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| **MAP Testing, Grades 2-5** |
| **Important Information**  **MAP Assessment Fall Administration**  On **Wednesday October 7th**and**Wednesday October 14th**, students in **grades 2-5 only** will take the Measured Academic Progress (MAP) assessment in an online format.  This will change your weekly schedule so please mark your calendars.  Wednesdays are usually when students only work on asynchronous assignments.  Therefore, there will be a change in schedule for these two weeks only.  There will be two **LIVE** sessions of the Reading and Math test so that the testing sessions are smaller than a traditional class. Your child can attend **either** the morning or the afternoon session.   * **Reading MAP Assessment**will be given on**October 7 at 9:00am or 1:00pm.** * **Math MAP Assessment**will be given on**October 14 at 9:00am or 1:00pm.**   It is important that your child takes this assessment independently so that the results of the test are valid and useful when planning your child’s instruction and determining areas of academic need.  Google Meet Codes:   * ELA MAP - ELA Teacher code (the same code your child uses to attend their daily ELA class) * Math MAP - Math Teacher code (the same code your child uses to attend their daily Math class)   **All about MAP:**  MAP is a computer-adaptive test that can only be taken on the computer.  It adapts to each individual student.  As students answer questions correctly, the questions increase in difficulty.  If the students answer questions incorrectly then the difficulty of the questions decrease. The test will adjust to their academic level and provide teachers with data to guide their instruction in both reading and mathematics.  As the test progresses, it will get better at identifying the appropriate level for each student***.***The data from this MAP assessment will be used as a tool to help your child’s teachers measure where your child is starting the year academically. The MAP assessment does not affect grades and the difficulty adjusts depending on how your child responds. It is normal for students to only answer about half the questions correctly.  As your child is taking the MAP assessment, they will be in a Google meet with their teacher using the same teacher code that they use for daily instruction.  Parents/Guardians may need to help students navigate the technology and get to the correct site, however that is the only help that we are asking caregivers to give their child. Teachers will be online with the students as they take the test to monitor their progress and address any issues they may be having.  The Howard County Public School System intends to give the assessment in the winter and spring to measure how your child’s learning is progressing throughout the year. Those dates will be forthcoming. Please contact your child’s teacher with any questions.  To learn more about the MAP assessment, please visit: [https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/common-questions-families/](https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http:%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FHCWs_BpCViWOHCO76gDckQ~~%2FAAAAAQA~%) |
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