

## MAP Growth Newsletter Information

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*2018-2019*

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MAP Growth is an online assessment tool used for instructional purposes. MAP Growth is an adaptive assessment that provides each student a personalized testing experience with data that speaks to their individual progress and growth in mathematics and reading. Practice tests and accommodations are available. MAP Growth will be administered three times per year during the ASD Benchmark windows: fall, winter and spring. The benchmark windows for 2018-2019 are:

- Fall—September 4 - September 24
- Winter—November 26 - December 14
- Spring—April 22 - May 10

MAP Growth practice tests are available to allow students the opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions and tools available on the actual MAP Grow assessments such as, the highlighter and calculator. Practice tests are provided at [practice.mapnwea.org](https://practice.mapnwea.org) and require login information (**USERNAME: grow** **PASSWORD: grow**) to access.

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## Frequently Asked Questions



### **What is MAP Growth?**

MAP Growth is an online assessment tool used for instructional purposes. It is an adaptive assessment that provides each student a personalized testing experience with data that speaks to his/her individual progress and growth in mathematics and reading. MAP Growth is designed to provide detailed information about student achievement on the standards to better inform classroom instruction.

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### **How does an adaptive assessment work?**

When taking a MAP Growth test, the difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers the previous questions. As a student answers correctly, questions become more difficult. If a student answers incorrectly, the questions become easier. Because MAP Growth looks at individual performance on each item, a student is not tested on the same items or the same amount of items as other students.

MAP Growth is designed so that most students will answer about half of the questions correctly, meaning there are some items on the test that a student does not know how to do. This allows the assessment to find a student's instructional level, which provides teachers, students and parents a way to understand what kids have already mastered and where their learning needs to go next. It also helps students avoid the frustration levels associated with having to answer a preset amount of questions since the test stops when the student's instructional level is determined.

### **How often are students assessed?**

MAP Growth is an interim assessment and is administered three times a year in the same ASD Benchmark Windows for all students: fall, winter and spring.

### **How long are the MAP Growth assessments?**

Both MAP Growth reading and mathematics assessments are untimed, but each content section is estimated to take approximately 1 hour to complete.

### **Are accommodations allowed for students with disabilities?**

Yes, some accommodations and student supports are available on MAP Growth. For more information on MAP Growth accommodations and student supports visit, <https://www.nwea.org/resources/accessibility-and-accommodations-faq/>.

### **How will MAP Growth scores be used?**

Assessment data is secure and used for instructional purposes. MAP Growth results are available within 24-hours so that teachers can immediately start using the data as part of MTSS and educational best practices.

### **Are there practice tests for MAP Growth?**

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### **Where can I get more information on MAP Growth?**

For more information on MAP Growth, please talk with your child's principal or visit the NWEA website, <https://www.nwea.org/map-growth/>.

# MAP Growth Practice Tests



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There are two ways to access MAP Growth Practice Tests:

**1. Option 1 (Anywhere with Internet):** Go to [practice.mapnwea.org](https://practice.mapnwea.org)

- Generic login information required
  - **USERNAME:** grow
  - **PASSWORD:** grow
- Select the options for Grade, Subject, Language and Test
  - If needed, select the **Text-To-Speech** checkbox

**2. Option 2 (In School Only—Requires the MAP Growth application):**

- Open the MAP Growth Insight Testing Engine application on iMacs or Chromebooks
- Select, *Try the Practice Test*
- Generic login information required
  - **USERNAME:** grow
  - **PASSWORD:** grow
- Select the options for Grade, Subject, Language and Test
  - If needed, select the **Text-To-Speech** checkbox

For further support, teachers may reference the *MAP Growth Proctor Guide*, page 5, posted on the MAP Growth Support Central site.