

How can I help my child prepare for MAP assessments?

- Let your child know that the assessment is a way to measure student achievement and academic growth.
- Encourage your child to do his/her best. MAP assessments may seem easier or harder than other assessments your child has taken; it is important that your child do his/her best on all questions, even if some of them seem too easy or too hard.
- Remind your child that there is no time limit on MAP assessments.
- Make sure your child attends school every day so he/she can learn what is needed to do well in school – and to do well on assessments.



What does MAP measure?

MAP assessments measure achievement in mathematics and reading. The specific domains of mathematics and reading measured on MAP assessments are:

Mathematics

Grades K-5:

- Operations and Algebraic Thinking
- Number and Operations
- Measurement and Data

Grades 6-8:

- Operations and Algebraic Thinking
- The Real and Complex Number Systems
- Geometry
- Statistics and Probability

Reading

Grades K-2:

- Foundational Skills
- Language and Writing
- Literature and Informational Text
- Vocabulary Use and Functions

Grades 3-8:

- Literature
- Informational Text
- Vocabulary Acquisition and Use



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INTRODUCTION TO

MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS (MAP)



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What are MAP assessments?

MAP is a pair of assessments, one in reading and one in mathematics, which your child will take on a computer two to three times during the school year in the fall, winter, and/or spring, depending on grade level. Grades 1 and 2 take MAP three times per year. All other grades take MAP twice per year.

There is no time limit on the assessments. On average, students take from 35 – 50 minutes to complete each test.

MAP assessments narrow in on your child's current achievement level by presenting questions based on how your child answers. The difficulty of each question adjusts based on your child's previous answers. This is called a computer adaptive achievement test.

Who takes MAP assessments?

All BCPS students in Grades K—8 will take MAP assessments in mathematics and reading.

Students in Grades K—2 listen to the questions through headphones attached to the computer.

Do all students in the same grade or class take the same assessment?

No. The questions are different for each child because the computer adjusts the difficulty level. The test is built from a bank of questions as your child attempts each question.

How are MAP assessment results used?

MAP assessment results are used to monitor your child's growth in mathematics and reading achievement over time. Much like a growth chart illustrates your child's height from one year to the next, MAP assessments measure student growth in reading and mathematics from test to test and from one year to the next.

MAP assessment results will not be used as part of your child's grade in either mathematics or reading. MAP assessments provide just one part of a picture of student achievement and growth. Just as one tool doesn't give you a full picture of your child's physical growth, no single assessment can give a full picture of your child's knowledge and skills.

What information will I receive about my child's performance on MAP?

You will receive a Parent Report for your child after each administration of MAP assessments. This will provide information about your child's academic achievement and growth during the school year.

The report will allow you to see your child's growth in comparison to a district average of students in the same grade and to a national average of students in the same grade.