Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessments
Available on iPad with Optimized Version

Millions of U.S. students and teachers using MAP now have a delivery alternative that saves time and improves the testing experience.

Portland, OR – June 19, 2013 – Northwest Evaluation Association™ (NWEA™) announced today that its computer-adaptive assessments Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®) will be available in an iPad®-optimized version for the 2013-2014 school year. iPad-optimized MAP will be available via the Safari browser, with an app to be introduced at a later date. This new platform for MAP supports the widespread use of iPads in U.S. classrooms, and will significantly change the testing dynamic for students throughout the nation. Over 34 million MAP tests are administered each year on school computer systems.

With the introduction of iPad-optimized MAP assessments, educators will be able to administer the tests in their classrooms, freeing up computer labs for instruction. Allowing students to test in their own classrooms is also expected to improve the comfort level of test-taking students – a factor that will reduce test anxiety and contribute to test performance. In addition, the convenience of in-classroom testing will give teachers the freedom to devote more time to lessons and other curricular activities.

“Because student engagement is essential to the MAP test experience, the ability to administer MAP via iPads will provide students with a more authentic interaction,” says Matt Hicks, director of product strategy at NWEA, “especially in light of the new innovative technology-enhanced item types that are starting to be included in MAP assessments.”

The iPad-optimized MAP assessments in Math, Reading, Language Usage, and Science for grades 3+ will be available for administration next month.

All MAP assessments are aligned to the Common Core State Standards, and to individual state standards, providing educators with a window into each student’s proficiency level. The test reports also provide detailed subject-specific information about each student’s learning level and growth, so educators may take appropriate steps to enhance learning for each child, or intervene as necessary to keep their learning on track.

About Northwest Evaluation Association

Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) is a global not-for-profit educational services organization headquartered in Portland, Oregon. NWEA partners with educational organizations worldwide to provide computer-based assessment suites, professional development, and research services. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) adaptive assessments from NWEA leverage more than 30 years of research.
into student growth that informs decision making at every level, from classrooms to boardrooms. The NWEA research center, The Kingsbury Center, uses the Growth Research Database (GRD™) to drive original research with universities, foundations, and policymakers. Learn more at NWEA.org.

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