



Parents/Guardians of Remote Learners,

The Ohio Department of Education requires schools to use a universal screener to track progress and determine instructional needs of students. At Keystone Local Schools, we use the NWEA's Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing to help identify those student needs. We administer MAP testing in Math and Reading to our students in grades K-12, and in Science for grades 3-8. Normally, we test three times a year; however, with the changes impacting this school year, we will be testing only twice: once in the Fall (September/October) and once again in the Spring (March). Following the MAP testing, parents will receive reports explaining the results of these assessments. In addition, our teachers analyze this data to help support students based on their needs, and design instruction to meet those needs. Due to COVID-19 and the abrupt changes last spring, it is very important that we MAP test to determine current instructional levels of our students.

MAP assessments are also used to identify students in grades K-3 who are in need of a Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan (RIMP), which provides additional support and interventions to help students improve reading skills.

Gifted identification at Keystone Local Schools follows the Operating Standards for Identifying and Serving Gifted Students, Ohio Administrative Code 3301-51-15, March 2008, and is based on achievement scores from state-approved testing taken by your child in a whole-group setting or on another referral assessment administered by qualified personnel. In addition to student instructional needs, MAP assessments are also used to identify potentially gifted students in grades two through ten. As a district, we are responsible to ensure that students are tested under acceptable conditions and that test results are reliable and valid when being used for gifted identification. Following all safety protocols, remote students will be given the opportunity to sign up and come in to take the MAP tests in person. For the Spring testing, we will not be holding a remote MAP testing session. If you would like your child to MAP test, please use the sign-up form below to register for in-person testing by March 3.

[SIGN UP FORM](#)

All students signing up to come in person must wear a mask and conduct a health assessment prior to coming into the building. Students will enter through the KES cafeteria doors and sign in. Please use the middle-school parking lot to park and bring your child to the door. Please have your bring a book or some quiet work to have if he or she finishes testing early. Parents must sign students out of the building and have a photo ID available for staff. Thank you!!

MAP testing will be given from 9-11:30 on the following dates:

Reading (K-12): Monday March 8 or Tuesday March 9

Math (K-12): Wednesday March 10 or Thursday March 11

Science (Grades 3-8) Friday March 12

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