



To: *Elementary School Leaders*
From: *Patrick Haggarty*
Date: *April 11, 2016*
RE: *Standardized Assessments – 2016 - 2017*

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The following information regarding the implementation of the Standardized Academic Assessment for all elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle. It includes instructions for schools thinking about NWEA – MAP and instructions for schools who have decided to continue with IOWA or ITBS.

For ALL Schools:

OCS needs to know your school's intention to participate in NWEA – MAP / IOWA / ITBS / or another standardized assessment by April 29th.

- 1) One of the deciding factors for this decision is to know if a school is technologically prepared to provide the test.
- 2) I am asking all schools to complete the MAP Readiness Questionnaire by Friday, April 29. The results will help all of us determine if a school building is technologically ready for the MAP assessment.
- 3) If, after completing the questionnaire, it is determined that you are not ready, Tom O'Callahan will give you a call to help you determine the next steps for your transition to the MAP in 2017-2018.

Please click this link to take the MAP Readiness Questionnaire:

<http://goo.gl/forms/LZUp2wSmLj>

If there are any questions or if you have challenges with the link, please feel free to contact OCS at your convenience

- If you know that your school is going to take the IOWA Assessment, regardless of the MAP Readiness results, scroll down to the heading **For IOWA Schools**
- If you know that your school is going to take the ITBS Assessment, regardless of the MAP Readiness results, scroll down to the heading **For ITBS Schools**
- All other schools, continue below **For NWEA- MAP Schools**

For IOWA Schools:

This is the final year OCS will be supporting the **IOWA Testing Consortia**. If your school will continue its protocol with IOWA Testing, please let Sandy Barton Smith know on or before April 29, 2016. Once Sandy has the school's decision, she will finalize the paperwork with Valerie Kosinski at Riverside Publishing.

Taking IOWA for 2016 – 2017?

There is a simple online form to inform OCS of your school's decision to participate in IOWA, as well as some specific questions for the IOWA. Please follow this link: **IOWA Fall Testing**
<http://www.ocsw.org/web-form/view.php?id=197505>

Payment for IOWA

We anticipate the testing protocol and costs will remain very similar to previous years.

Testing Windows for IOWA

The testing window with the IOWA Consortium will be October 17 - 31, 2016.

Questions Regarding IOWA?

Please contact Sandy Barton Smith at Sandra.smith@seattlearch.org

For ITBS Schools:

This is the final year OCS will be supporting the **ITBS Testing Consortia**. If your school will continue its protocol with ITBS Testing, please let Sandy Barton Smith know on or before April 29, 2016. Once Sandy has the school's decision, she will finalize the paperwork with Valerie Kosinski at Riverside Publishing.

Taking ITBS for 2016 – 2017?

There is a simple online form to inform OCS of your school's decision to participate in ITBS, as well as some specific questions for the ITBS. Please follow this link: **ITBS Fall Testing**

<http://www.ocsw.org/web-form/view.php?id=198074>

Payment for ITBS

We anticipate the testing protocol and costs will remain very similar to previous years.

Testing Windows for ITBS

The testing window with the ITBS Consortium will be October 17 - 31, 2016.

Questions Regarding ITBS?

Please contact Sandy Barton Smith at Sandra.smith@seattlearch.org

For NWEA – MAP Schools:

Calendar of Important Dates:

April				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4/11 MAP Tech Readiness Questionnaire sent to principals	4/12	4/13	4/14	4/15
4/18	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22
4/25	4/26	4/27	4/28	4/29 MAP Tech Readiness Questionnaire due to the OCS
May				
5/16 Destination PD information sent to participating schools	5/17 All Principals Meeting: 2:30 PM Map Training for Administrators & Tech Coordinators. How to Roster Students and assigning Roles at each School site	5/18	5/19	5/20
5/23	5/24	5/25	5/26	5/27

August				
8/8	8/9	8/10	8/11	8/12
8/15 Kickstart 12:30 – 3:30 – MAP *Administration Facilitator Framework Workshop for Admin and Lead Teacher/Proctor	8/16 Kickstart	8/17	8/18	8/19
8/22	8/23	8/24	8/25 12:30 – 3:30 MAP *Administration Facilitator Framework Workshop for Admin and Lead Teacher/Proctor	8/26

*MAP Administration Facilitator Workshop will be offered twice. Principals and lead teacher/proctor can choose to take together as a team or individually during the Kickstart, August 15 or on August 25.

Learning Outcomes for the August 15 or August 25 date:

- Build awareness of the conceptual underpinnings of the MAP Assessment
- Understand key MAP concepts and characteristics
- Learn and practice key teacher/proctor responsibilities during assessment
- Create a communication and implementation plan for assessing students with MAP assessments

The full agenda for the Kickstart will be given to principals at the May 16 meeting.

Professional Development for the MAP in 2016-2017

Our first task is to roster all students taking the MAP assessment. Once we have moved through the first test window, we will begin to offer professional development opportunities in four regions for administrators and/or lead teachers in a train the trainer model. Our first all-day training will be “Applying Reports Workshop” the week of October 17.

Post Testing – Regional Training:

Date	Region	Time	Who	Location
October 17	North End Region	9:00 – 3:00	Admin/Lead Teacher	Christ the King
October 18	Seattle Region	9:00 – 3:00	Admin/ Lead Teacher	Chancery
October 19	Tacoma	9:00 – 3:00	Admin/ Lead Teacher	St. Patrick
October 20	Southern Sound Region	9:00 – 3:00	Admin/ Lead Teacher	Our Lady of Lourdes
Administrative Reports for Principals Only –				
October 21	All Regions	9:00 – 12:00	Principals only	Chancery

Destination PD

As a support to schools, all participating schools will be given access to the Destination PD, the exclusive online learning platform from NWEA. Participating schools are provided 24/7 on-demand professional learning resources that include tutorials, recorded webinars, videos, documents, and courses designed to help educators create seamless assessment experiences and use data to enhance student learning.

Testing Windows for MAP

NWEA recommends 12 instructional weeks between each window. To accomplish this, the following testing windows have been established:

September 19 – October 6

January 16 – January 27 (Optional)

May 1 – May 19

In this first year of implementation, OCS is asking participating schools to take the fall and spring MAP test. However, schools may opt to participate in the winter test as well.

Payment for MAP

Please be prepared to remit payment to the Archdiocese in November. NWEA MAP will be \$11.50 / student in 2016-17 and \$12.00 / student in 2017-28. This applies to students in Grades 2 – 8.

Questions Regarding NWEA - MAP?

Please contact Kristin Dixon at kristin.dixon@seattlearch.org