



MAP INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

What is the MAP?

The Mississippi Department of Education led the development of a new statewide testing system called the Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP). Starting in the 2015-2016 school year, students will take MAP assessments for English language arts and mathematics in grades 3 through 8 and high school Algebra I and English II. Dozens of Mississippi educators helped build the computer-based tests, which will be administered as single end-of-course exams. Like the state assessments that were administered in 2014-2015, MAP tests are aligned to the Mississippi College and Career Ready Standards. MAP is an online assessment for ELA & Math with the exception of the writing portion to be taken on paper/pencil.

What type of Items to be expected on the Test?

- **Performance Task** – ELA & Math: Students will read each test item and respond appropriately by utilizing information from the test item or passage.
- **Closed-Ended Items** – ELA & Math: Multiple-choice items with one or more answer choices, or options.
- **Open-Ended Items** – ELA & Math: Multiple-choice items (drag and drop), (match), and some two-part items.

Will my child use a Calculator?

Allowable Calculators

- Grades 3–5: No calculators allowed.
- Grades 6 and 7: Four-function with square root and percentage functions
- Grade 8: Scientific calculators
- High school: Graphing calculators (with functionalities consistent with TI-84 or similar models) (Please refer to Public Access → Statewide Assessment Programs → MAP-Mississippi Assessment Program for more specific information.)

How can I tell if my child is being successful?

Assessment results may be used for instructional planning, as a point of reference during a parent/teacher conference, and for permanent record keeping. Other sources of information, such as classroom performance, should be used along with this report when determining the student's areas of strength or need.

SPRING 2016 –MAP (Mississippi Assessment Program) End-of-Course Assessments

Testing Window: 3-8 ELA & Mathematics, English II & Algebra I - April 25-May 17, 2016

*More information on this assessment, including additional resources, can be found on the Mississippi Department of Education Student Assessment website at: <http://www.mde.k12.us/OSA>



ADDITIONAL STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS

Assessment Name	Dates	Grade Levels
SATP2 (Subject Area Testing Program)	Mar 21 – Apr 8, 2016	High School – Retesters
MKAS2 (3 rd Grade Reading Summative Test)	Mar 28 – Apr 15, 2016	3 rd Grade (only)
MKAS2 (K-Readiness Assessment-Post Test)	Apr 7 – May 12, 2016	Kindergarten
ACT	Apr 19, 2016	11 th Grade (only)
MAP (Mississippi Assessment Program)	Apr 25 – May 17, 2016	3-8, Eng II & Alg I
MST2 (Mississippi Science Test)	May 2 – May 13, 2016	5 th & 8 th Grades (only)
SATP2 (Subject Area Testing Program)	May 9 – May 13, 2016	Biology I & U. S. History

How can I help my child to perform well on the MS Statewide Assessments?

1. Read, Read, Read! Reading takes skill and practice. One of the best and simplest steps to improve the reading ability for children is to provide sustained periods of time for children to read.
2. Help your child to read like a writer. Even in the early grades, children can begin to "get into the head" of the author. Reading improves a child's writing, and writing improves a child's reading.
3. Get a good night's rest. Do something relaxing before bedtime.
4. Eat a healthy meal the night before and make sure a well-balanced breakfast is served the day of testing.
5. Read and listen carefully to the directions and ask questions to obtain an understanding.
6. Work hard and focus on each question to the very last question on the test.
7. Don't rush, and don't spend too much time on one question. The MAP, MKAS2 (3rd Grade), MST2 and ACT assessments are all timed.
8. Eliminate answer choices is a good practice.
9. Think about the results and believe in yourself
10. Finish the test – and celebrate your completion!!!

