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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Notre Dame Academy will be administering MAP Growth assessments during the month of October. Students who are remote-only will be able to take the test at home using their own device. We will be providing a schedule for remote testing in the coming days.

Below are some actions you can take to prepare your student for remote testing.

Test Preparation

Please make sure you complete the Prior to Test Day tasks as soon as possible so your student's device is ready for a practice session to ensure everything goes smoothly for the actual testing.

Prior to Test Day

1. Make sure your device has an internet connection
2. Disable pop-up blocking on your internet browser
3. Make sure your device meets testing requirements using the [Device Readiness Check](#)
4. Watch the MAP Growth [introduction video](#)
5. Practice the test at practice.mapnwea.org
(Username: grow, Password: grow)

On Test Day

1. Minimize distractions for your child as much as possible
2. Provide a quiet testing environment
3. Allow the teacher/proctor to open the session first
4. Log in at test.mapnwea.org
5. Make sure you have a way to communicate with the teacher/proctor during the test
6. Follow any additional instructions from the teacher/proctor.



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The NWEA MAP Growth Family Toolkit provides the following advice for parents/caregivers:

“The primary purpose of MAP Growth is to figure out what students know and what they’re ready to learn next so teachers can provide the most appropriate content to help them grow. Helping your child answer questions compromises test data and makes it harder for teachers to provide personalized instruction. We recommend that you encourage your child to do their absolute best, but that you don’t provide any hints or assist them in answering questions. It’s also great to remind them that unlike some tests they have taken, every student who takes the MAP Growth test gets some answers right and some answers wrong because the test is adapting to the student and providing harder or easier questions based on their answers.”

<https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/common-questions-families/>

Please contact Mr. Valvano if you have any questions about MAP Growth.

In The Peace of Christ,

Mr. Valvano