



## First MAP Growth Season/Introducing MAP Growth

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Dear Waimea Middle School Parent and Families,

During the first few weeks of school, between August 24<sup>th</sup> and September 23<sup>rd</sup>, your child will take a MAP<sup>®</sup> Growth<sup>™</sup> test from NWEA<sup>®1</sup> using a remote testing application downloaded on the Chromebook. MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. This type of test is called a universal screener and is required by the Charter School Commission for school accountability. Teachers will use results to guide classroom lessons and to set goals for students.

MAP Growth tests are unique, and they adapt to your child's responses to measure your child's skill level. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their grade level. To best help your child successfully navigate this first testing session, please make sure they have a quiet space to do their work for approximately one hour independently and that the practice session on August 20<sup>th</sup> runs smoothly.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it's easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics and to then plan instruction accordingly.

Since NWEA is new this year, we will be practicing with students this Thursday, August, 20<sup>th</sup> to familiarize them with the format of the login and questions. If your child has taken the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA), there should be some similarities.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement. For more information about MAP Growth, visit [NWEA.org/familytoolkit](https://www.nwea.org/familytoolkit).

Sincerely,

Janice English

Principal, Waimea Middle School

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NWEA stands for **Northwest Evaluation Association**. NWEA is a non-profit organization that has assessed over 4.5 million students.