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TIPS: Getting Prepared for MAP Testing at Home

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[Click here to watch the video!](#)

1 Talk about the purpose.

Talk to your child/ren about why they are taking the test.

- The MAP Growth test is an online, adaptive test.
- This means that as you get questions right, the test will get harder. As you get questions wrong, the test will get easier.
- The score shows how you compare to your peers.
- This score will not be used for a grade, so just do your best and show us what you are ready to learn today!



2 Confirm your test date.

Teachers will contact you to schedule a time for your child to test and set up a way to communicate during testing, like chat or text.

- MAP Growth takes about 60 minutes per subject.
- Once you have your dates and times, mark them down on a calendar.
- A computer, laptop, or tablet connected to the internet is needed.
- Your child/ren's teacher will help you get what you need.



During testing, all students can:



Take breaks.



Use scratch paper.



Wear a noise buffer.

3 Consider your child/ren's needs.

There are many tools built into the test to help all children do their best, like a highlighter and a ruler.

- There are features that can be given to students who need extra support. For example, the test questions can be read aloud. That is called text-to-speech.
- Other supports are available only for children with IEP or 504 plans.
- Ask your child/ren's teacher if you have questions about extra supports.

Your child/ren's teacher will provide you with a testing agreement which explains CCSD test security requirements. It is important to follow these guidelines in order to keep the test secure and make sure your child/ren's score is as accurate as possible. Thank you for your active engagement in your child/ren's education!



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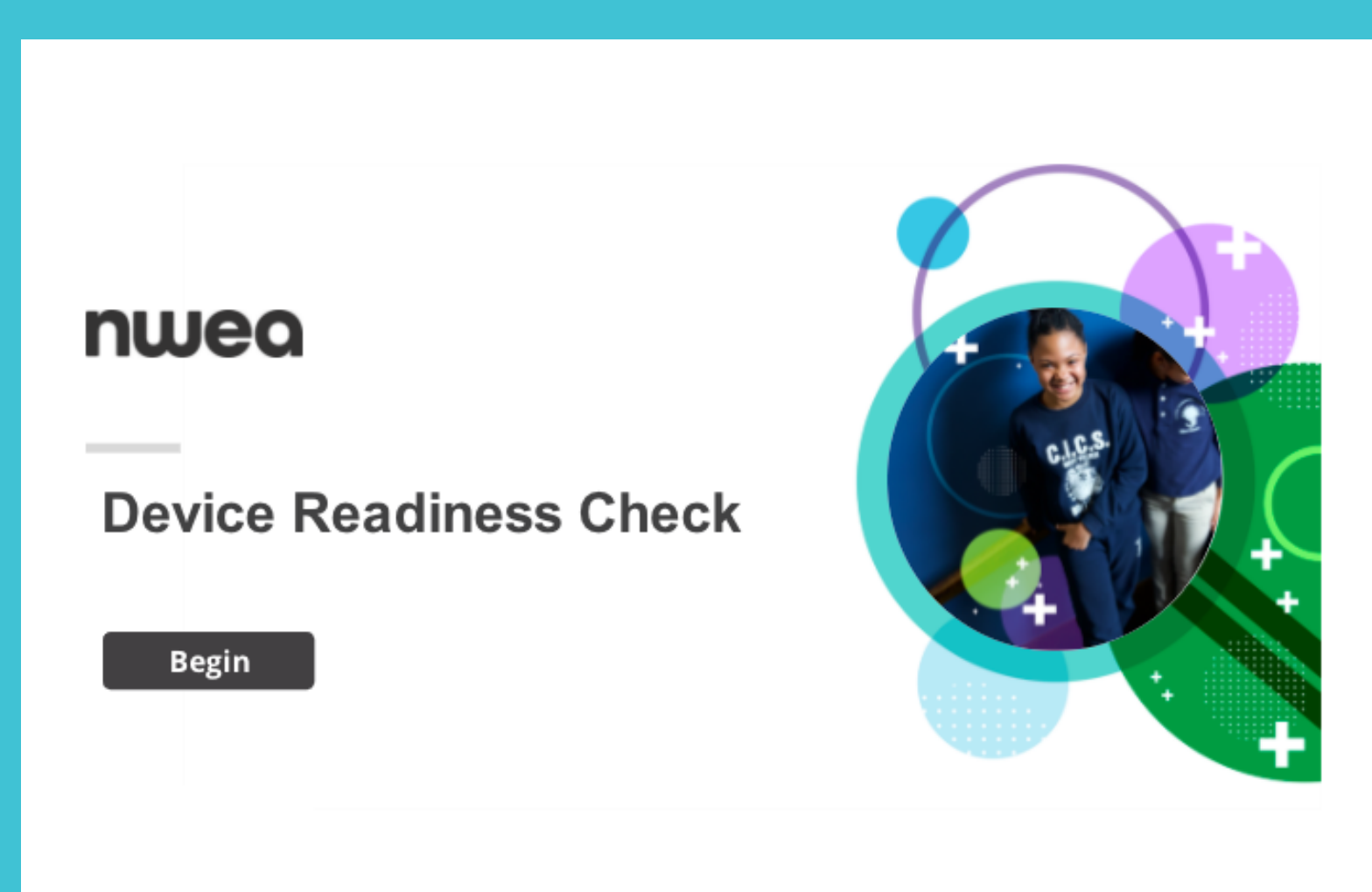
Choose a place in your home where your child/ren will be able to take the test.

