

Spinning the MAP:

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*Things you might
already know about
MAP.*



- ✓ Math, Reading, Language Usage, Science
- ✓ Given twice a year
- ✓ Taken on a computer
- ✓ Does not count for a grade in your classes

*Things that may
surprise you about
MAP.*

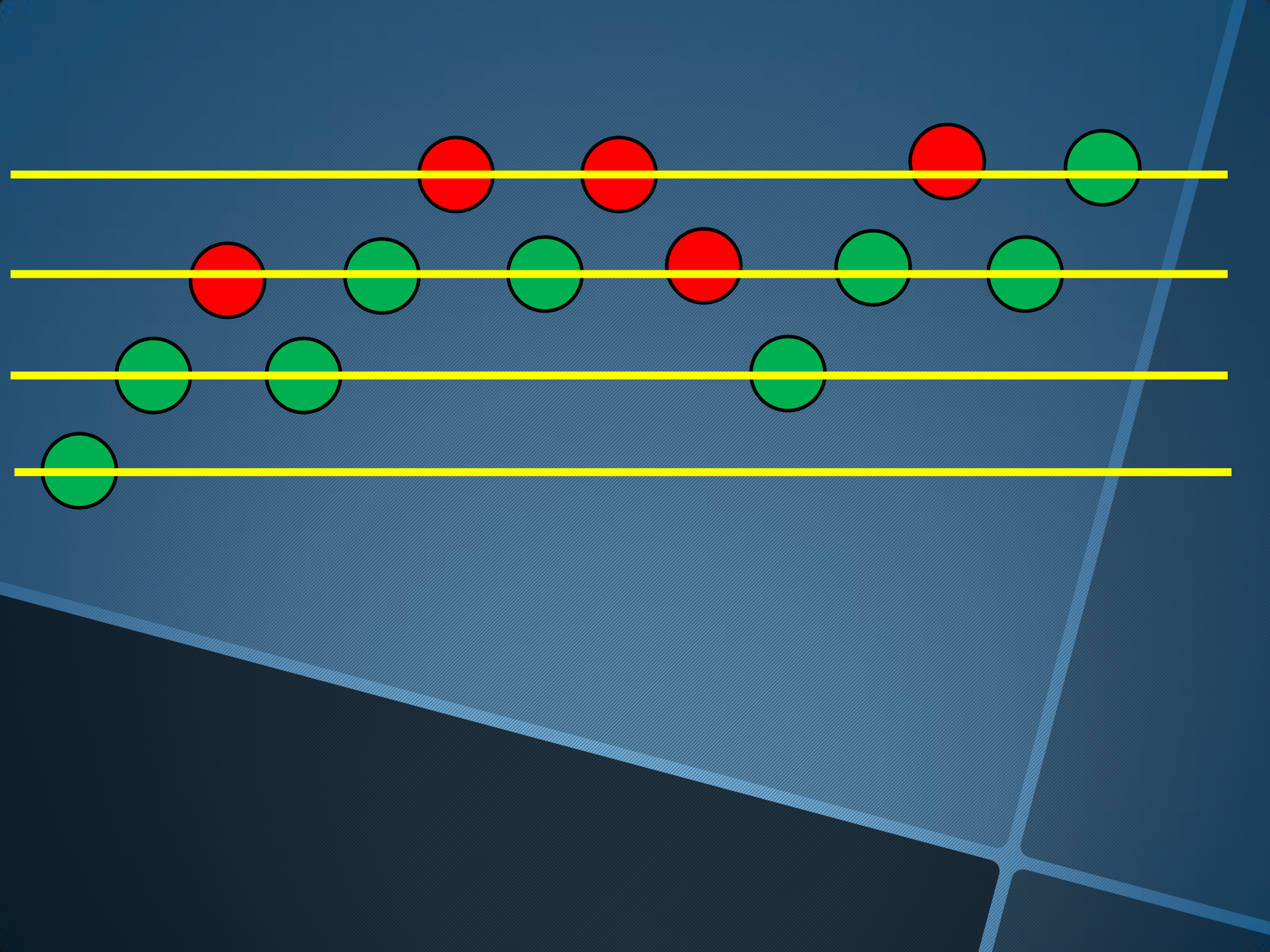
No two MAP tests are alike!

