NWEA MAP™ Comes to KSM

Kamehameha Schools Maui has embarked on a new assessment tool, NWEA MAP™. MAP™ tests include Reading, Language Usage and Mathematics. These tests adapt to each individual student’s achievement level by progressing (if question is answered correctly). If a student answers a question incorrectly, the next question becomes easier.

Grades K-2 are administered MAP™ for Primary Grades. “These tests include a Screening (diagnostic), Skills Checklist (diagnostic), and Survey w/ Goals (adaptive) test in Reading and Mathematics.”

These data will help KSM make curricula adjustments as we align to the Indiana Standards.

KSM has chosen to test our students three (3) times a year. This will help us to more accurately measure student progress throughout the year. MAP™ for Primary Grades can utilize this tool as an assessment, diagnostic tool, and or remedial instruction as often as needed.

Presently all administrators, counselors, teachers (English, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science) were trained and have access to the NWEA reports data. By the end of the second testing cycle, all elective/special teachers will also be to access this data.

FAQ

Q: Is the DesCartes aligned to the Indiana Standards?
A: Yes. “The DesCartes is a continuum of learning that is designed to translate the raw data from students’ assessments into actionable plans for instruction and/or grouping.” A student’s RIT (Rasch Unit) scores identifies a specific proficiency level for each of the two/three subject areas. In the process it identifies the skills and concepts that are necessary for students to attain standards. These scaffolded skills and concepts will help us design curricula that will help ensure all of our students attain necessary standards before moving within/ across grade levels.

Q: Will NWEA MAP™ take the place of CTP4?
A: At the moment, No. Campus Strategies is closely monitoring the testing progress and student data to see if these data will meet and exceed Dashboard expectations.

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Dates to Remember

Test Cycle #2:
Dec. 7 to Jan. 15

NWEA PD (K-12 Eng/Math):
Feb. 12

Test Cycle #3:
April 5 to April 16