

Good evening,

Between 10/15 and 10/20, your child will take a Science MAP[®] Growth™ test remotely from NWEA[®] on their RPS chromebook or other non-RPS device. MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to individualize classroom lessons and set personal learning goals for students. For this reason, it is critical that students complete the test independently so that teachers will have the best picture of their current needs.

Note that RPS issued tablets will not support the assessment. Students will be able to use either their RPS issued chromebooks or other available personal laptop or computer. Students who do not have access to a supported device will test at a later date.

Because your child will be taking the assessment remotely, we ask that you take the following steps:

Before Testing

1. Students can use any of the following devices for the assessment:
 - a. RPS issued chromebook
 - b. Personal laptops or other supported devices
2. Navigate to <https://check.nwea.org/> on your child's device to diagnose any technical issues that need to be resolved and use the [Chromebook Troubleshooting Guide](#) (Spanish version [here](#)) or [Device Setup Guide](#) to troubleshoot any issues and review student directions. Let your child's teacher know if the device did not pass the readiness check.
3. Ensure that he/she/they has access to all testing accommodations outlined in their IEP and/or LIEP plan.
4. Work with your child to develop a plan to minimize distractions during testing.
5. Notify your child's teacher for assistance with any of these steps.

During Testing

1. Help younger [students login](#) using the test session name and password provided by their teacher (Spanish version [here](#).)
2. Please do not help the student answer unfamiliar questions (ALL students will get half of the questions wrong--and that's OK--it is how the test "finds out" what a student knows/remembers.) **This is NOT a high-stakes test--it is simply a tool to help teachers personalize instruction.** If a student is stuck, just tell them to give it their best guess and move on.

Even in these very challenging times, we are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement. We sincerely appreciate your partnership and believe that the information we gain through these assessments is worth the effort and will help us maximize student learning this year. For more information about MAP Growth, please review this [brief video](#) explaining the assessment, [The Parent Toolkit](#) and [The Family Guide](#) (pdf), available in Spanish [here](#).

Sincerely,

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