

**Circle Christian School / NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)
STUDENT GUIDE TO MAP TESTING**

This document should be read by the Student before testing begins.

What is MAP?

MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) are achievement tests in mathematics, reading, and language usage that are taken on a computer.

How does MAP work?

The MAP system shows one test question at a time on the screen. You will choose an answer using the mouse or the keyboard. The difficulty of the test will change based on how you answer the questions that you see. As you answer correctly, the questions will become harder. As you answer incorrectly, the questions will become easier. It will build a test just for you.

Why are you taking MAP tests?

This test will show how well you are doing now so we can best decide what you should be learning and working on.

To take the test:

- **You are not expected to know the answer to every question.** This test is unlike most you have taken in the past. MAP is not a test on which you can get all the questions right. It is meant to measure how much you are growing in your learning, much like a yardstick measures how tall you are. You will probably see some questions that ask for things you have not yet learned. As the test “sees” how you answer the hard questions, it will begin to give you more questions that are made just for you.
- You must answer every question. The test will not allow you to skip any.
- Once you have answered a question and gone on to the next one, you cannot go back. Because the test uses your past answers to choose the next question, your answer is locked in.

When you sit at your computer:

- Make sure your name is listed on the top of the computer screen where you are sitting. If it is not, let your proctor know right away.
- You will see a screen that says “Start Test”. Wait for directions from your proctor before you click this button. The proctor will let you know when it is okay to begin the test.

As you are working on the test:

- For the math test, you will have scratch paper and pencils available. You can use these to help you work out problems and then answer the questions on the computer.
- Some math questions will have a pop-up calculator appear on the screen. It will only be available for some items. You do not have to use the calculator if you do not choose to. It is available as a resource. This calculator works just like a hand-held calculator. Just use the mouse to click on the numbers and symbols you want to use.

- Some reading and language usage questions may have passages that are too long to show up all at once on the screen. There will be a scroll bar to the right of these passages. This scroll bar can be moved up or down in order to view and read the entire passage.

When you finish the test:

- You will need to let your proctor know you are finished.
- Do not click any buttons; wait for your proctor to do this.

Other reminders:

- Go to the bathroom and get a drink before the test begins.
- This is just like any other test; you cannot talk to anyone or use any books to look things up.
- You need to do your personal best on this test. This information is very important in helping us to set goals for you and to monitor your progress.