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September 30, 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian of a K-8 Virtual Learner,

Students in Mississippi public schools are required to take certain state assessments based on their grade level. Two of these assessments occur at the beginning of the school year and are required under state law through the Literacy Based Promotion Act (<https://www.mdek12.org/OSA/MKAS2>).

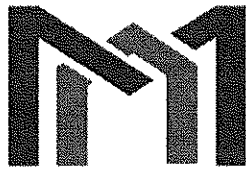
1. K-Readiness Assessment for Kindergarten students
 - a. On student's district-issued iPad (fully charged)
 - b. With student's personal earbuds/headphones
2. NWEA MAP Growth Universal Academic Screener in Reading and Math for Kindergarten through 8th grade students
 - a. On student's district-issued iPad for K-1st grade or on student's district-issued Chromebook for 2nd grade-8th grade (fully charged)
 - b. With student's personal earbuds/headphones (K-1st grade only)

Madison County Schools (MCS) will offer these assessments at your child's home school during the school day beginning Monday, October 5 per the attached schedule (except for Old Town Middle). The school will communicate with you the time and location of testing for your child. You will recall the MCS Virtual Learning Guidelines (July 2020) state that students may be required to come to the school site for state testing. Be assured, testing will occur in an on-campus location which minimizes contact with the general school population while providing for the mitigation of COVID through the three "Ws": 1) Wear a face covering, 2) Wash/sanitize hands/desks, and 3) Watch your distance. Plan for testing to take up to two hours for each subject and students are welcome to bring non-subject specific reading materials as well as a refillable water bottle. On the day of testing, please monitor your child's health prior to sending them to his/her home school. You are encouraged to visit your child's home school website as well as contact your child's home school with questions. Additional support can be attained by e-mailing assessment@madison-schools.com.

We appreciate partnering with you to grow your child. The data collected from these two assessments helps your child's teacher(s) to make the best instructional decisions to support your child in reaching his/her full potential.

Moving the Mark,

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Madison County Schools Superintendent



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Testing Schedule for Virtual Learners at Home School *
October 5-26, 2020 **

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| October 5-9 | NWEA MAP READING: Monday, October 5: 1st grade Tuesday, October 6: 2nd and 6th grades Wednesday, October 7: 3rd and 7th grades Thursday, October 8: 4th and 8th grades Friday, October 9: 5th grade |
| October 12-16 October 12 – Fall Holiday | K-Ready and NWEA MAP READING: Wednesday, October 14: Kindergarten Dyslexia Screener: Friday, October 16 at the MCS Central Office: 1 st grade |
| October 19-23 | NWEA MAP MATH: Monday, October 19: 1st grade Tuesday, October 20: 2nd and 6th grades Wednesday, October 21: 3rd and 7th grades Thursday, October 22: 4th and 8th grades Friday, October 23: 5th grade |
| October 26 | NWEA MAP MATH: Monday, October 26: Kindergarten |

*All students should visit their home school website for additional information.

**Old Town Middle School students will not utilize this schedule. Please visit Old Town's website for testing dates and times.