



# MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) requires all local school districts to administer a fall diagnostic assessment in math and literacy to students in **grades 9 and 10**. We will administer the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment to serve as our fall baseline on Monday, September 20 through Thursday, September 23. Students will follow their regular schedules:

**MAP-R** Students will test during U.S. History and NSL classes

**MAP-M** Students will test during Algebra I and Geometry classes

Each assessment, while untimed, will take an average of one hour to complete and students will return to instruction as they complete them. A summary of the assessments by grade level is below:

<b>MAP Growth Assessment Content</b>	<b>Grade Levels</b>	<b>Resource</b>	<b>Practice Test</b>
MAP Growth Mathematics (MAP-M)	Grades 9 and 10	<a href="#">About the Test</a>	<a href="#">Take the Practice Test</a> Username: grow Password: grow
MAP Growth Reading (MAP-R)	Grades 9 and 10		

MCPS will be using the results from the MAP assessment in mathematics to monitor each student's progress throughout the school year as well as progress from one school year to the next. Teachers and school staff utilize the MAP scores to inform instruction, personalize the learning as well as to measure the performance and growth of students. MAP scores are one data point of many that teachers utilize to inform teaching and learning on a whole class, small group and individual basis. **If parents wish to opt out of testing, please send an email to [Carrie\\_E\\_Addison@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Carrie_E_Addison@mcpsmd.org) and include your student's full name and ID number.**

Sincerely,  
Renay Johnson  
Principal