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Dear Parent/Guardian:

During the month of August your child (Grades 6-11) will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). Students will also complete the MAP tests in December and April. We administer MAP tests to determine your child's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of Reading and Math. Data from these assessments assist in personalizing learning and school accountability. Your child will be completing these tests on a computer and will receive results the following week.

Nokomis has used the MAP testing process for the past several years. We have the MAP testing in the fall for two reasons. First, having the data earlier in the school year will allow more time for your child's teacher to use the data in helping to meet your child's needs. Second, the test publisher has extensive data on typical fall-to-fall growth among national samples of students. MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing.

We are truly excited as MAP will allow educators to focus on every child's individual growth and achievement. Partnering to help all kids learn, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of children. For more information on resources for parents, download the Parent Toolkit at https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/ or contact me with any questions at 217-563-2014.

Sincerely,

Rachelle McDowell