



# VANDALIA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent:

Beginning on December 1<sup>st</sup> through January 30<sup>th</sup>, your child will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®). We give students MAP tests to determine your child's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of English/Language Arts and Math. Your child will take the tests on a computer.

MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. And with MAP tests, we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about your child's growth. Over this open testing period, your child will spend a total of about two hours completing these tests.

Each school year, students in all grades at Vandalia Junior High take the tests three times a year to monitor progress. This is our second testing cycle. Following each testing period, the results will be reviewed with your child by the classroom teacher.

We are truly excited to begin a new era that focuses on every child's individual growth and achievement. Partnering to help all kids learn, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children.

For more information on resources for parents, download the *Parent Toolkit* that will be available on the Vandalia Junior High website.

Sincerely,

Brian Kern  
Vandalia Junior High Principal