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Dear Verne W. Critz Elementary School Families:

We hope this letter finds you and your families well. Over the next few weeks students in grades 1-8 will be administered the MAP Growth tests. These tests determine your child's instructional level and measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of Reading and Mathematics.

MAP tests are unique in that they are adaptive tests your child will take on a computer. This means that the test becomes more difficult as your child answers more questions correctly. When your child incorrectly answers a question, the test becomes easier. Therefore, your child will take a test specifically created for his or her learning level.

The document below will help you prepare your child to take the MAP Growth test.

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

Make sure your device has an internet connection

Disable pop-up blocking on your internet browser

Make sure your device meets testing requirements using the [Device Readiness Check](#)

Watch the MAP Growth [introduction video](#)

Practice the test at [practice.mapnwea.org](#)
(Username: grow, Password: grow)

On Test Day

Minimize distractions for your child as much as possible

Provide a quiet testing environment

Allow the teacher/proctor to open the session first

Log in at [test.mapnwea.org](#)

Make sure you have a way to communicate with the teacher/proctor during the test

Follow any additional instructions from the teacher/proctor

Please visit the school district website or the links below for more information about MAP tests. This information can be found on the district website parent resources or by following the link to “A Parent Guide to MAP Tests”. ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#)) “MAP Family Toolkit” [MAP Family Toolkit](#)

The information we receive from these assessments is invaluable to us as we plan instruction designed to prepare your child for academic success.

Sincerely,



Mandy Mazziotti
Principal