

# Fall 2020 NWEA MAP Growth Assessments

## Remote Testing Information for Families



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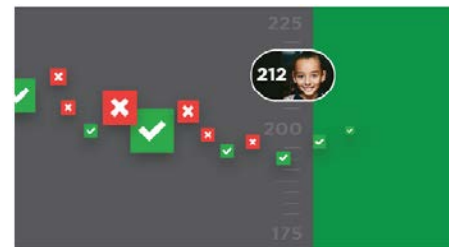


The beginning of this school year looks different than most...however, many things will remain the same, they will just be taking place at home instead of in the classroom

- NWEA MAP Growth Assessments (MAP Tests in Reading and Math) are one example
- This district MAP Test is taken three times a year during the regular school year
- In Fall 2020 instead of taking place in the classroom, it will take place at home with the teacher virtually assisting and observing the student(s) as they take the test

# What is the MAP test and why do our TPS students take it?

- The MAP Test is an adaptive test, meaning as your student answers each question the test determines if the student needs a harder or an easier question next. The purpose is to determine what your child knows and what they are ready to learn next





- Students take the MAP Test
  - To help teachers plan instruction based on what your child is ready to learn
  - To meet the following Ohio State Legislative requirements
    - Ohio Reading Diagnostics
    - Third Grade Reading Guarantee
    - Gifted Identification

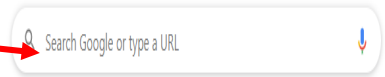
# What is the MAP Test like?



- It is a computer-based test
- Questions can be multiple choice, drag-and-drop, fill in the blank, etc.
- Each test has about 40-50 adaptive questions
- Student(s) can sometimes take up to 90 minutes taking the test
- Teachers may break each test up into two parts and have the student take it over two days
- This is not a test where your student is going to know every answer, this test is constructed in a way that students should not know every answer - so **please remind your child it is OK IF THEY DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER - THE WHOLE POINT OF THE TEST IS TO FIND OUT WHAT STUDENTS ALREADY KNOW AND WHAT THEY ARE READY TO LEARN NEXT!**
- It is not part of the student's report card grade

# Step #1 - Preparing your student for the MAP Test?

- Check that the Computer settings are ready for testing
- Have your student login to the Chromebook
- Open the Google Chrome Browser by clicking on the icon 
- Type: `check.nwea.org` into the Google Search 
- This site will run a test on your computer
- If you get the 'passed the check' message, the student is ready to test

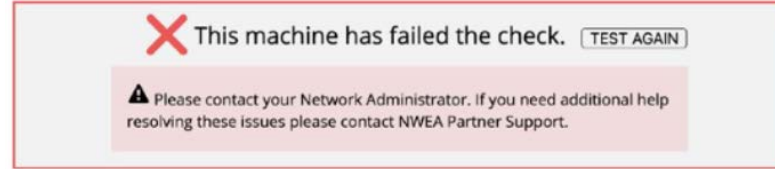


This machine has passed the check. [TEST AGAIN](#)

Devices that pass this check are much less likely to encounter issues that may disrupt testing.  
We recommend running this check on several workstations, in each testing lab, prior to your first day of testing.



# What should I do if the computer does not pass?



- If you received the computer on loan from TPS, please mention the problem to your student's teacher as soon as possible, prior to test day, and ask what your next steps should be to fix the problem
- If it is your personal computer, please contact your school and request to borrow a TPS computer

# Step #2 - Practice Tests for Your Student

Taking a Practice Test, prior to test day, will make you and your child more comfortable with the technology, test format, and the types of MAP questions asked prior to test day

Have your student login to the Chromebook

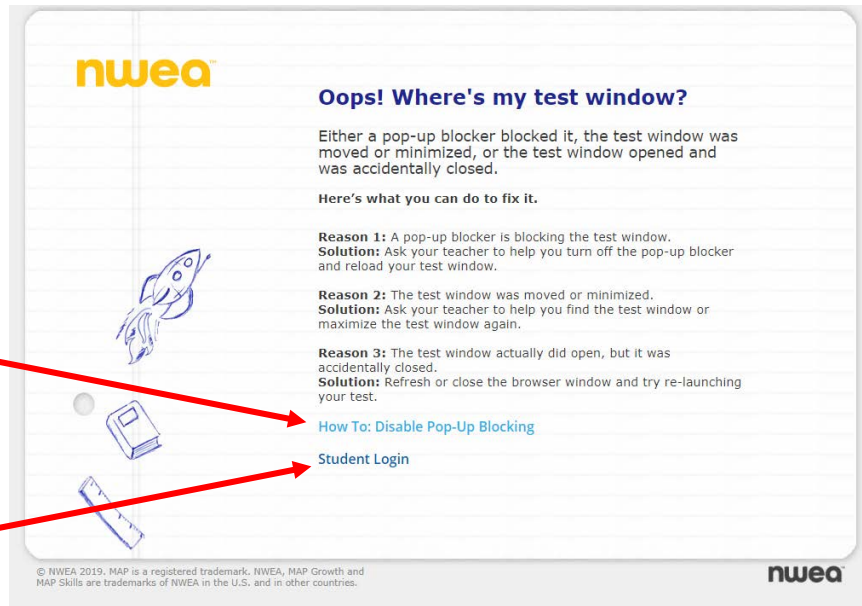
Open the Google Chrome browser by clicking the icon

