

What is a MAP Assessment?

A MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Assessment is a computerized test offered in Reading, Language Usage (3rd-8th grade at Drought), and Mathematics. The MAP is an adaptive test, which means that the difficulty of each question is based on how well the students answered the previous question. As questions are answered correctly, the questions become more difficult. If a question is answered incorrectly, the next question is easier.

How often are the tests administered?

Drought students will take the MAP assessment three times throughout the school year; September, January, and May.

When will parents get the results?

Parents will receive their child's test results at conferences, or sent home with their report card.

Why are we using the MAP Assessment at Drought?

The MAP is a valuable tool for two very important reasons:

- 1.) It is used to measure student growth throughout the year.
- 2.) Teachers use the specific results provided as tools to identify areas of need for each student. With this information teachers are able to provide specific instruction based on student need. Some students may need skills reinforced to ensure growth due to a low score. Other students may score high, and need to be challenged with certain skills at higher levels.

As a parent can I go to get more information?

You can open the PDF file "Parent Toolkit" that is located on our web page, or you can visit the NWEA website:

www.nwea.org