

Circle / NWEA Test Registration

This document contains everything you need to know in order to *register your student* for testing. But before we address the registration process, here are a few important testing details.

What Test Does Circle Use?

Circle uses NWEA *Measures of Academic Progress*® (MAP®) tests. The tests are not grade level specific. The MAP® tests are adaptive; as a student responds to questions, the test responds to the student, adjusting up or down in difficulty. Because of the adaptive nature of the test, students **should not expect** to be able to correctly answer all the questions. Rather than simply measuring a student's ability at a specific grade level, the test also probes the student's knowledge of material that may not yet have been covered. Because MAP® tests are adaptive, fewer questions are required to effectively access the breadth and depth of student understanding. Taking the exam via computer also prepares students for the changes coming to computerized college bound testing.

Who Needs to Test?

Circle *requires* testing every year for students in grade 3 and above. The following checklist will assist you in determining if testing is required this year for your student. If any of the following conditions are true, the student is required to test and should be registered for the appropriate exam.

Testing is REQUIRED IF:	REQUIRED TESTS:
• Student (grade 3+) is new to Circle this year.	Reading, Math, and Language Arts
• Student (grade 3+) did not test in the last calendar year*	Reading, Math, and Language Arts
• Student is currently taking Algebra I	Algebra I End of Course Exam

* The results of a nationally normed test from last year must be on file with Circle in order to exempt you from this requirement.

Grades K-2

Circle does not require students below third grade to test.

High School

High school students are not required to test if they took the **PSAT, PLAN, ACT or SAT** this year.

How is the Test Administered?

The test is administered ONLINE at home via the Internet.

When Is Testing?

Testing window

The testing dates are posted on the web: <http://circlechristianschool.org/student-testing/>

Tests will be conducted Monday - Friday at two time slots per day:

- 9:00 - 11:30am
- 12:00 - 2:30pm

Registration is required

It is the responsibility of each parent to schedule testing for his/her student within the appropriate testing window.

Only one test should be attempted during each time slot. The average student needs about one hour to complete a test. The system allows more than two hours per time slot. The tests consist of approximately 50-55 questions.

What Tests are Provided?

The NWEA *Measures of Academic Progress*® (MAP®) assessment consists of three subject tests; Math, Reading, and Language Usage. All Circle students should take the appropriate combination of these tests based on their grade level.

Because a wide variety of tests are offered in the testing environment, it is critically important for parents to make sure the correct test is selected. Be careful to ensure that your student takes the appropriate test. The specific tests used by Circle are outlined below.

Elementary School Tests - Grades 3 - 5

- *Growth: Math 2-5 NWEA 2006*
- *Growth: Reading 2-5 NWEA 2006*
- *Growth: Language 2-12 NWEA 2006*

Middle and High School Tests - Grades 6 - 11

- *Growth: Math 6+ NWEA 2006*
- *Growth: Reading 6+ NWEA 2006*
- *Growth: Language 2-12 NWEA 2006*

End of Course Exams for Math students*

- *Growth: Algebra I 2017*
- *Growth: Algebra II 2017*
- *Growth: Geometry 2017*

* Knowing your student is well prepared for the high school math progression is critical. NWEA provides these insights via exams in Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. **ALL students taking Algebra I** are required to take the NWEA Algebra I end of course exam. Geometry and Algebra 2 exams are strongly encouraged to take the appropriate end of course exam. If the student takes a math end of course exam, the *Math 6+ NWEA 2006* exam is not required.

What is the Process?

1. Plan Your Schedule

Look at your calendar and determine the best days and times for testing. Keep in mind that you will need to select three slots, one for each test to be taken. It is not recommended that students take more than one test per day.

2. Register

Go to <http://circlechristianschool.org/student-testing/> and follow the directions to select a testing day and time. Circle uses an application called *Eventbrite* to schedule the test times.

Please select your times carefully as there are limited time slots available each day.

When you register, you will need to provide a name and an e-mail address. You must use an e-mail address that you will have access to the day of the test because your test login information will be sent to that address.

3. ONLINE Set Up

Students are able to access online testing via their home computer and sufficient access to the internet. No additional downloads are required to access the testing environment. We do recommend that you enable pop-up access in your browser to start the testing session.

Computer System Requirements

For Macintosh OSX Users

Operating System: Mac OS® X v10.8 to 10.12 †

Recommended Browsers: Safari 6.2 minimum – 9 max, Firefox# 45 or higher, Chrome 41 or higher

Please note: Support ends on July 2017 for: Mac OS X v10.8; Safari 6 and 7, iOS 8, and Firefox versions below 50. Also, Mac OS X v10.9 support ends July 2018.

For Windows Users

Operating System: Windows 7, 8, 8.1, or 10

Recommended Browsers: Firefox# 45 or higher, Chrome 41 or higher

4. Day of the Test

About 15 minutes prior to the start of your scheduled test time slot, you will receive an e-mail at the address you used to register for the test. The e-mail will also include instructions (session name and password) to log into the server and the test. Simply follow the directions to begin the testing process.

What Do I Do Now?

Check your calendar and beginning planning your test dates.

Go to the registration page, <http://circlechristianschool.org/student-testing/> and sign up for test dates and times.

Remember, a student should only take one test per time slot, so register accordingly.

Questions should be directed to testing@circlechristianschool.org.