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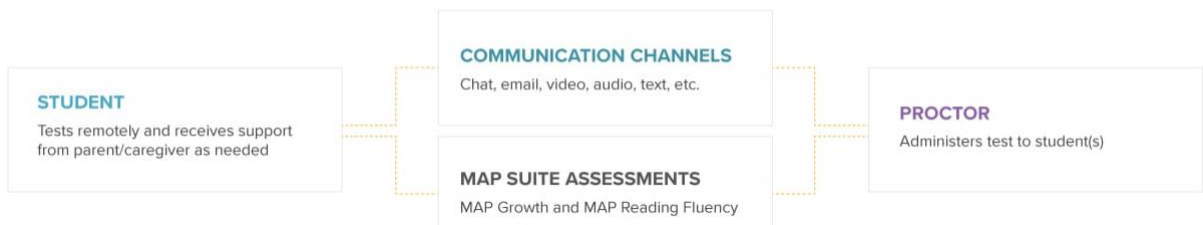
Dear Parent,

With students starting the 2020-2021 school year remotely and the abrupt end to the 2019-2020 school year, SAISD is excited to be able to provide both remote and in person assessments.

Assessments and screeners give teachers detailed, actionable information they can use to guide instruction and better support students. Assessments such as MAP Growth and MAP Fluency assist the teacher in supporting your child becoming a better reader, and ensuring they are on track in learning critical math skills.

This year SAISD will be offering remote assessments for K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade MAP Reading Fluency, and K-8<sup>th</sup> grade MAP Growth. What this means is your child could take these assessments at home remotely, or on campus with a teacher.

What does remote testing look like?



The student will take the test at home on their school provided device. The teacher will remotely start the assessment and monitor the student using zoom. We ask that parents help their children connect to the device and to the zoom session with the teacher. Once the test starts, we ask the parent to not assist their student with test questions. We will need the best data possible to ensure your child receives the best instruction this year.

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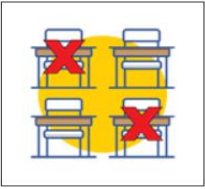
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## What does in person testing on the campus look like?



Seating in classrooms will be modified to ensure **social distancing** to include either 6-foot spacing or physical dividers. See [full plan](#) for sample diagrams of class rooms.

Students will test in a classroom with the teacher in small numbers. Dates of assessment will be scheduled with the parent to ensure social distancing can occur. Temperatures will be taken when students arrive, both students and staff are required to wear masks and follow the district safety protocols when on campus to ensure everyone's safety.

Each parent/student will be given a choice on what is the best way to test. Students can test remotely from home using their school provided device, or at school with their teacher (or an assigned proctor) with their school provided device. Your child's teacher will be providing more information as the school year begins.

We look forward to a new and exciting year with many different opportunities for testing at SAISD. We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and reading achievement.

### **MAP Growth:**

During the week of August 17-September 18, your child will take the MAP® Growth™ test on a computer or tablet. MAP Growth is designed to measure how well a student is learning critical skills. It gives teachers detailed, actionable information they can use to guide instruction and better support students. It measures progress over the school year and across school years in Math and Reading.

MAP Growth tests are unique in that they adapt to your child's level of learning. If your child demonstrates readiness, they move to more challenging sections of the test. If they struggle with one section, the next questions will be easier. MAP Growth takes about 20-60 minutes, features an encouraging character, and is age appropriate.

### **MAP Reading Fluency:**

During the week of September 8-September 18, your child will take a MAP® Reading Fluency™ test from NWEA® on a computer or tablet. MAP Reading Fluency measures beginning reader skills, like letter knowledge, and it measures oral reading for children who are ready. We use these results to better understand your child's individual needs and to help them progress as readers.

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