



September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You have received your child's Individual Student Report for the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics and Science as applicable (tested in grades 5 and 8). These MCAP assessments were administered in Spring 2023 as one of several strategies to identify strategies on how students are performing academically. These results never stand alone in assessing student growth, and will be used in combination with other assessments and classwork to gauge overall student performance.

As you review your child's report, please keep in mind:

Your child's MCAP scores cannot be compared with any other tests

It is not possible to score "lower" or "higher" on MCAP relative to any other test your child has taken in the past. These state assessments will allow you to see your child's academic growth from one grade to the next, and progress toward college-and career-readiness for the first time.

MCAP results are not just a set of "numbers," but a roadmap to opportunity

Your child's results provide a useful snapshot to:

- ✓ Identify specific skills where there's room for growth,
- ✓ Spot strengths your child can build on, and
- ✓ Help a teacher tailor instruction to your child's needs.

Please remember that each state assessment provides just one measure of your child's performance. It is not the *only* indicator of student progress. I strongly encourage you to start a conversation about your child's academic progress by speaking with a teacher, attending a PTA meeting, or browsing the resources created for parents about the curricular standards and MCAP assessments.

Please contact your child's school if you require additional information.

Sincerely,