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The Athol-Royalston Regional School District is committed to providing challenging educational experiences that inspire students to acquire the knowledge and skills to become responsible citizens in the global community.

NWEA® MAP® Growth™ Assessment

Dear Parent,

Three times a year your child takes a MAP® Growth™ assessment from NWEA® on a computer or tablet. MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth in reading and math. Teachers use results to plan classroom lessons and set goals for students.

MAP Growth assessments are unique, and they adapt to your child's responses to measure your child's skill level. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their grade level.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it's easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly.

MAP Growth reports also provide typical growth data for students who are in the same grade, subject and have the same starting performance level, compared to other students nationally. Each school year, students in grades 1 through 10 take the tests in the fall, winter and spring. This year, grade 11 students will also be taking the tests in the fall, winter and spring. Following each testing period, you will receive a Family Report showing a summary of how your child is performing academically.

This fall is a bit unique, as students will be taking this assessment virtually over the next two weeks (**September 21st through October 1st**). Your child's teacher will let you know the exact days and times your child will be assessing. There are a few things you and your child may need to know to be successful. We have prepared a [video](#) to explain and show you important information. The video is included in this email or post. It can also be found on our district website at arrsd.org. In addition, the second page of this letter provides test preparation information and links to resources.

For more information about MAP Growth, visit NWEA.org/familytoolkit.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or building principal.

Sincerely,

ARRSD Curriculum Department

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

1. Make sure your device has an internet connection
2. Disable pop-up blocking on your internet browser
3. Make sure your device meets testing requirements using the [Device Readiness Check](#) (all ARRSD Chromebooks are all set!)
4. Make sure your child has headphones or a quiet space
5. Watch this [informational video](#), which is also on the district website. For K-2 students, also watch this test [overview video](#).
6. Practice the test at practice.mapnwea.org (Username: grow, Password: grow)

On Test Day

1. Minimize distractions for your child as much as possible
2. Provide a quiet testing environment
3. Allow the teacher/proctor to open the session first
4. Log in at test.mapnwea.org
5. Make sure you have a way to communicate with the teacher/proctor during the test
6. Follow any additional instructions from the teacher/proctor