

WHAT IS MAP?



MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) is a computer-adaptive assessment for Language Arts and Math. This type of assessment challenges top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are below grade level. The MAP tests include multiple choice, drag-and-drop, and other types of questions.

WHAT IS GOOD ABOUT THE MAP ASSESSMENT?

Map gives real time results that will help parents make changes today. The test is short--on average, both sessions take about an hour each for 3rd-12th and 20-30 minutes each for 1st and 2nd. MAP shows student achievement whether they are below, at, or above grade level.



WHAT IS AN ADAPTIVE ASSESSMENT?



An adaptive test "adapts" to each child. As the child answers correctly, questions get harder. When the child answers incorrectly, they get easier. In an optimal test, the child answers about half the items correctly. Map adapts even above or below grade level, so it isn't frustrating or boring.

HOW DOES THE MAP ASSESSMENT BENEFIT MY CHILD?

Test taking becomes an important skill as our children move through high school, into college, and even out into the workplace. MAP provides a low-pressure environment to acquire these important skills. Children can feel confident about testing, because they are truly able to show what they know on this adaptive test. The scores show growth over time and detail specific skill areas to help students set goals.



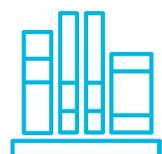
HOW WILL THE ASSESSMENT HELP PARENT EDUCATORS?



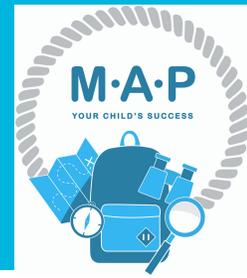
MAP scores show what your child knows and what he/she is ready to learn. It makes it easy to see your child's strengths, as well as identify gaps (page 2 is dedicated to helpful resources to address any gaps). When your child takes MAP again next year, you can see the growth and celebrate the success together.

HOW DOES MAP HELP OUR SCHOOL?

Assessments like this help us have reliable, immediate data that we can use to tell our own unique school story to those who hold us accountable. This kind of data shows our students' growth over time and is critical for our accreditation and charter renewal.



YOU JUST TOOK THE MAP ASSESSMENT... NOW WHAT?



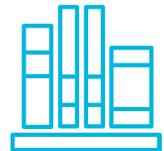
A GIFT FROM VISTA OAKS- STUDY ISLAND



Study Island is an online learning platform that partners with MAP Growth, using scores to create unique learning paths for each individual. It generates learning activities for your child in the areas where they are ready to learn. Vista Oaks is offering this resource for free to students who participate in the test.

OTHER RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE

There are many other resources available that can be individualized with your child's MAP scores: Kahn Academy, DreamBox, IXL, and Quizlet, just to name a few--and many of these are free, too!



KNOW YOUR CHILD'S READING LEVEL



This will be helpful in choosing reading material that is at just the right level for your student. Lexile.com and yourreadingpath.com can use MAP scores to search for books at his or her level and areas of interest.

PERSONALIZE CURRICULUM

Map scores will be helpful to you in choosing the right curriculum and making adjustments where necessary. It can help us find areas of frustration and add supports that will help your child learn.



AN IMPORTANT PART OF A BIGGER PICTURE

The MAP assessment is a helpful tool for measuring your student's learning, but it is still just one measure. Other tools, such as learning style surveys and work samples will be a part of getting to know each student better as a learner.

A PARENT WORKSHOP

Mark your calendar for October 23, 10:00-11:30 for a hands-on workshop about using MAP scores in your child's learning. We will focus on practical tips and tools to make the MAP scores helpful to you in your homeschooling.



LINK TO HELPFUL VIDEO

[HTTPS://WWW.NWEA.ORG/RESOURCE-LIBRARY/VIDEOS/MAP-PARENT-TOOLKIT-VIDEO](https://www.nwea.org/resource-library/videos/map-parent-toolkit-video)