



GREENFIELD-CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

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Dear Parent:

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has implemented a new system for the use of formative assessments in Indiana school corporations. Formative assessments are “interim” or more frequent tests used to check for understanding of Indiana academic standards. This information may be used to guide instructional decisions and to help identify intervention needs for students.

Greenfield-Central Schools use these formative assessments to guide instruction in grades Kindergarten through grade 10. The Indiana Department of Education is allowing local schools and corporations to select which vendor/assessment tool they would like to use through a grant application process.

Greenfield-Central has elected to use the following formative assessments for the 2017-18 school year:

Grade Level	Formative Assessment	Assessment Format
Kindergarten	NWEA MAP for Primary Grades	Online
Grade 1	NWEA MAP for Primary Grades	Online
Grades 2-10	NWEA MAP	Online

During the window of **August 7-22**, your child will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®). We give students MAP tests to determine your child’s instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of Reading, Mathematics and English Language. Your child will take the tests on a computer.

MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your 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 your child’s growth. Over the next few days, your child will spend a total of about **2 - 2 ½** hours completing these tests.

This school year, students in Kindergarten – grade 10 will take the tests in **August, December, and May**. Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your child’s growth.

We are truly excited to continue the use of assessments that focus on every child’s individual growth and achievement. **Partnering to help all children learn**, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children.

For more information on resources for parents, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

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