

Dear MCS Families,

We, as a community, are in the final stretch of the 2020-2021 School Year and wow, what a year! A big piece of the puzzle is in our sights and we want to emphasize the importance of student assessments that begin in late April and end in early June.

Assessments:

- Mylgdis: 4K
 - students are assessed individually by each teacher on early math and literacy skills.

- Fastbridge: 5K and 1st Grade
 - Students are assessed individually on grade level math and literacy skills
 - Assessments are completed one on one with classroom teachers

- MAP: 2nd-8th Grade
 - MAP is an important and useful tool for measuring student growth during the year and even from year to year
 - MAP results provide teachers with good, timely information about what students know in reading and math
 - MAP is an online adaptive test. In a nutshell, as students answer questions, it determines what the next questions will be based on whether the previous question was answered correctly or incorrectly. It adapts to student responses
 - MAP is untimed

- SC Ready Reading, Writing & Math: 3rd-8th Grade
 - SC READY is a measure of the extent to which students have mastered the South Carolina state standards for ELA and Math.
 - The test questions for each grade level only address the standards for that grade level. It is not an adaptive test. Test questions will not change “on the fly”.
 - SC READY is untimed

- SC Pass Science: 4th & 6th Grade
 - SC PASS is a measure of the extent to which students have mastered the South Carolina state standards for Science.
 - The test questions for each grade level only address the standards for that grade level. It is not an adaptive test. Test questions will not change “on the fly”
 - SC PASS is untimed

- Algebra 1 and Spanish 1 End of Course Exams: 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in these courses
 - Untimed assessments given online as a final, comprehensive exam

Please help the MCS teachers and staff assist your student (s) by focusing on some key items:

- Conflicts/appointments on testing days
 - Please arrive at school on time
 - Please try to avoid absences on testing days. Make up testing dates are available to students that are absent due to illness
 - Assessments are untimed and students have all day to complete, please avoid appointments that may require your student to leave early

- Nutrition, Rest & Comfort
 - Make sure your student has a healthy breakfast. Students can bring a healthy snack and should have a refillable water bottle to stay hydrated.
 - Make sure students are well rested.