- This place should be free from distractions and as quiet as possible.
- The area should have good lighting.
- You will need your device connected to the internet, scratch paper, and a pencil.
- If your child/ren need headphones, make sure to have those too.



Click here to check your device:

bit.ly/MAPready



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Check your tech.

Your child's teacher will schedule time to meet with you and help you prepare for testing day. This includes:

- Checking your device to make sure it is ready for testing.
- Troubleshooting any technical issues, such as screen resolution errors or pop-up blockers.
- Practicing how to log in to the MAP testing platform.

You can also find more information on technical requirements at bit.ly/REMOTETECH.

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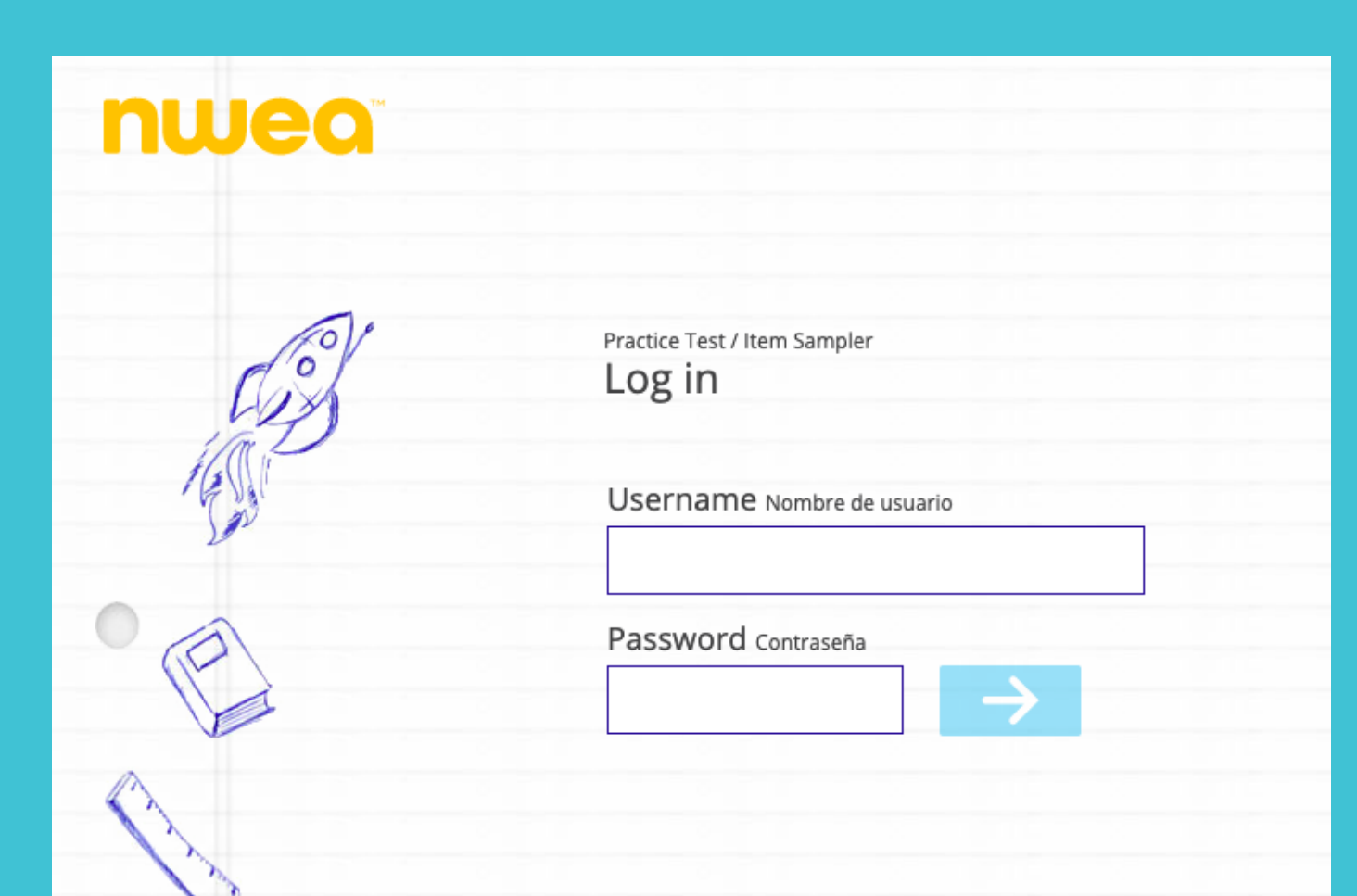
Practice the test.

