

Greetings from Battle Creek Public Schools,

For Virtual Academy Students in grades K-5, this document will help you prepare your child to take the MAP Growth test. Please *check with your student's teacher for information regarding testing times so you can be available for issues that may arise during testing. The dates your child will test are from:*

Sept 28th - Oct 2nd
Your student's test session information will be posted in Pearson.

What is MAP Growth?



MAP Growth helps teachers understand what students know today, so goals can be set to improve growth throughout the year. **Students cannot pass or fail this test.**

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!**

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.**

Test Preparation

Prior to Test Day	On Test Day
1. Make sure your device has an internet connection	1. Minimize distractions for your child as much as possible
2. Disable pop-up blocking on your internet browser	2. Provide a quiet testing environment
3. Make sure your device meets testing requirements using the Device Readiness Check	3. Allow the teacher/proctor to open the session first
4. Make sure your child has headphones	4. Log in at test.mapnwea.org
5. Watch the MAP Growth Grades K-2 introduction video Grades 3-5 introduction video	5. Make sure you have a way to communicate with teacher/proctor during the test

6. Practice the test at practice.mapnwea.org
(Username: grow, Password: grow)

6. Follow any additional instructions from the
teacher/proctor

Why Does my Child have to take the NWEA/MAP Assessments?

The goal of this test is not a "good grade" but an honest assessment of which areas individual students may need more support or could use further enrichment. *It's important that students take their time and try their hardest so that we can get an accurate measure and continue to best serve the needs of each student.*

As a part of the new legislation, released on August 20, 2020 by the State of Michigan, BCPS is required to administer a benchmark assessment in reading and math to all students K–8 two times throughout the year. While we know that a virtual assessment is not ideal, to continue tracking the progress of our students and to comply with the law, BCPS will administer the NWEA/MAP Assessment.

What Happens if...?

We lose our Internet connection at home while my child is testing?

- Your student's test will be suspended with no loss of progress and their teacher will reach out to get them reconnected

I need help with an Internet connection?

- Please contact your child's school

How Can I Get Help?

Your child's teacher/proctor is the best person for you to contact first. If they are unable to resolve the issue, or if you are not able to contact the teacher/proctor, you are welcome to reach out to the BCPS helpdesk by emailing: helpdesk@battle-creek.k12.mi.us or give us a call at (269) 213-3563.