

Wyoming City Schools
Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)
Frequently asked Questions and Answers for Families

1. What is MAP? MAP is an adaptive-measure, computer-based assessment. It is aligned to State Standards in English/Language Arts and Mathematics.

2. Why is Wyoming City Schools administering MAP? Wyoming City Schools administers assessments to all students in select grade levels and content areas for instructional planning purposes. MAP has many benefits and will be used to guide instruction, to differentiate curriculum and plan activities for re-teaching, to review, to enrich, to benchmark student achievement locally, at the state level, and nationally; to determine student growth throughout the year and across grade levels; and to assess students reading abilities, as well as to identify gifted and talented students.

3. In what subjects will my child be assessed? Students in grades kindergarten through eight will be assessed in reading and mathematics.

4. What types of test items are included? The test consists of multiple-choice and item-provided questions. The test features animation and application within these tests items. Students are not constructing written responses within the MAP assessments.

5. How long are the assessments and how many times a year will my child be assessed? The assessments are approximately forty-five (45) minutes in length per subject. Students at the primary level will have two sessions per subject so each session will be approximately twenty-five (25) minutes. Students will be given the reading and math assessments three times per year.

6. Can my child study for these assessments? No. The assessments are designed to gather information about what the student knows now. MAP is aligned to the grade-level standards and curriculum used within the classrooms. Students do not need to study for the assessment.

7. Do all students in my child's grade take the same assessment? Yes and no. All students will be administered reading and math tests. Students within each grade are provided grade-level questions within the reading and math tests. The MAP assessments are adaptive in nature. As the test is delivered to the individual student, students who can demonstrate knowledge and understanding at a deeper level will be provided more challenging questions. Students who need more of a foundation or require scaffolding may receive reinforcement questions. Student questions are constructed based upon the individual student's readiness for more or less complex tasks.

8. When will I receive my child's results? At the conclusion of each assessment, the student will receive a screen indicating they have successfully completed the testing session. A score report will be available approximately one month after the testing window closes.

9. How will my child's results be used? Student test results will be used to inform instruction and make decisions regarding curriculum. Student scores will be analyzed individually, as a classroom, and as a grade level to inform instructional practices.

10. Will MAP provide guidance for teachers at the high school level? Yes. MAP is aligned to the College Readiness Benchmarks for PSAT and ACT.