



Parent Information for Fall 2020 NWEA MAP Administration

*****The week of September 8th -September 11th will have NO LIVE CLASSES*****

Assignments (for K-4th Reading and Math; 5th Math, Reading, and Science) will be in Schoology only.

Harmony Public Schools administers the NWEA MAP Growth and Reading Fluency tests at the beginning of the year each year to establish baseline data for our scholars as well as to measure growth for our returning scholars that tested the previous year. This data is used to drive our instructional focus for each scholar as well as to identify trends within our campuses and district. As you know, this year is unique in that we are all beginning this instructional year remotely and we will need your assistance in ensuring that the integrity and validity of our assessments are maintained. To do this, we have created this document for you to help you navigate the NWEA MAP assessment and answer any questions you may have.

Who

Students in grades K-10 (with limited exceptions) will take the NWEA MAP Growth Test. Please use the chart below to see which tests each grade will be administered.

Grade	MAP Reading Fluency (Sept 9 th)	Science (Sept 9 th)	Reading (Sept 10 th)	Math (Sept 11 th)
K-1	MAP Reading Fluency		K-2 Reading Growth	K-2 Math Growth
2	MAP Reading Fluency		2-5 Reading Growth	2-5 Math Growth
3			2-5 Reading Growth	2-5 Math Growth
4-5		3-5 Science Growth	2-5 Reading Growth	2-5 Math Growth

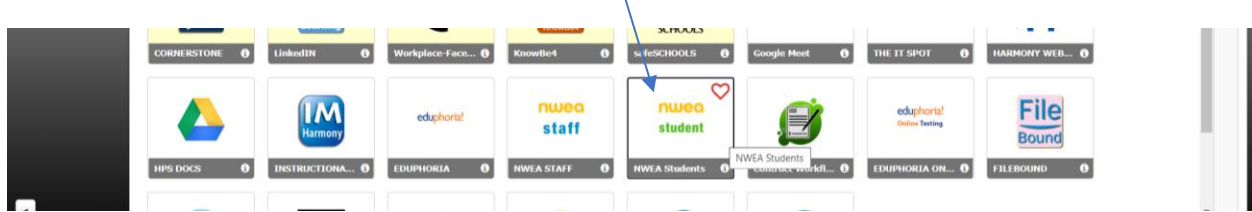
The only students that are not required to test (but may if the campus would like) are STAAR Alt2 students. Campus Testing Coordinators will submit names of STAAR Alt2 students to central office to have those students removed from internal reporting.

Technology

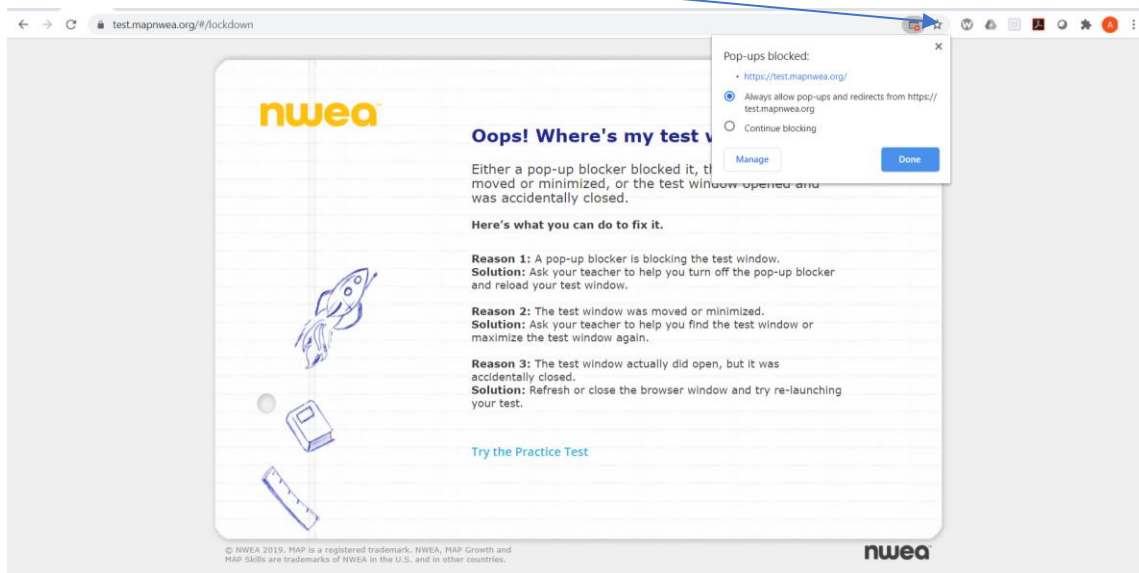
Your scholar is scheduled to take these online assessments between September 8th - September 11th. **We are asking each family to complete this technology check by September 4th so that we can help you troubleshoot any issues that your family may experience before the testing window begins.** To check if your device meets the minimum requirements, please click [here](#).

