



## **Parent's Guide to MAP Growth**

### **How it Works**

MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) is a computer-adaptive test. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This type of assessment challenges top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are below grade level. Children learn better—and faster—when teachers have a clear picture of what each student knows and is ready to learn next.

### **What it Measures**

MAP Growth uses a RIT (Rasch Unit) scale to accurately measure what students know, regardless of their grade level. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your child's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. Once your child completes a MAP Growth test, they receive a RIT score.

### **The Results: Your Child's RIT Score**

RIT scores have the same meaning across grade levels. If a fourth-grade student and an eighth-grade student have the same RIT score in reading, then they are testing at the same level in that subject. You can use your child's RIT score to help them meet their goals. For example, students can enter their RIT scores into MAP college explorer tool to see which colleges and universities they're on track to enter.

### **Why MAP?**

As MAP is the mandatory international benchmark test from Ministry of Education and NEASC, we have restructured the MAP Growth and Testing. We have currently generated username and password for all the students from grades 5-10 on MAP Portal. To start with, English teachers have started giving the assignments for students on MAP Skills. Our school curriculum is integrated with MAP Growth, as MAP Test is completely aligned with the AERO standards (American Education Reaches Out) in English and Math and NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) for Science. We are in the process of exploring the educational websites that provide more practice for our students to develop the MAP skills. We assure you that the students will be trained appropriately in English, Math and Science MAP Growth from the beginning of next academic year.

### **Please make sure that your children do the practice MAP tests in English, Math, and Science**

**at <https://practice.mapnwea.org>. For practice tests use 'grow' as the username, and 'grow' as the password.**

Kindly encourage your child to take the test seriously as it helps to master the required skills at each grade level.

**The MAP Spring Test starts on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 and ends on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 for Grades 5-10.** Attendance is compulsory. Students will do the test under the supervision of their subject teachers during the school hours. We have scheduled the timetable in such a way that it doesn't affect the daily lessons.

Let's work together to empower our children on MAP Growth.

Thanks and regards,

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