

<p>MAP Growth helps teachers understand what students know today, so goals can be set to improve growth throughout the year.</p> <p>Students cannot pass or fail this test.</p>	<p>This test will not affect grades. In fact, it's normal for students to only answer about half the questions correctly. Please don't help them!</p>	<p>Given the challenges of learning from home, MAP Growth test results are especially helpful for us this year. These results will help us know what students are ready to learn.</p>
--	--	--

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Compass Montessori will be remote testing students on MAP assessments during the testing window of the first week of remote learning, **Tuesday, January 5th-Monday, January 11th.** NWEA (the company who runs MAP) has been remote testing MAP for six years and their program is set up in a way that is compatible with remote proctoring. The interface of the assessment is the same remotely as in person, so children are comfortable with the format, and they will only need graph paper and a pencil for the math section. Compass conducted all their Fall MAP testing remotely without many challenges. We noticed that children actually took longer on their remote tests and did not have a high percentage of rapid guessing. This difference could signify that children were engaged and taking their time. We also didn't see a considerable increase in scores, which implies that parents were not helping, nor were children Googling answers.

The purpose of MAP assessments is to inform the teachers of the instructional needs of their students. MAP assessments are not a "high-stakes test." Teachers will not focus on the child's end score but will instead use the scores in a formative way to help evaluate the child's strengths and areas of relative weakness. To best meet the individual needs of their students, our educators will use this data as an indicator of academic achievement level. The teaching teams will use this information to appropriately plan leveled lessons for each child. For teachers to receive accurate data, Compass has set up some guidelines to ensure actual results.

****Please note MAP assessment will not work on I-pad or tablets. You must use a chromebook, laptop or desktop computer. This application works best on a chrome browser.***

Week Prior to Test Day:

1. Look at the [schedule](#) to see when your child(ren)'s tests are.
2. Students will need to run a computer readiness check, which will be sent to students from Admin.
3. Make sure your device has an internet connection.
4. Disable pop-up blocking on your internet browser
5. Make sure your device meets testing requirements using the [Workstation Diagnostic Tool](#).
4. Watch the MAP Growth [introduction video](#).
5. Practice the test at practice.mapnwea.org
(Username: grow, Password: grow)

Here are some things you can do to support a positive online testing environment:

1. Minimize distractions for your child as much as possible.
2. Provide a quiet testing environment, free of distractions and separated from any other test takers.
3. Encourage your child to put forth his or her best efforts.
4. Provide breaks, as needed.
5. Remind your child that he or she is not expected to know all of the answers as this is an adaptive assessment. They will experience a mixture of questions, some difficult and some easy.

On Test Day:

1. Allow the proctor to open the session, first.
2. Log in at test.mapnwea.org.
3. Students will receive login information via email from their teacher specific to their test session.
4. Each student will be assigned a proctor. Proctors will observe the cohorts for rapid guessing and test engagement. **Call (303) 271-1977 ext 2254 directly if any issues arise with the computer or connectivity or you have any questions during the test.** The proctor will walk you through your concerns.
5. Follow any additional instructions from the proctor. Proctors primarily communicate through **email to your child's Compass email address.**
6. Encourage students to use scratch graph paper for the math test. Have students save their scratch paper to turn into teachers when they return to school in-person.
7. Please help us by prohibiting the following aids from being used during the test as they can skew your child's growth and achievement data:
 - Calculators are not allowed (a calculator will popup on the screen if they can use it for that problem during their Math assessment), unless your child has an accommodation specifying otherwise.
 - No other electronic devices besides the computer are allowed during the assessment.
 - No other internet sources besides the assessment and proctoring browsers are allowed.
 - No assistance from others, besides the proctor and test administrators, are allowed during the assessment.
 - Please do not take screenshots of the questions.
8. If your child has testing accommodations through their IEP or 504 plan, those providers will be in touch with you about your child's specific assessment needs.

The following is a helpful tool if you need additional information about how to best support your child through this assessment process: [NWEA Parent Tool-kit](#). If you have any questions or need additional support please reach out to kherr@compassk12.org.

Thank you for your partnership with us,
Compass Administration