

Purpose of MAP Testing

- To obtain usable information on student progress in the areas of Reading, Language Usage, Math and Science.
- Teachers will use this data to inform their teaching practice for student achievement.
- Students can use this data to understand where they need to improve.
- Parents can use this data to receive progress reporting on their children. Parents will receive student scores in addition to Lexile scores. Lexile Scores will help students to access books from libraries that are at the appropriate reading levels. It may be used as a guide but certainly not a necessity in selecting books.



When is MAP Testing?

All Medinah students will take the MAP test three times during the school year. Tests will be given in

September

January

May



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MAP Measures of



Academic Progress

MAP data gets us from where we are to where we need to be in terms of student learning.

Encourage Reading Progress with Lexile Scores



MAP will provide you with a Lexile Score. A Lexile Score not only tracks a child's progress in regard to their reading ability, but also provides assistance in selecting reading materials that are instructionally appropriate.

Since a Lexile Range is provided on MAP, both teachers and parents can use each child's range to determine what materials can be read with ease and what challenging materials can be read with support.

Perhaps the best trait of Lexile is that it does not assign a grade level to a Lexile Score. This allows student progress to be tracked over a period of time regardless of their grade and reading level.

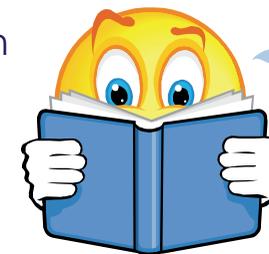
If you need assistance with selecting or determining which books are best for your son or daughter, talk to Medinah staff, visit your local public library or visit www.lexile.com. All of these avenues can help direct you to a plethora of text options that are suitable for your child.

Parents can help by...

- Making sure your children are on a healthy diet, ensuring plenty of rest routinely and by providing a place at home where they can concentrate on school work.



- Serving as role models by reading and providing materials for your children at home.



- Displaying an interest in student learning by asking questions about their school day and by taking your children to the library to check out books.

- Communicating with teachers to determine student progress.



- Encouraging children to write and increase vocabulary at home.



- Providing opportunities for your children to apply algebra and geometry through the use of recipes in the kitchen & small home improvement projects.



- Having discussions on graphs and charts in the newspaper or fundamentals of money management.