Type **test.mapnwea.org** into the Google Search



If you get an 'OOPS!' message you will have to follow the steps to allow for 'pop-ups' on your computer - if this happens click on the 'How to: Disable Pop-Up Blocking' and follow the directions for Disabling pop-up blocking on 'Chrome'

After disabling pop-ups, click 'Student Login' to return to the testing screen



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## Oops! Where's my test window?

Either a pop-up blocker blocked it, the test window was moved or minimized, or the test window opened and was accidentally closed.

Here's what you can do to fix it.

**Reason 1:** A pop-up blocker is blocking the test window.  
**Solution:** Ask your teacher to help you turn off the pop-up blocker and reload your test window.

**Reason 2:** The test window was moved or minimized.  
**Solution:** Ask your teacher to help you find the test window or maximize the test window again.

**Reason 3:** The test window actually did open, but it was accidentally closed.  
**Solution:** Refresh or close the browser window and try re-launching your test.

[How To: Disable Pop-Up Blocking](#)

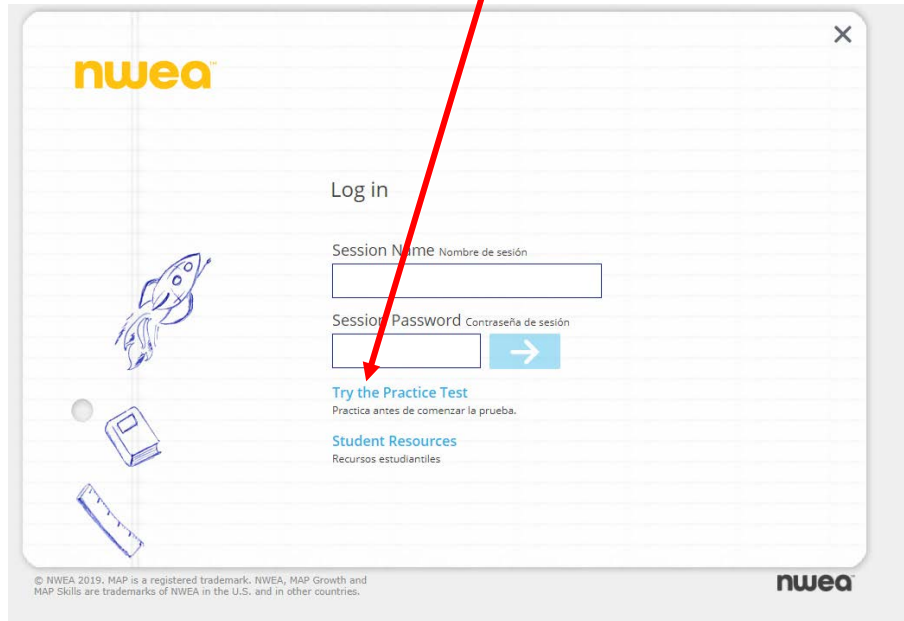
[Student Login](#)

