



Cherry Hill Public Schools

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

On November 1st, the Cherry Hill school district will begin implementing formative assessments called Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP) to all students in grades k – 9. The data from the MAP test will help determine each child's instructional level and measure academic growth – throughout the school year, and from year to year – in the areas of reading and math. All tests are completed on a computer.

MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to become appropriate for each child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. And with MAP tests, we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about each child's growth. MAP tests are designed to identify each individual child's instructional level, teachers will then have nationally normed data to help identify strengths and weaknesses for each student throughout the year – and then establish classroom instruction to best meet the individual needs of each student.

For this school year, students will complete the MAP test during the months of November, January and June. Following the January testing period, each child will receive a detailed testing report which will be sent home for review.

We are truly excited to begin a new era that focuses on every child's individual growth and achievement. Partnering to help all students learn, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children. For more information on resources for parents, download the Parent Toolkit at www.nwea.org >> Partner Support.

Thank you for your time and consideration. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to visit our website, email or call for additional information.

Sincerely,

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