

Remote Testing Parent Questions (MAP Growth)

What do I need to provide remote testing at home?

You will need to provide the following things for your child for a successful test taking session:

- A device to take the test on (a computer or iPad)

NOTE: Some districts/schools will provide devices to your child. If you have questions about which device to use, please speak to your child's teacher or proctor.

- A quiet test taking environment, with limited or no distractions to help students remain engaged
- If necessary for your student, assistive technology should be provided by the district or school.

How do I create the best testing environment at home?

The best advice we have is to create a test taking atmosphere that is conducive to focus and engagement. We suggest removing any toys or additional electronics from the test taking area and reducing the amount of activity that might be around the student while testing. (e.g. siblings watching TV in the same room). It can also be helpful to reduce loud noises or conversations that may occur in or around the same space as the student. It is also a good idea to make sure that the student has eaten before the test, to remove any interruptions that hunger may cause. An environment with limited distractions helps students stay engaged and focused on their assessment. When students are focused, they are better suited to do their best, ensuring reliable, accurate insights for their teacher to personalize instruction.

How do I prepare my child to take tests online?

Before your child begins, ensure the device they're planning to use is working and ready for a successful test session. This usually means following the instructions provided by the school on how to set up a device and/or using our interactive device readiness check to confirm your device is compatible. Prior to the assessment, provide emotional support and remind your child this is a special kind of test designed to figure out what they know and is not tied to their grades. Students may not be accustomed to tests that have such a wide range of questions and may need support if they become frustrated. For younger students, watching one of the videos from a student's perspective in Understanding the MAP Suite section of the [Family Toolkit](#) may be helpful ([Michael's Story](#) or [Lyla's Story](#)).

How do I make sure our equipment works and can feel assured my child's answers are getting submitted and recorded correctly?

Your child's teacher or proctor should walk their students through a device check before the test, but you can also check your own equipment ahead of time by using our [interactive device readiness check](#). If you receive a "This machine has passed the check" result, your device is ready to test. If you receive a "This machine has failed the check" result, we suggest talking to the teacher or proctor about how to overcome any technical issues.

Can I help my child if they struggle or get frustrated?

The primary purpose of MAP Growth is to figure out what students know and what they're ready to learn next so teachers can provide the most appropriate content to help them grow. Helping your child answer questions compromises test data and makes it harder for teachers to provide personalized instruction.

We recommend that you encourage your child to do their absolute best, but that you don't provide any hints or assist them in answering questions. It's also great to remind them that unlike some tests they have taken, every student who takes the MAP Growth test gets some

answers right and some answers wrong because the test is adapting to the student and providing harder or easier questions based on their answers.

What should I expect during the test?

Your child will answer around 45 – 50 questions, which come in a variety of formats (e.g. multiple choice, drag-and-drop, etc.). They will only be answering questions about a single subject in a single test session (e.g. math). Videos are available in the *Understanding the MAP Suite* section of our [Family Toolkit](#), and we encourage you to watch with your student.

What will my child receive at the end of the test?

The test will notify your child that the test is complete and, depending on the district policy, might receive their RIT score on the final screen. (to understand what a RIT score is, see “What is a RIT Score” in our Common Questions or watch the *What is MAP Growth?* video in the “Understanding the MAP Suite” section of the [Family Toolkit](#).)