

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

Assessments provide valuable information for students, parents and educators on whether students have mastered grade level and content standards and are on track to graduate prepared for the 21st century. These assessment results are intended to provide one measure in a body of evidence of your child's academic progress.



WHAT IS MAP?

MAP assessments are online adaptive achievement tests in mathematics, reading, and language usage. All students in grades 6-12 that are enrolled in a pathway school will be tested as required by the state of Colorado. The assessments have important instructional benefits when administered at regular intervals over time as it is possible to find out whether an individual student, or an entire grade level, is making satisfactory progress in these subject areas.



WHEN IS MY CHILD BEING TESTED?

There are 3 testing windows each year (Fall, Winter, and Spring). During each window, your child will be tested once in each MAP subject area. Each assessment is approximately 50 minutes long. The testing windows are intentionally long to allow schools flexibility in setting testing schedules. For specific dates during the window that your child will be testing, contact the school directly.

Fall Window

August 3-November 20

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Winter Window

November 30-February 19

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Spring Window

February 29-June 3

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WHAT SCORE(S) WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE?

Assessment results provide important measures in how well your student is learning the concepts and skills within each standard so that your child can be successful in his or her current grade and continue to make academic progress from year to year.

For the MAP assessment, your child will receive a RIT score for each subject area that will indicate what he or she knows, is ready to learn and is projected to achieve. This score can also be used to determine growth throughout the year and compare your child's growth to that of his/her academic peers and state standards. For more specific information on your child's RIT score, please contact your child's teacher.



HOW WILL THESE SCORES BE USED?

MAP assessment scores are used by your child's teacher to inform instruction specific to their needs. Scores are also used for accountability on the both district and state School Performance Frameworks.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information on assessments, please visit the Accountability, Research, and Evaluation website: <http://dpsare.com>

We encourage you to be involved in your child's education. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher for ways you can help your child at home and availability of testing accommodations.

We also encourage you to go to <http://standards.dpsk12.org/standards-resources/> to find helpful information, including:

- A Parent's Guide to Technology
- Information for English Learners
- Colorado state resources

If you have questions or concerns about assessments, please contact your child's school directly or call Family Constituency Services at (720) 423-3054.