

Good Afternoon RAMS,

First, let me thank you again for your partnership over the last few weeks. Each week, when I examine my calendar to plan for the upcoming weeks, I always think of how exciting it will be to have your children back on campus. I hope that the start of the school year has been successful, and you are navigating remote learning successfully with your children. If you are experiencing issues please communicate with your teachers and the office staff. If we don't know what the issues are, we aren't able to assist. If you communicate with us, we will find a way to help you.

As part of our ongoing plan to provide targeted instruction, we are going to have the students complete MAP testing remotely. This testing will take place on September 8 & September 9. This will help us identify if any students will need additional help during remote and in-person instruction. We sincerely appreciate your efforts in assisting us with this monumental task. We are attempting to make it as simple as possible for you at home. When your student is taking the assessment remotely, please do not assist them with finding/submitted correct answers. We want to have assessment results that accurately reflect your student's knowledge. Here is some key information to help us complete the assessments.

### Testing Schedule

The majority of the students will be testing with their homeroom teachers. If your student will have a different proctor, the teacher will communicate with you and your student directly. During the homeroom check-in, teachers will double check device readiness, troubleshoot, and prepare the students for the assessment. At 9:00 the students will begin their test session, when they finish, they will be excused from the ZOOM testing session by their teacher. If a student needs extended time to finish, they will complete the test after the lunch break by rejoining their previous ZOOM session to complete the test.

8:30 - 9:00am	Homeroom Check-In and Device Readiness Check
9:00 - 11:00am	Test Session (Math - Sept. 8 / Reading - Sept. 9)
11:00 - 12:30pm	Lunch Break
12:30 - 2:30pm	Extended Time for Test Session
Makeup test sessions on Wednesdays: September 16, 23 and 30	

On testing days students will **not be** attending their normally scheduled classes and do not have to login and complete the form for attendance. We will take attendance based on their presence in the test session. We appreciate the time and effort students will be devoting to the assessment, so they will not have regular classes in the afternoon. Instead they should check each of their Google Classes to complete any assigned work.

## Other Info

There are two documents attached to this e-mail, one is the **MAP Testing Quick Sheet** and the other is the **Parent Letter and Exercise - MAP Testing**. The first one provides quick/easy steps to prepare for the MAP test. On the test day just follow the instructions on the **MAP Testing Quick Sheet**. The **Parent Letter and Exercise - MAP Testing** is more of a technical document that provides more detailed information and troubleshooting guidance if you want to review it more closely.

You will be receiving another e-mail on **Thursday, September 3** with some other helpful information and as a reminder to prepare for the assessment.

You will also receive an automated phone message on Monday to remind you about the changes for Tuesday/Wednesday.

## Tech Tip

During remote learning our teachers have found that their eyes have experienced strain as result of blue light emitted from their monitors. Our tech coach found a way to manually adjust the blue light that is emitted from your monitor. Here is a link that may be of assistance.

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/4027563/windows-10-set-your-display-for-night-time>



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