

How can I help my child prepare for MAP?

- ✓ Let your child know that the test is important.
- ✓ Make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep the night before the test.
- ✓ Encourage your child to do his/her best. The MAP may seem easier or harder than other tests 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. Remember, there is no time limit on the MAP tests.
- ✓ 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 tests.
- ✓ Provide a quiet place at home for your child to do homework assignments that reinforce what he/she is learning at school.



What does MAP test?



MAP tests what a student knows and can do at the time of the test in reading and mathematics. It measures achievement in:

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 2-8

- ✓ Literature
- ✓ Informational Text
- ✓ Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

A PARENT'S INTRODUCTION TO MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS (MAP)



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What is MAP?

- ✓ The MAP is a pair of tests, one in reading and one in mathematics, which your child will take on a computer three times during the school year.
- ✓ There is no time limit on the tests, but most students take from 45 – 60 minutes to complete each test.
- ✓ As your child answers questions correctly, the questions become more difficult. If your child answers incorrectly, the questions become easier.
- ✓ The MAP narrows in on your child's learning level by presenting questions based on how your child answers. This is called a computer adaptive achievement test.

Who takes the MAP?

- ✓ All BCPS students in Grades K—8 will take the MAP test in reading and mathematics.
- ✓ For students in Grades K—2, the test is given on the computer; and students listen to the questions through headphones attached to the computer.

Do all students in the same grade take the same test?

- ✓ No. The questions are different for each child, because the computer adjusts the difficulty level. As students answer correctly, questions become more difficult. If students answer incorrectly, the questions become less difficult.

What are the MAP test results used for?

- ✓ As a parent, you probably measure your child's growth in many ways – yardstick, ticks on a wall, a scale, pictures, and clothing/shoe size increases. All of these contribute to showing how your child has grown over a period of time.
- ✓ The test results will not be used as part of a child's grade in a content area. 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. The MAP will provide one part of that picture of student growth.
- ✓ The test results will provide information on your child's general knowledge in reading and mathematics. Much like a growth chart illustrates your child's height from one year to the next, MAP tests measure student growth in reading and mathematics skills from fall to spring and from one year to the next.

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

You will receive a user-friendly Parent Report after each administration of the MAP to your child. This will provide information about your child's academic growth during the school year and from one year to the next.

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.

Are there additional resources available to parents?



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