





It's that time again! Our yearly NWEA testing, which students complete every fall and spring, is right around the corner. Please read the information below to understand how the process will work this time. We appreciate your help in making this round of testing successful.

This fall, NWEA testing for 9th and 10th graders at ABHS will be completed remotely. Freshmen and sophomores will complete three tests over the course of three weeks according to the directions provided in this communication.


What is MAP Growth?



MAP Growth helps teachers understand what students know today, so goals can be set to improve growth throughout the year. **Students cannot pass or fail this test.**



This test will not affect grades. In fact, it's normal for students to only answer about half the questions correctly. **Please don't help them!**



Given the challenges of learning from home, MAP Growth test results are especially helpful for us this year. **These results will help us know what students are ready to learn.**

Testing sessions will be offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1pm – 3pm each week according to the following schedule:

Week of November 2 (11/2, 11/4, 11/5)	Writing and Language growth assessment
Week of November 9 (11/9, 11/11, 11/12)	Math growth assessment
Week of November 16 (11/16, 11/18, 11/19)	Reading growth assessment

Students will only need to log on for the number of sessions required to finish each adaptive assessment.

Generally, students are able to complete each test within 45 minutes. Some students/tests take less time and some more. Students will not be admitted into a test session after 2:30pm as this will not provide enough time for a worthwhile attempt.

Only one assessment will be offered each week, so students will not be able to log in once and complete all of the tests. This will need to be done over the course of the three-week schedule.

Students will be rostered into testing sessions based on their subject area teacher for each assessment (English teachers for Writing and Language, Math teachers for Math, and Social Studies for Reading).

Each test day, the session name and password will be shared via the high school's home webpage and by subject-area teachers. Unfortunately, we cannot share this information any earlier as the passwords change every day.

Prior to testing, it is imperative that devices are ready.

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)

We will have a Zoom available if students need to communicate with the test proctor during a test session. If students have technology issue which cannot be resolved during the testing session, they will make up the test during another session.

Topic: NWEA

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81369778158?pwd+bEJEdnVmWFRoNmJ0aGhDcDhVeDZhUT09>

Meeting ID: 813 6977 8158

Passcode: Xg62Va

As explained below, the data provided from NWEA testing allows us to make curricular adjustments and plan academic interventions. For this to be meaningful, we need meaningful data. Students are encouraged to give their best efforts. While they might need parental assistance to get started with testing, parents should not provide academic help during the test.

We appreciate your cooperation in making sure your student completes the NWEA testing remotely this fall. By working together, we provide our ABHS community the opportunity to thrive.

NWEA Information and Reports

NWEA describes its company as follows:

“NWEA is a research-based, not-for-profit organization that supports students and educators worldwide by creating assessment solutions that precisely measure growth and proficiency—and provide insights to help tailor instruction. For 40 years, NWEA has developed Pre-K–12 assessments and professional learning offerings to help advance all students along their optimal learning paths. Our tools are trusted by educators in 145 countries and more than half the schools in the United States.”

Our school uses testing data from NWEA to adjust curriculum and offer interventions for our students. We also measure growth from one testing cycle to another. I have listed some information from the NWEA website to help you interpret reports. For further questions, please visit the NWEA website at : <https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/>

What is a RIT Score?

After each MAP Growth test, results are delivered in the form of a RIT score that reflect students’ academic knowledge, skills, and abilities. Think of this score like marking height on a growth chart. You can tell how tall your child is at various points in time, and how much they have grown between one stage and another.

The RIT (Rasch Unit) scale is a stable, equal-interval scale. Equal-interval means that a change of 10 RIT points indicates the same thing regardless of whether a student is at the top, bottom, or middle of the scale. A RIT score has the same meaning regardless of grade level or age of the student. You can compare scores over time to tell how much growth a student has made.

How do teachers and schools use MAP Growth Scores?

MAP Growth helps schools and teachers know what your child is ready to learn at any point in time. Teachers can see the progress of individual students and of their class as a whole. Principals and administrators can see the progress of a grade level, school, or the entire district.

Since students with similar MAP Growth scores are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, it makes it easier for teachers to plan instruction. MAP Growth also provides typical growth data for students who are in the same grade, subject, and have the same starting performance level. This data is often used to help students set goals and understand what they need to learn to achieve their goals.