

## CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS

## **Educational Services**

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Each fall and an additional one or two times per school year, Chippewa Valley Schools' students in grades K-10 are assessed in math and reading using NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress). MAP tests are computer adaptive tests, meaning the tests adjusts to the readiness level of each child.

Our teachers, our schools, and our district use MAP results to:

- Monitor student growth over time
- Guide classroom instruction
- Determine appropriate interventions and supports
- Adjust curriculum and teaching practices

Parents can use MAP results to:

- Monitor a child's growth over time
- Help children set and work toward goals
- Identify a child's relative strengths and opportunities for improvement
- Access book recommendations at yourreadingpath.com
- Utilize web-based learning activities at khanacademy.org

MAP achievement is reported as a RIT score, which does not correlate to percent or standards-based scores to which we are accustomed. RIT scores have the same meaning across grade levels. If a fourth-grade student and an eighth-grade student have the same RIT score in reading, they are testing at the same level.

As a key component of our district's comprehensive assessment plan, MAP is one of the measures used to identify students who require additional support in reading and who, therefore, may be at-risk of retention at the end of third grade. Michigan law dictates that these students must be provided an Individual Reading Improvement Plan (IRIP).

If you have questions regarding NWEA MAP assessments, please contact your child's teacher or Chippewa Valley Schools' Coordinator of Student Learning, Mrs. Voss (586-723-2223).

Respectfully,

Walter A. Kozlowski

Director of Curriculum and Assessment

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