



GREENFIELD-CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

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Dear Parent:

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has implemented a new system for the use of formative assessments in Indiana school corporations. Formative assessments are “interim” or more frequent tests used to check for understanding of Indiana College and Career Ready academic standards. This information may be used to guide instructional decisions and to help identify intervention needs for students.

Greenfield-Central Schools use these formative assessments to guide instruction in grades K-8 and Algebra I and English 10 at the high school. For the past several years, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has selected one vendor to provide, at no additional cost to the local school corporation, these assessments as a part of IDOE’s assessment package. This year, for the first time, IDOE is allowing local schools and corporations to select which vendor/assessment tool they would like to use through a grant application process.

Greenfield-Central has elected to use the following formative assessments for the 2015-16 school year:

Grade Level	Formative Assessment	Connected Intervention Tool	Assessment Format
Kdg – Grade 1	Amplify DIBELS Reading	BURST	Individual student to teacher
Grades 2-8	NWEA MAP	NWEA Skills Navigator	Online
Algebra 1 English 10	Acuity Predictive Algebra I Acuity Predictive English 10	Acuity Instructional Resources	Online

During the window of October 21 - November 4, most students in grades 2-8 will take an NWEA assessment called Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®). Students participate in MAP assessments to determine their instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year in Reading, Mathematics and Language Arts. The MAP assessments also measure growth from year to year. Your child will take the tests on a computer.

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MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. And with MAP, we can use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about your child's growth. Your child will spend a total of approximately 2 - 2 ½ hours completing these MAP assessments. A practice session will be provided prior to the first MAP assessment.

This school year, students in grades 2-8 will take the tests in late October, December and April/May. Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your child's growth.

We are truly excited to begin a new era in learning that focuses on every child's individual growth and achievement. **Partnering to help all children learn**, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children.

For more information on resources for parents, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

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