

FAMILY LETTER MAP



Hello 5K-8th Grade Families!

We hope this letter finds you well and that you and your child are enjoying a successful start to the new school year at HCA. We are writing to provide you with important information about an assessment that plays a vital role in our commitment to delivering high-quality education: the MAP Growth Assessment.

MAP Growth is a widely recognized and innovative assessment designed to measure achievement and growth in the key subject areas of math and reading. As educators, it is crucial for us to have accurate and actionable evidence that helps us target instruction for each student, regardless of their current level in relation to their grade.

The MAP Growth assessment is administered to all students in 5K through 8th grade three times a year, during the Fall, Winter, and Spring terms. At HCA, our testing windows for the MAP Growth assessment are as follows:

- Fall Testing Window: August 14th to August 25th
- Winter Testing Window: January 3rd to January 19th
- Spring Testing Window: April 15th to April 26th

By conducting the MAP Growth assessment at regular intervals, we gain valuable insights into your child's academic progress and growth throughout the school year. This information enables our teachers to personalize instruction and provide targeted support to meet each student's unique needs. We firmly believe that this individualized approach fosters a more effective and enriching learning experience for your child.

MAP Growth goes beyond traditional standardized tests by adapting to each student's performance level. The assessment dynamically adjusts the difficulty of the questions based on a student's responses, ensuring that it remains challenging yet attainable. This adaptive nature provides a more accurate and comprehensive picture of your child's academic abilities and growth over time.

We would like to emphasize that the MAP Growth assessment is not a high-stakes test; it is meant to be a tool that guides our instructional decisions and supports your child's academic journey. It helps us understand where your child excels and where they may need additional support, allowing us to tailor our teaching methods to meet their specific needs.

We encourage you to discuss the MAP Growth assessment with your child and emphasize the importance of doing their best. Remind them that this assessment provides valuable information that assists their teachers in providing the most effective instruction and support possible.

If you have any questions or require further information about the MAP Growth assessment, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to support you and your child throughout the testing process and to ensure that they have a successful and fulfilling academic experience at HCA.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. Together, we can empower them to reach their full potential and achieve academic success.