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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The School District of Elmbrook recently administered the Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP) assessment to all students in first through eighth grade and select groups at the high school level. The district's goal is to have timely assessment data that guides instruction and helps to determine students' instructional levels. MAP assessments are administered three times a year, fall, winter and spring. We are very excited to use MAP results as part of our Balanced Assessment Program. The data will be valuable in tracking your child's growth over time.

Enclosed you will find your child's MAP results. These reports reflect your child's instructional level and growth in the areas of math and reading. MAP assessments are taken on a computer using software that is programmed to adapt to how your child answers each question. The questions become more difficult as your child successfully progresses through the assessment. Conversely, when a child answers a question incorrectly, the questions become less difficult. In addition, these assessments are aligned with the School District of Elmbrook's curriculum and the State Standards.

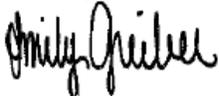
Your child's MAP results are reported in RIT scores. This is a different type of score than a typical test that provides a percentage of correct responses. MAP is also different from many tests that provide results based on your child's score compared to others in his or her grade. Instead, the RIT score is an equal-interval scale, like feet and inches, that is independent of grade level. As a result, student growth can be easily measured over time both throughout a school year and between years.

The MAP Reading results also provide another valuable piece of information about a student's reading ability, the Lexile measure. The Lexile measure is shown as a numerical range. Higher Lexile measures represent a higher level of reading ability. The Lexile score provides a tool to help educators accelerate student growth by helping to select books and curriculum materials that are appropriately challenging for each student. Lexile measures are used to monitor growth in reading ability over time. Parents can access the resource Find a Book at <http://www.lexile.com/fab/> to locate "just right" books by entering your child's Lexile range.

I hope you find your child's MAP reports informative. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher or building principal. For more information on resources, go to the Assessment and Accountability section on our district website which can be found in the Teaching and Learning Department: <http://www.elmbrookschoools.org/teaching-and-learning/index.aspx> and select MAP and MPG.

We are truly excited to continue this new educational era that encompasses the integration of student growth data as part of our educational system. When we partner together to help all students learn we can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children.

Sincerely,

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Emily Greiber

## MAP Fall Quick Reference Sheet

### Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP)

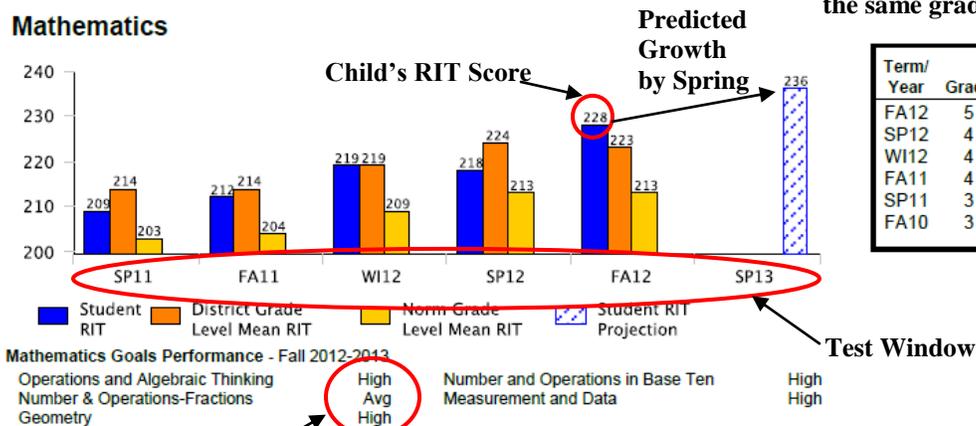
MAP tests are unique in that they are computer administered, adaptive tests. This means that during the test session, as your child answered questions correctly, the subsequent questions became increasingly difficult. When your child answered a question incorrectly, the following question was not as complex. The result is an assessment that is specifically tailored to the learning level of each individual student.

Your child's MAP results are measured using a RIT scale. The RIT scale is an equal-interval measure that works independent of grade level. As a result, we can measure growth in learning over time. The MAP assessments assist teachers in determining where to focus attention for your child's learning based on his or her readiness.

MAP testing is a powerful tool for monitoring student growth over time. See the sample report below for an explanation of your child's results. Included on your report is your child's RIT score, the district average (mean) and the national average (mean) for that grade level. Your child's report will only reflect MAP results for the windows in which he or she has taken the test.

\*A growth target (growth projection) is determined in the fall for each student by NWEA. These targets are formulated based on the typical growth of other students in the same grade level starting with the same RIT score.

### Mathematics



**Percentile Range:** On a scale of 1-99, this number indicates where your child ranked in comparison to all students who took this test across the country.

\*The 50<sup>th</sup> percentile is average.

### Goal Performance

High: Top 3<sup>rd</sup> of all Students Nationally  
 Avg: Middle 3<sup>rd</sup> of all Students Nationally  
 Low: Bottom 3<sup>rd</sup> of all Students Nationally