



Frequently Asked Questions

What does MAP Grow measure?

MAP Growth measures what students know and what they don't know, regardless of their grade level. This helps teachers adjust their instruction for each student. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your student's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years.

What does computer adaptive mean?

Computer adaptive tests adjust to each student's learning level, providing a unique set of test questions based on their responses to previous questions. If a student gets a question wrong, the next question will be easier. If a student gets a question right, the next question will be harder. To pinpoint where students are in their learning, the goal is to answer 50 percent of the questions correctly. Videos are available in the *Understanding the MAP Suite* section of our [Family Toolkit](#), and we encourage you to watch with your student.

What materials does my child need?

You will need to provide the following things for your child for a successful test taking session:

- * charged device to take the test on (preferably USD 231 district issued Chromebook)
- * access to stable internet
- * quiet test taking environment, with limited or no distractions to help students remain engaged
- * writing supplies (paper/pencil or whiteboard/marker) as some students may wish to use these tools during their assessments

What should NOT be available to my student during the assessment?

- *electronic devices or people used for assisting students with the assessment
- *calculator (a calculator will pop up on the test if using it is permitted)
- *dictionaries, textbooks, manuals, or like items

How can we make sure our device is ready and that answers are being submitted correctly?

Your child's teacher should walk their students through a device check before the test, but you can also check your own equipment ahead of time by using our interactive device readiness check. If you receive a "This machine has passed the check" result, your device is ready to test. If you receive a "This machine has failed the check" result, we suggest talking to the teacher or proctor about how to overcome any technical issues. Want to check your device? Click [HERE](#).

How can I help my child prepare?

Create a test taking atmosphere that is conducive to focus and engagement. Consider removing any distractions or additional electronics from the test taking area and reducing the amount of activity that might be around the student while testing. (e.g. siblings watching TV in the same room). It can also be helpful to reduce loud noises or conversations that may occur in or around the same space as the student. It is also a good idea to make sure that the student has eaten before the test, to remove any interruptions that hunger may cause.

An environment with limited distractions helps students stay engaged and focused on their assessment. When students are focused, they are better suited to do their best, ensuring reliable, accurate insights for their teacher to personalize instruction.



The MAP Growth tests include multiple choice, drag-and-drop, and other types of questions. You can view our practice test to get an idea of what the questions look like. See Student Resources in the [Family Toolkit](#).

What can I expect during the test?

Your child will answer around 45 – 50 questions, which come in a variety of formats (e.g. multiple choice, drag-and-drop, etc.). They will only be answering questions about a single subject in a single test session (e.g. math). Videos are available in the *Understanding the MAP Suite* section of our [Family Toolkit](#), and we encourage you to watch with your student.

A proctor (teacher or WMS staff member) will be monitoring your child's progress to completing the assessment.

How long will each assessment take?

Most students finish their test in about 50 minutes when they take them in school. When students take tests remotely (e.g. in-home), it typically takes a little bit longer. If students need additional time to complete an assessment that will be scheduled.

Can I help my child if they get frustrated?

The primary purpose of MAP Growth is to figure out what students know and what they're ready to learn next so teachers can provide the most appropriate content to help them grow. Helping your child answer questions compromises test data and makes it harder for teachers to provide personalized instruction.

We recommend that you encourage your child to do their absolute best, but that you don't provide any hints or assist them in answering questions. It's also great to remind them that unlike some tests they have taken, every student who takes the MAP Growth test gets some answers right and some answers wrong because the test is adapting to the student and providing harder or easier questions based on their answers.

What will my child receive at the end of the test?

The test will notify your child that the test is complete. Your child will need to complete the entire assessment in order for the score to be finalized.

Your child will receive their RIT score on the final screen. To understand what a RIT score is, see "What is a RIT Score" and other Common Questions or watch the *What is MAP Growth?* video in the "Understanding the MAP Suite" section of the Family Toolkit.

How do I learn more about my child's results?

Ask your student's school or teacher about test results and what more you can do to help your student achieve their academic goals.

I have a question. Who do I contact?

Helpful information can be found online in the [Family Toolkit](#).

Wheatridge Middle School staff will be happy to assist you with any questions you may have. Please contact your child's teacher or contact our school office at 913.856.2900.