



Dear Families,

Welcome back to the 2026-2027 school year. My name is Mr. James N. McCrobie and I serve as the Student Achievement and Assessment Facilitator for Wicomico Middle School. You will be hearing from me throughout the year regarding important assessments that your child may be participating in.

Please visit this link for the **WCPS Evidence of Learning Timeline** for all assessments your child may be participating in this school year: <https://www.wicomicoschools.org/page/evidence-of-learning-timeline>.

Between September 14th and 25th, all WCPS middle school students will participate in our local ELA and Math diagnostic assessments. These computer-based adaptive tests will be administered during a scheduled time determined by your child's teacher.

In accordance with both state and local guidelines, these diagnostics help determine your child's current instructional level and monitor their academic growth in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics throughout the school year.

Assessment Overview:

- ELA Diagnostic: Grades 6-8 - MAP Growth
- Math Diagnostic: Grades 6-8, Algebra I - MAP Growth

What to Expect:

These adaptive assessments personalize the testing experience by adjusting the difficulty of each question based on student responses. Correct answers lead to more challenging questions, while incorrect answers result in slightly easier ones. The typical assessment duration ranges from 30 to 75 minutes, depending on the student.

Please note: These assessments are not for a grade. Instead, they help teachers identify your child's academic strengths and areas that need additional support.

Why This Matters:

These assessments provide timely, detailed data that help guide teachers' instructional decisions. Students will take these diagnostics three times throughout the school year to monitor progress. After each testing period, you will receive a progress report that outlines your child's growth. We encourage you to review this report with your child's teacher for deeper insight.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact your child's teacher or the Office of Assessments and Accountability at 410-677-4477.

Thank you for partnering with us to support your child's academic success!