



MEASURE OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS (MAP TESTING)

At Horizon Christian School students in grades 2-8 take the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test twice a year (October and April). Students are tested in the area of reading, language and math.

Horizon Christian School began using the MAP test in September of 2016.

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What is MAP?

The MAP was created by Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA). It is a computer adaptive test, which means every student gets a unique set of test questions based on responses to previous questions. As the student answers correctly, questions get harder. If the student answers incorrectly, the questions get easier. By the end of the test, most students will answer about half the questions correctly.

What does MAP measure?

MAP results are provided as a numerical RIT score. This score is used to measure a student's achievement level at different times of the school year and compute growth. Think of this like marking height on a growth chart. You can tell how tall your child is at various point in time and how much they have grown between one time and another.

What is a RIT score?

After each MAP test, students receive a RIT score. Think of the score as a student's height. The score reflects the student's academic knowledge, skills, and abilities like inches reflect height. Scores over time can be compared to tell how much growth a student has made, similar to measuring height with a ruler.

How do schools and teachers use MAP scores?

NWEA provides many different reports to help schools and teachers use MAP information. Teachers can see the progress of individual students and of their class as a whole. Students with similar MAP scores are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics. MAP also provides data around the typical growth for students who are in the same grade, subject, and have the same starting achievement level. This type of data is extremely helpful for our teachers as they instruct each student and help them to achieve their highest academic success.

*Taken from NWEA *A Parent's Guide to MAP*