



**New! All CVS Students will participate in NWEA (MAP) Assessments in September**

Chippewa Valley has added common benchmark assessments in Mathematics and English Language Arts for all students in grade K-11 this school year at all schools. Three times during each school year (fall, winter & spring), students will take computerized assessments called Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®).

The purpose of this assessment is to provide data on students' growth over time in the areas of mathematics and English Language Arts so that teachers can use this data to inform instruction. The resulting data allows teachers to see the instructional ranges within their classroom and begin to target their teaching to specific skills students need. This allows for more individualized instruction within the classroom to meet the needs of all learners.

MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. And with MAP tests, we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about your child's academic growth. Over the next few days, your child will spend a total of about three hours completing these tests (kindergarten through second grade is only two hours). This assessment score will be used in conjunction with many other pieces of data we use to develop the whole picture of your child. All assessments can be impacted by items such as student familiarity, perceptions about testing, anxiety, and student engagement. This data will be just one piece of the picture; other measures of academic progress will continue to include MEAP, MME, DRA (K-2) and individual building and/or teacher assessments.

We are truly excited to begin a new era that focuses on every child's individual growth and achievement. As the school year progresses and we complete the winter testing session we will be sharing more information about the MAP assessments and your child's scores. We look forward to using the MAP results to continue working with parents to improve student achievement. Partnering to help all kids learn, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children.

Attached is a [parent tool-kit](#) with more information about NWEA (MAP) assessment, please refer to this and /or call your child's teacher, principal or myself with any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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