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DCPS Assessment Guide for Families

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Overview

Assessments within DCPS 4446

DCPS strives to uphold our commitment to students and families by prioritizing high quality instruction. A critical part of the teaching learning cycle, our assessments help educators support students on the path to success in grade-level learning. Strive to ensure that all students are prepared for the next steps in their education.

Resources by Assessment



Teaching Strategies GOLD

The Teaching Strategies GOLD Assessment is used in pre-kindergarten classrooms to assess student progress throughout the school year. It blends ongoing, authentic teacher observations across six areas of development and learning, including literacy and numeracy objectives. Early Childhood Education teachers collect documentation on children’s social emotional, physical, language, cognitive, literacy, and math abilities throughout the school year and assign ratings at the end of the fall, winter, and spring checkpoints to track children’s progress across the year.

Who takes the assessment?	Students in Pre-K3 and Pre-K4
When do they take it?	Student results are entered three times per school year

Helpful Resources for Families

Where can I find help with understanding my	Families can access resources through TeachingStrategies.com to learn ways to support learning at home.
Which student reports/additional information can I expect to receive?	The teacher will provide information about the three check points along with a report of the student’s current level and next steps for supporting student growth.
What are some questions I should ask when they receive student results?	

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NWEA MAP Math and Science

The Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®) Mathematics Content Assessments and Science Growth Assessments measure growth and projects proficiency on year-end tests. The MAP assessment helps teachers plan instruction to meet the needs of your student.

Who takes the assessment?	Students enrolled in Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra II Students in grades 6-8 Science courses. Students enrolled in Biology
When do they take it?	Three times throughout the school year
How long to complete the assessment?	Approximately 50-60 minutes

Helpful Resources for Families

Where can I find help with understanding my .	NWEA Family Toolkit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is MAP Growth ○ Michael's Story ○ Lyla's Story ○ Meet the Family Report ○ The Family Guide to MAP Growth
Which student reports/additional information can I expect to receive?	Families may request to review the student's report with their teacher.
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STAMP

The Standards-Based Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP) is an internationally recognized online test that assesses language proficiency in Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, French, Italian, or Spanish across four language skills: listening, reading, speaking, and writing.

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