

MAP® Growth™ Testing Guidelines at Western Academy of Beijing

What is MAP® Growth™?

MAP® Growth™ measures what students know and informs what they’re ready to learn next. By dynamically adjusting to each student’s responses, MAP® Growth™ creates a personalized assessment experience that accurately measures performance. MAP® Growth™ provides timely and immediate feedback to inform student’s progress and instruction.

What MAP® Growth™ is not?

MAP® Growth™ is not a competitive or comparative test, such as the IB Diploma or AP. It is not a test that students “pass”. It will not be used for purposes other than providing data to teachers, students and parents about his/her learning. It is not a placement test, nor a test used to gain entrance to another school.

Why MAP® Growth™ ?

MAP® Growth™ measures growth and proficiency, and provides insights to help tailor instruction. MAP® Growth™ focuses on student growth over time while measured against international standards. MAP® Growth™ provides teachers and parents with concrete, timely feedback that guides instruction and next steps. Instruction can be personalized based on student’s assessment results.

Who is Assessed?

WAB students from Grade 3 through Grade 10

What Areas will be Assessed?

WAB will use MAP Growth to assess students in Mathematics, Readings and Language. Each assessment takes approximately 50 minutes however it is not timed.

Assessment Timeline

MAP Growth Assessments will be administered twice annually. In both the Spring and Fall sessions. Occasionally some identified students may complete a winter assessment. Families will be notified in advance if students will complete the winter assessment.

Assessment Timeline		
What?	When?	Who?
Fall Window	August- September	All Students Grade 3-10
Winter Window	January-February	Students identified on Support Plans (Parents will be contacted individually if a student will be assessed)
Spring Window	April -May	All Students Grade 3-10

How Can I Help my Child Prepare?

MAP is an adaptive assessment that is individualized to each child's learning profile. As such you cannot study or prepare for MAP. As a parent you can support your child through the following ways:

- make sure your child gets a good night's rest prior to the test
- encourage your child eat well prior to the test
- remind children the test is not a race
- encourage your child to try their best

Sharing of Results

MAP Growth is a tool, that shows students' growth trajectory over time. As student's complete assessments they are compared to students who did similarly. Using this data MAP sets a target for expected growth result. MAP Growth reveals how much growth has occurred between testing events and, when combined with our norms, shows projected proficiency. Educators can track growth through the school year and over multiple years. Data sets become more reliable over time. Testing results will be shared with parents two weeks after testing is completed. The exact date will be shared via WAB weekly and the WS calendar.