

Dear DCJHS Parents,

Next Friday, August 28th, your child will take a Reading MAP® Growth™ test from NWEA® on their iPad. We give students MAP Growth tests to determine their instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year (and from year to year).

MAP Growth tests are unique in that they adapt to your child's level of learning. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This results in a detailed 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 ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly. DCJHS utilizes this data to place students in various groups and classes that will best meet their learning needs.

MAP Growth reports also provide typical growth data for students who are in the same grade, subject and have the same starting performance level. Each school year, students in grades K-10 take assessments during August, January, and March. Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your child's growth, which you can review with your child's teacher for more insight.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement. For more information about the MAP Growth test, visit [NWEA.org/Parent-Toolkit](https://www.nwea.org/Parent-Toolkit).

Sincerely,

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