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# *A Parent's Guide to MAP Testing*

*(Measure of Academic Progress)*

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MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) is a test used to assess student achievement. The test provides measures of growth which other test do not and provides detailed information to teachers on each student's strengths and challenges in order to help target instruction. The test is delivered by computer. The test adjusts the questions based on how the learner answers the question. When your child incorrectly answered the question, the questions becomes easier. The test is specifically created for the learner's level of learning.

Students in Grade 2 take the MAP test in reading and math during the fall and spring. The tests are aligned with the PA Common Core Standards and the district curriculum. Your child's testing report is designed to provide you with an overall picture of your child's performance in the assessed areas.

Your child's MAP results are reported in RIT scores. This is a different type of score than a typical test that provides a percentage correct. It is also different from many tests that provide results based on your child's score compared to others in the grade level. Instead, the RIT (Rausch Unit) score is an equal-interval scale, like feet and inches, that is independent of grade level. As a result, it allows for the measurement of growth in learning. The RIT score allows teachers to recognize where to focus attention in instruction in order to improve learning.

You can help your child prepare for the MAP testing in the following ways:

- Communicate with your child's teacher as needed to discuss progress. Working together with the teacher benefits your child.
- Read the communications that come from the teacher and the school.
- Provide a comfortable, quiet place for studying at home.
- Make sure your child is well-rested on school days. Children who are tired are less able to pay attention in class or to handle the demands of the classroom.
- Give your child a well-rounded diet. A healthy body leads to a healthy, active mind
- Provide books and magazines for your child to read at home.

You can find more information about the MAP Assessment through the following resources:

- Talk with your child's teacher or administrator
- [www.nwea.org](http://www.nwea.org) and search for the Parent's Toolkit document