

Dear Parent,

Dothan City Schools students in seventh grade and eighth grade will take the MAP® Growth™ test from NWEA® three times each year. MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students.

MAP Growth tests are taken on the computer and 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.

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 then plan instruction accordingly.

Your student will come to the Dothan City Virtual School to complete their MAP® Growth™ Assessment(s) on the following days:

7th Grade

Monday, Sept. 13: Last names beginning with A-G

Tuesday, Sept. 14: Last names beginning with H - P

Wednesday, Sept. 15: Last names beginning with Q - Z

8th Grade

Thursday, Sept. 16 Last names beginning with A - J

Friday, Sept. 17: Last names beginning with K - Z

Testing for reading and math will begin at 8:30 and will end at approximately 10:30.

If your child was issued a DCS Chromebook, they will need to bring the device for testing. If your child was not issued a DCS Chromebook, a sanitized device will be provided for testing. Please drop off your student in front of the DCVS (blue building behind DPA) and pick them up in front of the school at the end of the test session.

The student will be greeted by a staff member and social distancing will be maintained. Masks must be worn.

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).