**Sample Parent Letter**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year, Mississippi administers the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) tests in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Students in grades 3-8 and high school Algebra I and English II take these tests. MAAP is a Mississippi-developed test that Mississippi teachers helped create.

MAAP assesses students on the content and skills they learn in class throughout the school year. The tests help to identify the areas in each subject where students need additional support and where they have mastered the content and can be challenged to go deeper into the subject matter. This information is useful to parents, teachers, students and school administrators.

As a parent, you can use the information from the test to help support your child at home and begin a discussion with your child’s teacher to identify what, if any, additional supports are necessary in school. Students can work on the areas where they need improvement to ensure they move from grade to grade with the academic knowledge and skills necessary for success beyond high school. In areas where students excel, teachers can provide appropriately challenging work to ensure they continue to be engaged and advance their knowledge.

While no single test can give a complete picture of achievement, when combined with student grades and teacher reports, MAAP will provide important information about student progress. With the MAAP test, you will be able to compare your child’s performance from year to year and see progress over time.

We are committed to student achievement, and MAAP sets a high bar for our students so that they are prepared for college-level coursework and the demands of a 21st-century career. We are confident that with the quality instruction delivered by our dedicated educators, and your support, our students can meet and exceed these expectations.

**Students in [SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME] will be scheduled to take their MAAP tests during the testing window [DATES].** Your child’s teacher will provide you with specific test dates before [DATE]. As in past years, testing accommodations are available to qualifying students. I encourage you to reach out to your child’s teacher with any questions you may have about your child’s progress and the upcoming MAAP test. You may find more information about MAAP at [www.mdek12.org/OSA/MAAP](http://www.mdek12.org/OSA/MAAP).

Sincerely,
[SCHOOL/DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR]