



River Forest
Public Schools

MAP: Measures of Academic Progress

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) are state-aligned tests that assess reading and math skills, accurately reflect the instructional level of each student, and measure growth over time. These assessments, which students take on a computer, are unique in that they adapt to each student's ability during the test, accurately measuring what a child knows and needs to learn. In addition, MAP tests measure academic growth over time, independent of grade level or age.

Most important, the results have practical application to teaching and learning. MAP test results, which are available for staff use within 48 hours, provide us with timely information that guides instructional planning and school improvement.

Educators use MAP tests to do the following:

- Identify the skills and concepts individual students have learned.
- Diagnose instructional needs of individual students.
- Monitor academic growth over time.
- Make data-driven decisions at the classroom, school, and District levels.
- Scores depend on two things: how many questions are answered correctly and the difficulty of each question.