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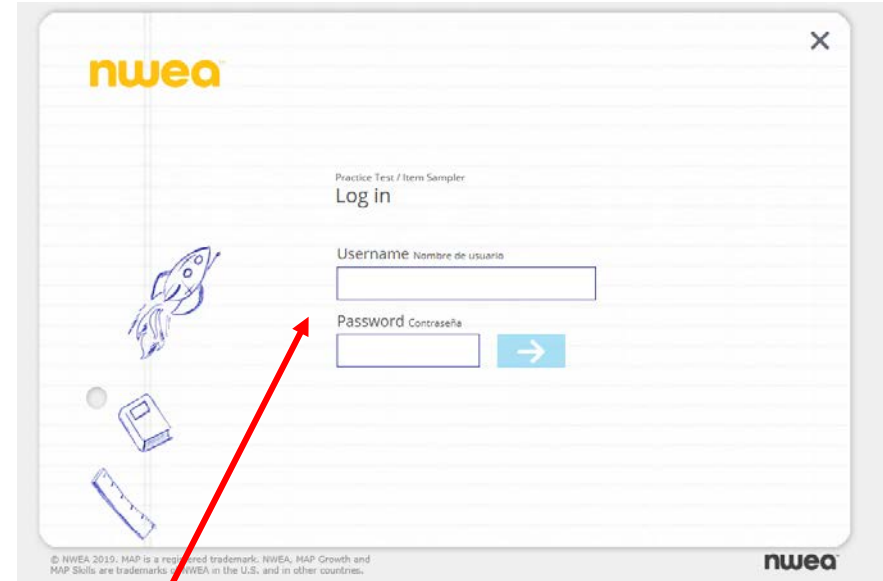
# How to Begin a Practice Test

Click on 'Try the Practice Test'



The screenshot shows the NWEA login interface. On the left, there is a graphic of school supplies: a rocket, a book, and a ruler. The main area contains the 'Log in' section with fields for 'Session Name' and 'Session Password', each followed by its Spanish translation. A blue arrow points to the 'Try the Practice Test' link, which is accompanied by the text 'Practica antes de comenzar la prueba.' Below this is a link for 'Student Resources' with the text 'Recursos estudiantiles'.

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This screenshot shows a zoomed-in view of the NWEA login page. A red arrow points from the 'Try the Practice Test' link in the previous screenshot to this one. The 'Log in' section is visible, showing the 'Username' and 'Password' fields with their Spanish equivalents. A blue arrow points to the right of the password field. The NWEA logo is in the top left, and the copyright notice is at the bottom.

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For the Practice Login Enter:  
Username = grow  
Password = grow

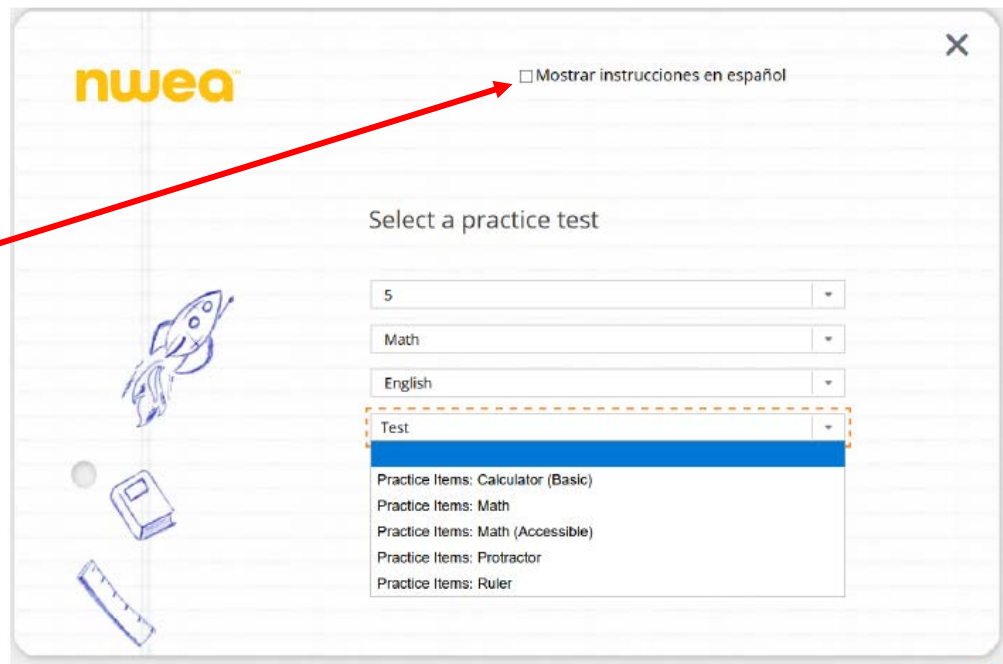


# How to Select a Grade Level and Subject Area for Practice Test

Have your child select their grade level and test they wish to practice from the drop-down choices

Do not put a check mark in the top box unless you want to practice the test in Spanish

In the last checkbox: Text-to-Speech is only allowed in Math - **NO TEXT-TO-SPEECH** is allowed for Reading



The screenshot shows the NWEA practice test selection interface. At the top left is the NWEA logo. In the top right corner, there is a checkbox labeled "Mostrar instrucciones en español" with an "X" icon to its right. Below this, the text "Select a practice test" is displayed. There are four drop-down menus: "5", "Math", "English", and "Test". The "Test" menu is open, showing a list of practice items: "Practice Items: Calculator (Basic)", "Practice Items: Math", "Practice Items: Math (Accessible)", "Practice Items: Protractor", and "Practice Items: Ruler". A red arrow points from the text "Do not put a check mark in the top box unless you want to practice the test in Spanish" to the "Mostrar instrucciones en español" checkbox.

