



SAXE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Saxe Parents,

Over the next month, students across grade levels will have multiple opportunities to “check-in” on their learning as teachers make use of a variety of tools to monitor student learning and progress across subject areas. These assessments are embedded into our instructional practice throughout the year in order to collect important information on student growth and to ensure that student needs are met. Evidence of student growth is collected in a variety of different ways in the form of student work samples, one-to-one conferences/conversations, paper-and-pencil tasks, formal assessments, and through the innovative use of technology.

Beginning Monday, October 26th, your child will be taking the *Measures of Academic Progress*® (MAP®) assessment. Students will remain in their classrooms and take the MAP® using their school-issued devices during 90-minute blocks over four days next week. Results will be mailed home once they are all completed and processed. These assessments, which are adaptive to your child's level of learning, are administered annually to determine the student's instructional level and to measure academic growth from year to year in the areas of reading and mathematics.

We approach all of this work with a strengths-based philosophy as we continuously look for areas that students are very capable, and use it to develop in other areas. This valuable information is shared with parents and communicated to students to help them continue to learn and grow. As some assessments are conducted electronically, we ask that you remind your child to make charging their device a daily/nightly practice, so they arrive at school with a fully charged device each day.

Should you have any questions, please continue to reach out to your child’s teacher(s), counselor, and/or grade-level administrator. We proudly operate as a team and are here to support all of our learners in meeting their unique needs and learning styles.

Best,

Dave Gusitsch
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