- ✓ When you answer a question right, your next question will be harder. If you answer a question wrong, the next question will be easier.
- ✓ You will **not have the same questions** as the other students in your class!

*Things that may
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A MAP score is **not determined** by the number of questions you answer correctly!

- ✓ When you answer a question right, the difficulty level of the next question will go **UP**.
- ✓ Your MAP score is based on the **level of difficulty** of the questions you are answering correctly, not **how many** you get right.



Difficult Question

High Score



Easier Question

Low Score

A MAP Test measures growth!

- ✓ MAP tests show teachers, principals and parents how much you've **grown and learned throughout the school year.**
- ✓ At the end of the year, you should be able to answer questions at a higher difficulty level, showing how much more you learned.



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A MAP test is like a **ruler**, but instead of measuring height, it measures *how much you've learned* over a period of time.

A ruler measures how much taller you've gotten from year to year.

5th
Grade

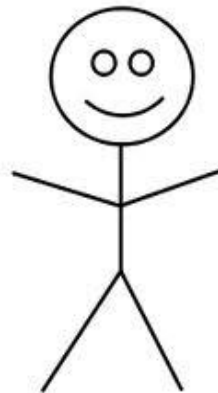
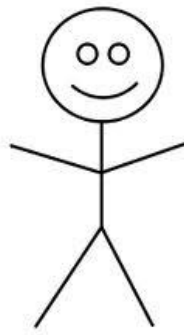
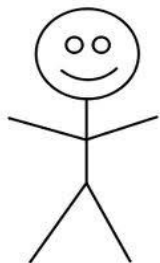
6th
Grade

7th
Grade

2 in.

2.5 in.

3 in.



A MAP test measures how much you've learned from year to year.

5th
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6th
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7th
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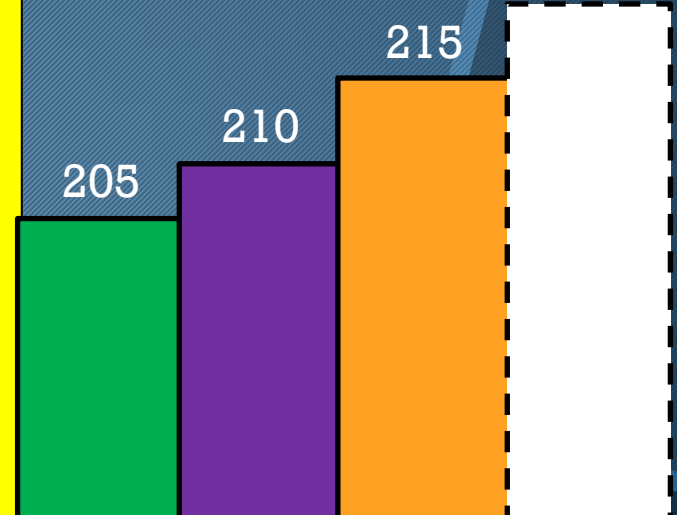
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Setting Goals for Learning and Mastery

- ✓ Knowledge = **POWER**
- ✓ Your goal for each class should be *to gain as much knowledge as you possibly can, and to master the skills and strategies you are taught.*
- ✓ This is because knowledge and power are the only things that matter when you leave school/college and enter the world.
- ✓ Getting good grades, high scores on STAAR, and meeting MAP targets will happen *as a result of meeting your learning and mastery goals.*

Look at your MAP scores in each subject area:

- ✓ What *patterns of growth* do you see?
- ✓ Have you grown consistently or are there lots of ups and downs?
- ✓ What might be the reason for a big drop or a big leap in scores?
- ✓ What can you do to make sure that you grow as much as you need to before the end of this year?
- ✓ How do the scores and grades you get NOW affect your immediate future? Your distant future?
- ✓ How do your actions NOW affect your future?