# Answer Practice Items and Become Familiar with the Testing Format

- Practice with the navigation tools at the top of the test, different subject areas have different tools, so be sure to attempt both a Reading and a Math Practice Test



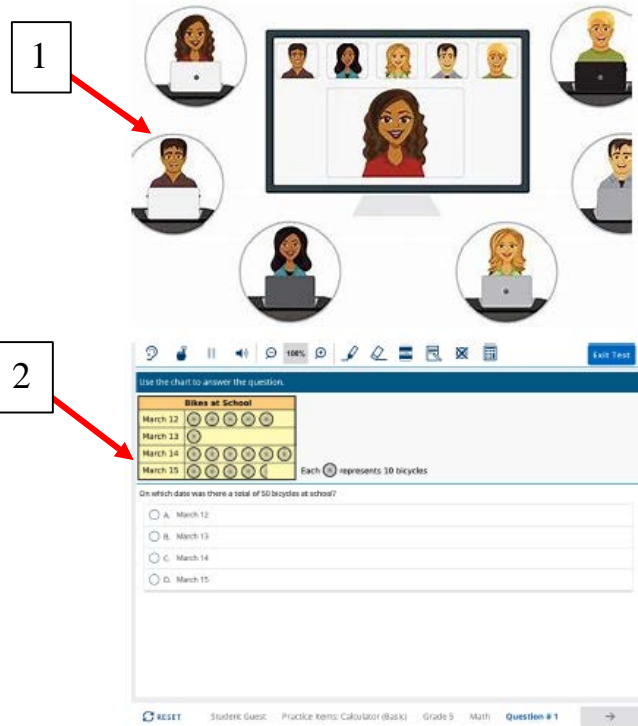
- Click on the blue arrows at the bottom of the test to move to the next practice item. Once students have clicked the blue arrow, they cannot return to previous items, so remind them to complete the current question before moving on



- Students may practice as often as you/they wish

# Step #3 - Helping your Student on Test Day

- Make sure your student gets plenty of sleep the night before the test
- Have your student eat a good breakfast and take a bathroom break before sitting down to test
- Set your student up to test in an area of the house that is quiet/free from distractions
- Give your student clean scrap paper (there can be no writing on the paper) and a pencil to use as needed during testing
- On the computer your student will need **TWO (2) Google Chrome browsers open:**
  1. For the video conferencing with the teacher
  2. For the MAP test:  
**test.mapnwea.org**



# Logging in to the Test

First, your student's teacher will provide instructions for starting the online video meeting. **Next**, your student will log-in to the MAP Test using the following steps:

**1**

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Log in

Session Name nombre de sesión  
G4Math

Session Password contraseña de sesión  
3773

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**3**

Please wait for the proctor to confirm your information.

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- ★ Try your best  
This test will show what you are ready to learn next
- 🧠 It's ok not to know all of the answers  
Some questions will be easy, others more difficult
- 🕒 Take your time  
If you seem to be going quickly, a teacher may check on you

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Mostrar instrucciones en espa

Sign in

Choose your name Student name missin

- Suzanne Banks
- Ke'Von Swift
- Keith Roma
- Rihanna Philpott
- Suzanne Banks

You are confirmed to start the test.

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1. Your student will log-in to the test using a Session Name and Session Password which the teacher will provide at the start of the test on test day
  - Once the Session Name and Session Password are typed in, your student will click the blue arrow
1. A Sign-in Screen will appear, your student should use the drop-down list to locate and click on their name
2. The Teacher will then confirm the student for testing
3. Once the teacher confirms, your student will receive a 'You Are Confirmed' message and will click the blue arrow to begin the test

# Testing and Ending the Test



- Remind your student before they begin:
  - All the test navigation tools are the same as they used on the Practice Test
  - That they cannot go back to a question once they have answered it and hit the 'Next' arrow
- Once your student begins:
  - Allow your student to work at their own pace (the teacher will assist in pacing the student via the video meeting)
  - Remind your student if they need a break or have a question, to communicate the need with their teacher via the video meeting screen
- When your student has completed their test they will follow any additional instructions from their teacher via the video meeting screen
- The teacher will inform you as to when and how your student's MAP Test score(s) will be shared with you