Log in

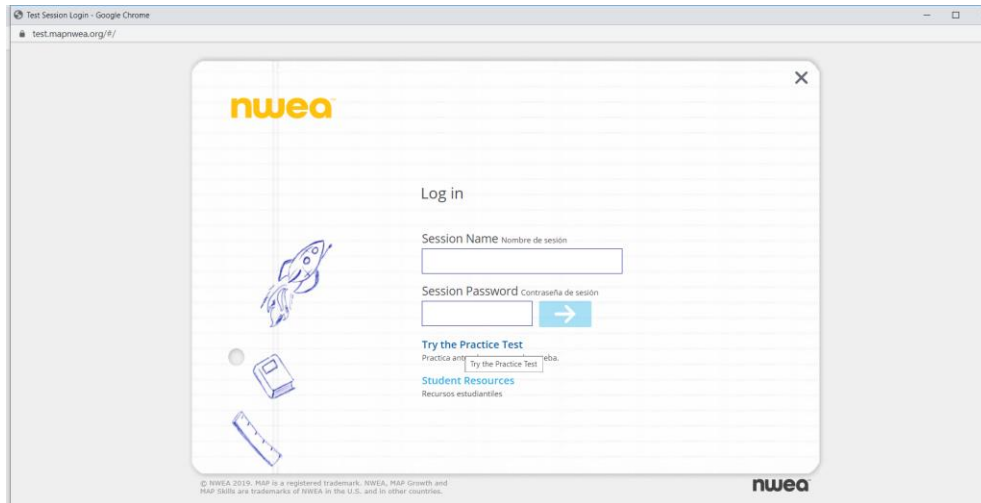
Each student will log on to the NWEA MAP testing platform from their Harmony student portal account. The student will click the “nwea student” icon.



If you receive an error message, check to see if you have a red error indicator in the address bar blocking pop-ups. If so, click on the icon and choose “Always allow.” and “Done” to fix it.



On the log in screen, there will be an opportunity to take a practice test if your student is unfamiliar with this testing platform. The practice test is not scored in any way and will simply serve as a tool to help familiarize them with the platform and format of the assessments.



How

All NWEA MAP Sessions will be proctored via Zoom by personnel from your scholar's campus. Your scholar's instructors will provide them with the Zoom session information as well as any required test-specific log in information for your scholar.

When

The Fall 2020 NWEA MAP Administration is scheduled to be administered from September 8th – September 28th. The administration window will be as follows.

Date	MAP Reading Fluency (K-2)	Reading (K-5)	Math (K-5)	Science (4 & 5)
September 8 (Tuesday)	Practice MAP Sessions (using the same schedule as Thursday for Reading)			
September 9 (Wednesday)	X			X
September 10 (Thursday)		X		
September 11 (Friday)			X	

Make-up testing may be completed after the student tests on the same day or into the next week at the guardian's request. While these tests do not have a time limit, the average time spent by Harmony students in 2019 was just over one hour. We urge our families to monitor their scholar(s) closely when they are taking this assessment to make sure that their scholar is taking their time, using their testing strategies, and putting forward their best efforts to ensure that we receive the most accurate data about your student.

Test Security

During an in-person administration of this assessment, the test proctor is able to walk around the room to monitor each scholar and make sure that each scholar is taking their time and behaving responsibly. In this new virtual setting, we are asking for your assistance in making sure that your scholar's test is secure and they are following testing expectations such as the following

- Make sure they have completed the technology check by September 4th.
- If your scholar is unfamiliar with the testing platform, we will be completing a practice test with them to make sure they are familiar with the platform as well as make sure they know how to get into the Zoom session
- During the Zoom test administration, please monitor your scholar to make sure they are taking their time and using their testing strategies
- During the Zoom test administration, please do not allow your scholar to have any other windows open on their computer other than their MAP test and their Zoom.
- During the Zoom test administration, please do not allow your scholar to use any outside resources
- During the Zoom test administration, please make sure that your scholar does not have access to their cell phone.

Accessibility

For our scholars with documented supports needed for STAAR testing, we will implement those supports as much as possible for the corresponding MAP tests.

Troubleshooting and Additional Questions

For any troubleshooting or additional questions, please contact your students homeroom teacher or Campus Testing Coordinator at shimmetoglu@harmonytx.org