

Community Letter

Why MAP®?

Twice a year Arcadia students take tests called Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®). We give students MAP tests to determine each child's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of Math and Reading.

MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. And with MAP tests, we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about your child's growth. Each exam takes about 50 minutes to complete, but students can take as long as they need to finish.

Students in grades 6-9 take the tests in September and May in Math and Language Arts. Students in grades 10 and 11 take the tests during the same months in Math only. Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your child's growth. Some students may participate in Winter testing.

For more information on resources for parents, the intent of MAP testing and how to read test scores, click [here](#) or download NWEA's *Parent Toolkit*.

Sincerely,

Arcadia Testing Team