



# MARANATHA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

## NWEA MAP TESTING (K-8TH GRADE STUDENTS)

*Children learn better—and faster—when teachers have a clear picture of what students know and how they are growing academically. That is why a group of educators and researchers founded NWEA®, a not-for-profit organization that has created some of the most trusted and reliable assessment solutions available. More than 13 million students in the US and in 140 countries worldwide use MAP® Growth™.*

### HOW IT WORKS

MAP Growth is a computer-adaptive test in math (K-8), reading (K-8) and language arts (2-8). If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This type of assessment challenges top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are below grade level.

### WHAT IT MEASURES

MAP Growth uses a RIT scale to accurately measure what students know, regardless of their grade level. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your child's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. Once your child completes a MAP Growth test, they receive a RIT score.

### YOUR CHILD'S RIT SCORE

RIT scores have the same meaning across grade levels. If a fourth-grade student and an eighth-grade student have the same RIT score in reading, then they are testing at the same level in that subject. This stable scale allows teachers to accurately measure each student's academic growth throughout the school year and over time. MCS will be using RIT scores to have the students do goal-setting throughout the year with their teachers.

### REPORTS

Timely, simple to interpret reports for families, students and teachers provide rich context to make instructional and operational decisions with confidence. MAP Growth reveals how much growth has occurred between testing events and, when combined with our norms, shows projected proficiency. Educators can track growth through the school year and over multiple years.

*The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.*

*—Proverbs 16:9*

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## COMMON QUESTIONS

<p>How do schools and teachers use MAP Growth scores?</p>	<p>Teachers use the scores to identify learning areas that their class should focus on, as well as monitor the growth of individual students. Principals and administrators use the scores to see the performance and progress of a grade level, school, or the entire district.</p>
<p>Can MAP Growth tell me if my child is working at grade level?</p>	<p>Yes, but understand that MAP Growth scores are just one data point that teachers use to determine how a student is performing. Please discuss any questions you have about your child's performance with their teacher.</p>
<p>How often will my child take MAP Growth tests?</p>	<p>At MCS we provide testing for students K-8 during the fall, winter and spring. Goal-setting will be completed after the fall and winter tests to develop a learning pathway.</p>
<p>What are norms?</p>	<p>NWEA provides schools with norms by utilizing anonymous data from more than 10 million students around the US. Knowing the top, middle, and bottom scores of all these students combined allows teachers to compare where your child is to other students and help them grow. In addition, NWEA provides comparison data for private, accredited, English-based, international schools using MAP Growth outside the US.</p>
<p>Is MAP Growth a standardized test?</p>	<p>MAP Growth is administered periodically during the school year. Instead of asking all students the same questions, it adjusts to each child's performance—giving a more accurate measure of what they know. NWEA MAP tests are embedded with CA and National Standards.</p>
<p>What types of questions are on MAP Growth tests?</p>	<p>The MAP Growth tests include multiple choice, drag-and-drop, and other types of informative and formative questions. For sample tests, visit <a href="http://Warmup.NWEA.org">Warmup.NWEA.org</a>.</p>
<p>How does goal-setting work?</p>	<p>Student goal setting isn't a one-and-done event. It's a practice - a muscle educators and students continue to build. MCS teachers will guide their students through goal setting workshops that include resources derived from NWEA based on their test scores. Every K-8 MCS student will develop target goals for expected learning.</p>
<p>Are there resources to learn more?</p>	<p>Getting ready for MAP Growth Testing: <a href="http://nwea.org/blog/category/supporting-familie">nwea.org/blog/category/supporting-familie</a> Family resources: <a href="http://nwea.org/familytoolkit">nwea.org/familytoolkit</a></p>

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