



LETTER FOR REMOTE FAMILIES REGARDING NWEA ASSESSMENTS

Dear Families,

During the week of September 28 through October 31, we will be requiring all scholars to complete three NWEA MAP Assessments- two reading and one math. These are nationally normed tests aligned to New York State Standards and grade level expectations.

MAP tests are important to teachers because they keep track of progress and growth on grade level specific skills. The test scores also let teachers know where a scholar's strengths are; or, if help might be needed in any specific areas. Teachers will also use this information to help guide individual and group instruction in the classroom.

This link references **12 common questions parents ask about MAP Growth**
<https://www.nwea.org/blog/2017/12-common-questions-parents-ask-map-growth-assessment/>

In order to administer these assessments in the remote environment, we are asking for your support so that we may gather the most accurate measure of what your child already knows and is ready to learn. Your Scholar's teacher will send a separate communication with testing times and device readiness checks. Your child's teacher will assist in proctoring the test during these times. You will need a headset with microphone to record the scholars voice for the MAP Reading Fluency Assessment. Teacher's will coordinate with families to distribute headsets as needed.

We ask that you follow the guidelines below for testing.

- Do not copy test items in any way (photographs, hand copying, or screen capture, etc.).
- Log in only your Finn scholar for testing.
- Do not allow your scholar to use other devices during the test (calculator, dictionary, etc.) unless it is a part of the testing window.
- Do not use other internet sources to answer or assist with test questions.
- Allow your scholar to answer the questions on their own. Encourage them to do their best without guiding them to a certain answer.

Please also keep in mind the following:



- Your child's teacher will be available to answer questions and will proctor the test. Please feel free to contact them as needed.
- If your child needs a short break, allow him/her to do so and return to testing.
- The NWEA MAP test is not used as part of a scholar's grades.
- Your scholar should not be testing for longer than 40-60 minutes, depending on grade level. Your scholar's teacher will schedule a time for him/her to complete the test if necessary.
- Please plan to have your scholar present online during the assigned testing time and have an adult nearby to offer technology support.
- If your child has an IEP or 504 program, some accommodations may be provided through the testing software.

Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or the main office if you have any questions regarding testing.

Regards,

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