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## ***Spring 2011 Achievement Testing : The MAP Assessment Testing Program***

We are offering an assessment testing for grades 2 through 10, provided to us by Northwest Evaluation Association ([www.nwea.org](http://www.nwea.org)). NWEA has over 30 years experience with computerized adaptive testing. Your student can take the tests by computer online. The tests are called MAP or Measures of Academic Progress. You will have instant results at the end of each test. Then more detailed results will be sent to you at a later date. The assessment itself is unique in that it adapts to the student's ability, accurately measuring what a child knows and needs to learn. In addition, MAP will measure academic growth over time, independent of grade level or age.

With the largest norm reference group in the nation (the latest norm was done in 2008 with 2.9 million students), NWEA reports highly accurate norm-referenced scores. MAP results, however, go beyond simply ranking student achievement or indicating grade level performance. Educators use MAP test scores to identify the skills and concepts a student knows and what they need to learn next in order to keep growing, irrespective of grade level. With accurate, timely information on an individual student's needs, parents can target instruction so that every student is learning and growing. MAP tests are conducted in three areas:

- Reading
- Language Usage
- Mathematics

**Special Note to Parents in Florida with Students registered with the County (State):** These tests are nationally normed, but relative new to Florida. State law (Florida School Law 1002.41) requires you to do an annual evaluation. They list five ways to accomplish this evaluation. Option #2 states: "The student shall take any nationally normed student achievement test administered by a certified teacher". You would need a certified teacher to proctor the tests, if you used this option. Option #5 states: "The student shall be evaluated with any other valid measurement tool as mutually agreed upon by the district school superintendent of the district in which the student resides and the student's parent". You would have to get a prior agreement between you and the county that they would accept these tests results from our company, if you did not have a certified teacher proctor these tests. Do not assume they will accept them this way without discussing it with them first.

We will be testing students from 2nd through 10th grades (if you have 11th or 12th grade students that need to be tested, we can still do that with these tests). The tests are not timed, but will take approximately 1½ to 3 hours to complete all three in your home. You will be given a testing window of April 15, through May 15, 2010, in which to give the tests. **It is imperative that you set everything aside in your schedule to give the tests in the time frame we give you.** You will be given by regular mail not only the set dates to give the tests, but instructions, a username, and password to access the tests at our web-site [www.acces-inc.com/cca](http://www.acces-inc.com/cca), which will give the same detailed instructions on how to give or Proctor the tests for your student. You will then need to set aside a day during the time we have given you and make plans to give the tests. Carefully read everything. The proctor guidelines on how to monitor the tests, the student instructions that you will have to read to your student before each test, everything in the packet of information we will be sending you. You can, also, download this information from our web-site after you log on to it.

### THINGS YOU WILL NEED:

In order to do the tests, you need access to a computer with the following minimum requirements, these are the minimum. If you do not have a computer with these requirements, then you need to find one. Use a friend's or family member's computer. Sometimes issues of connecting to our server arise. We will do our best to help you connect, but offer no guarantee. In the event you are not successful in connecting and doing the tests for your student, we will refund the fees you have paid us.

### COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ PC or MAC / RAM – 64MB or more / Monitor – 800 x 600 SVGA, 256 Color Resolution or better
- ◆ Operating System – must support Java / Sun Java or better. <http://www.java.com> It is free to download. Most computers already have this loaded.
- ◆ Internet - Browser with Java support such as Internet Explorer or Mozilla.
- ◆ Modem or the preferred, a high speed connection, DSL, etc. The faster the better. The tests will temporarily be downloaded to your computer.

You will need scratch paper and pencils for math questions. You will need a quiet place without distractions, so computer location is a factor. Please locate the computer you will use now.

**Testing instructions will be sent out the beginning of April 2011.**

**Registration Deadline: February 10, 2011**

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR TESTING HOMESCHOOLED STUDENTS**

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DATE	<b>PLEASE PRINT !</b>		
PARENT'S NAME: LAST	FIRST		
MAILING ADDRESS:			
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:	
HOME PHONE:	E-MAIL:		
1ST STUDENT'S NAME: LAST	FIRST		
BIRTH DATE:	MALE:	FEMALE:	GRADE:
2ND STUDENT'S NAME: LAST	FIRST		
BIRTH DATE:	MALE:	FEMALE:	GRADE:
3RD STUDENT'S NAME: LAST	FIRST		
BIRTH DATE:	MALE:	FEMALE:	GRADE:
4TH STUDENT'S NAME: LAST	FIRST		
BIRTH DATE:	MALE:	FEMALE:	GRADE:
5TH STUDENT'S NAME: LAST	FIRST		
BIRTH DATE:	MALE:	FEMALE:	GRADE:
ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH THE COUNTY?			
ARE YOU UNDER A PRIVATE SCHOOL?			
HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT OUR TESTING PROGRAM?			
<b>FOR ACCES, INC. OFFICE USE ONLY : ACCES HOMESCHOOLED -</b>			
TEACHER I.D.: HS _____	1ST STUDENT I.D.: HS _____		
2ND STUDENT I.D.: HS _____	3RD STUDENT I.D.: HS _____		
4TH STUDENT I.D.: HS _____	5TH STUDENT I.D.: HS _____		

Number of Students being tested \_\_\_\_\_ X \$28.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

We accept Checks & Credit Cards. Please indicate method of Payment and enclose Payment with Registration Form.  
If using a credit card, you may fax this to us at 407-332-4413.

Check payment method used: <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MC <input type="checkbox"/> Amer Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover / Amount you want charged: \$ _____
Card Number # _____ Exp Date _____ <small>Please be sure to include all digits</small> <small>Print name exactly at it appears on the Credit Card</small>
3-digit CVI# on back of card: _____ Is address above the same as on your credit card? Yes or No _____