

Dear parents,

Your child will be completing NWEA testing over the next two weeks. This test will help us learn more about what your child already knows and what he or she is ready to learn next. Equipped with this information, LCSS teachers will modify their plans to help accelerate your child's learning!

Q: How many tests will my child take?

A: Students in grades K-1 will take the following tests: one for math and one for reading.

Students in grades 2-6 will take the following tests: one for math, one for reading, and one for language arts.

Q: What if my child is in quarantine or opting to learn from home?

A: Your child will still complete testing. The NWEA secure browser is installed on each iPad. When it's time to test, your child's teacher will provide a session name and password. Please click on the link below for step-by-step instructions on how to access and begin an NWEA test. Please call **765.607.4908** if you experience any technical difficulties during testing.

NWEA Testing Instructions - <https://www.loom.com/share/3358e348254346188a7623a834ef46d6>

Q: What should the home testing environment look like?

A: Please limit distractions while your student is testing. We recommend for your child to be seated at a desk/table with the TV or other electronic media (besides the iPad) turned off.

Q: How long will each test take?

A: The testing time will vary. K-2 students will take between 30 minutes to an hour to complete the test. Students in grades 3-6 will take an hour to 90 minutes.

Q: Can my child take breaks when testing?

A: Absolutely. We encourage breaks every 20-25 minutes for students in grades K-2 and every 30-45 minutes for students in grades 3-6.

Q: If my child gets stuck on a problem, should I help him or her?

A: No. The test is designed to challenge your student. You should expect they will get 50% of the problems wrong. This is because NWEA automatically adjusts the test up and down to find your child's optimal zone of development. When you help your child complete a problem, the system is designed to give him or her a harder problem next. The more you help, the harder the problems will get. The end result of your assistance will be a false read on what your child is ready to do next. Please offer encouragement, but do not help your child determine the correct answer to a problem.

Q: What do I do if my child has technical difficulties while testing?

A: Call **765.607.4908**. A member of our testing team will assist you.

If you would like to know more about the assessment, please check out the Family Guide included as an attachment in this message.