



MISSISSIPPI  
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# MISSISSIPPI ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (MAP)

## Valuable Guide on the Path to Student Success

### MAP KEY FACTS

- MAP is the new statewide assessment for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics for grades 3-8 and Algebra I and English II. MAP replaces the state's previous ELA and Mathematics tests.
- Mississippi educators participated in the development of MAP for Mississippi students.
- MAP tests students on the content and skills they learn during the school year.
- MAP provides valuable information about whether students are on track for the next grade level and on the path to success after high school.

### Higher Standards Require Higher-Quality Tests

Mississippi raised the bar for what we expect students to know and be able to do, so we have changed the way we measure student progress through our state tests. MAP is a Mississippi-developed test to measure student mastery of the Mississippi College and Career Ready Standards, which are the set of learning goals that guide teaching and learning in Mississippi classrooms.

### MAP Challenges Students

MAP goes deeper than traditional multiple choice tests by testing critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Students are required to apply their knowledge and skills to address real-world problems and describe their reasoning – skills they will be required to have in college and the workplace.

### MAP Provides Valuable Information

MAP results will provide a more detailed picture of student learning by providing specific information on which skills students have mastered and where they need additional support or challenges. When combined with student grades and teacher reports, MAP helps parents stay informed about their child's progress from year to year and ensure that their child is on the path toward success from grade to grade and beyond high school.

### VALUE OF MAP

- **Challenges your child** to think critically & solve real-world problems.
- **Goes beyond multiple choice** and asks your child to explain his or her answers.
- **Provides accurate information** on whether your child is on track.
- **Provides one measure** of your child's academic success.
- **Identifies low and high performing** schools that need support to improve or to share best practices with others.

### STAY INFORMED

Talk frequently with your child's teacher about his/her academic performance. Family involvement is key to student success.

Learn more about MAP at:

[www.mde.k12.ms.us/OSA/MAP](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/OSA/MAP)



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