**Measures of Academic Progress™ - (MAP)**

**by Northwest Evaluation Association**

MAP TESTING FOR GRADES 2-8

MAP – NWEA Website:

[www.nwea.org](https://webmail.sjtp.net/owa/redir.aspx?C=vRozEs_-40CSHqNNGcGj7UUPmNPTZs8IopJUIpKzWFdiToRtrkN8Ocn2klq5SFVaZ5xptI8eDno.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.nwea.org%2f)

The Northfield School District has adopted an assessment tool, the Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP) by Northwest Evaluation Association ([www.nwea.org](https://webmail.sjtp.net/owa/redir.aspx?C=vRozEs_-40CSHqNNGcGj7UUPmNPTZs8IopJUIpKzWFdiToRtrkN8Ocn2klq5SFVaZ5xptI8eDno.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.nwea.org%2f)), for Grades 2 through 8. Grade 4 will be MAP testing for the first time this spring, while Grades 2-8 students will all be MAP testing during the 2013-14 school year. MAP is a standardized common core and state-aligned computerized adaptive assessment test that provides a measurement of student achievement and student learning growth over a period of time, in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics. The administered MAP tests, each taking less than an hour to complete, provide results which enable determinations to be made for each student’s instructional level and allow for an analysis of the concepts and skills the student understands or finds academically challenging. Following each testing period, reports show a child’s growth and projected growth.

The MAP assessment information is analyzed to alter instructional programs by identifying target skills and concepts, evaluate program effectiveness, and guide instruction for classrooms and individual students. In addition to using the MAP tests for instructional decisions, the test results will be one of a variety of resources and criteria used by the district to establish and identify students for either enhancement or support programs. The MAP assessment provides a variety of structured reports in conjunction with a staff support website, immediate availability of scores and data, and a Lexile reading score and framework for measuring a student’s reading ability for instruction.

The district is truly excited to utilize the MAP program to assist in making instructional decisions as each child’s individual growth and achievement vary during the course of a school year. Partnering to help all students learn, parents and teachers can have a profound and positive effect on the lives of our children.

Please contact your child’s teacher for additional information on the MAP test in addition to requesting to discuss and review your child(ren)’s academic performance.