



# ANTIOCH SCHOOL DISTRICT 34

*Inspiring personal excellence.*

Dr. Jay Marino, Superintendent

September 2016

Dear District 34 Families,

This is the time of year that students participate in the Northwest Evaluation Association's Measures of Academic Progress® (NWEA MAP) assessment. These tests assist us in determining your child's instructional level and measure his/her academic growth throughout the school year and from year to year in the areas of Math, Reading, and Language Usage. Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students are tested in Reading and Math only.

MAP tests are unique in that they are adaptive tests your child takes on a computer. This means that the test becomes more difficult the more questions your child answers correctly. When your child incorrectly answers a question, the test becomes easier. Therefore, your child's test is specifically created for his or her learning level.

Your child's MAP results are reported in **RIT scores** and **percentiles**. These are different types of scores than a typical test that provides a percentage correct.

- The RIT score is an equal-interval scale, like feet and inches, that is independent of grade level. As a result, we can easily measure growth in learning. This type of score increases the value of the tests as a tool to improve student learning because it enables teachers to recognize where to focus attention for your child's learning.
- The percentile indicates where the student scored in relation to all other students (not just within his/her school or in the District) who have taken the NWEA MAP assessment at his/her grade level during the same testing window.

Students in Antioch School District 34 have been taking the NWEA MAP test for over 10 years and you are probably already familiar with your child's score report.

The Fall 2016 MAP assessment is fully comprised of CCSS aligned questions. We will be able to gather comparison data with previous assessments and help us in our work as we continue to march towards personal excellence.

For more information on resources for parents, please download the **Parent Toolkit** under the Partner Support tab. <http://www.nwea.org/support/article/930>

Thank you for taking an active interest in your child's education.

Sincerely,

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