



Dear Parent:

To better measure student academic performance and growth, the Kimberly Area School District uses a computer-based assessment known as MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) in grades 3 through 10. We feel it is important to communicate these test results to parents in order to provide you with additional information regarding your child's academic performance and growth. Enclosed you will find your child's Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test results. These tests determine your child's instructional level and measure academic growth throughout the year in the areas of reading and math.

MAP tests are unique in that they are adaptive tests your child took on a computer. That means that the test became more difficult as your child answered questions correctly. When your child incorrectly answered a question, the test became easier. Therefore, your child took a test specifically created for his or her learning level. The test results identify your child's academic achievement in **RIT** scores. This is a different type of score than a typical test which usually reports a percentage correct. The **RIT** score is a continuous scale, independent of grade level. As a result, your child's academic growth from fall to spring, and from one school year to the next can be easily measured, similar to how a student's height can be measured with a ruler.

The attached report for your child will provide several pieces of information including . . .

- Your child's RIT score in math and reading for this school year and for previous years. The **RIT** score is shown as the middle score within a score range.
- Your child's growth, also measured in **RIT** points, from fall to spring in each subject area along with the amount of growth typically observed for students nationally at this grade level who had a similar fall **RIT** score.

Sample Student Progress Report

Term/ Year	Grade	RIT (+/- Std Err)	RIT Growth	Growth Projection	
FA15	9	208-211-214	-5	3	23-29-36
SP15	8	206-210-213			20-26-32
FA14	8	212-216-219	6	4	39-47-54
SP14	7	208-211-214			25-31-39
FA13	7	207-210-213	6	5	31-38-46
SP13	6	213-217-220			45-53-61
WI13	6	201-205-208			20-26-33
FA12	6	201-204-207	13	6	25-32-39
SP12	5	199-202-205			19-25-32
FA11	5	188-191-195	-4	7	12-16-22
SP11	4	191-195-198			17-23-30
FA10	4	192-195-198	14	10	34-42-49
WI10	3	180-183-186			12-16-22
FA09	3	179-181-184			23-29-36

In most cases, a student's report will show fall (FA), winter (WI) and spring (SP) scores for reading and math for this year as well as previously tested grades. There are occasions when a student is unable to take the test during one of the testing periods. For example, high school courses are typically a semester, so a student taking a fall semester math course will only have fall and winter scores. The report may also show scores in the subject of Language Usage, as this test is administered on occasion.

An Information Sheet included in the school's recent newsletter provides additional information about the test results that are presented on your child's Student Progress Report as well as answers to some frequently asked questions. It is important to remember that MAP scores are one piece of information about a student's academic progress. These scores should be considered along with other information you have regarding your child's learning. For more information about your child's results, you can contact your child's teacher or me.

Sincerely,

Kaaren Weyers