergories, Spill & Spell, and Balderdash together.
- Ask them to talk about what they are reading.
- Give a magazine subscription.
- Work crossword puzzles together.



Tips for Parents (Math)

- Encourage your child to solve problems. Problem solving is a lifetime skill.
- Encourage them to cook (double benefit). The kitchen is filled with measuring, fractions, and doubling/dividing with recipes.
- Point out real world examples of math – checkbook, debit cards, tips at restaurants, clothes shopping discounts, building something.
- Read the newspapers for charts and graphs. Discuss the data contained in the charts/graphs.



Websites for Language Arts/Reading

- www.merriam-webster.com (Word Games)
- www.vocabulary.com (Vocabulary Activities)
- www.superkids.com/aweb/tools/words
(Vocabulary Builders)
- www.lexile.com (Reading Lists for Lexile Levels)



Websites for Mathematics

- www.aaamath.com (Math practice & activities)
- www.coolmath.com (Interactive math games)
- www.mathforum.org/dr.math/ (Ask Dr. Math)
- www.mathleague.com/help/help.htm (Math League help topics)
- www.edhelper.com (Help for all subjects)