Once you have your testing spot set up, try it out!

- The username is grow.
- The password is grow.
- You can choose a grade, subject, test language, and test.
- You can also turn on text-to-speech.
- Check with your child/ren's teacher to discuss extra supports for testing day.

Click here to take the practice test:

practice.nwea.org



Don't forget to check that you are able to communicate with the teacher, such as by text or chat. This is very important for testing day. Thank you for your active engagement in your child/ren's education!



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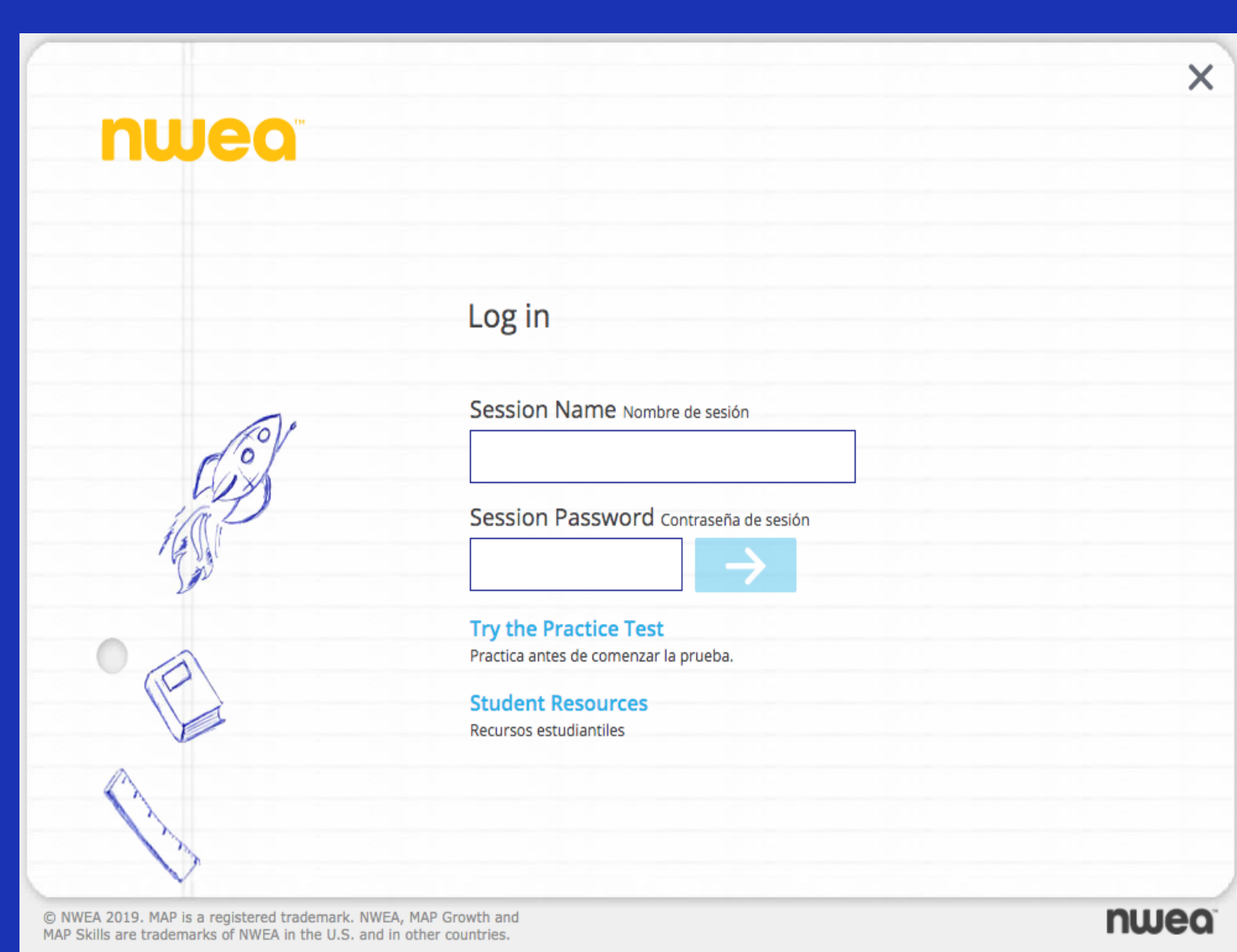
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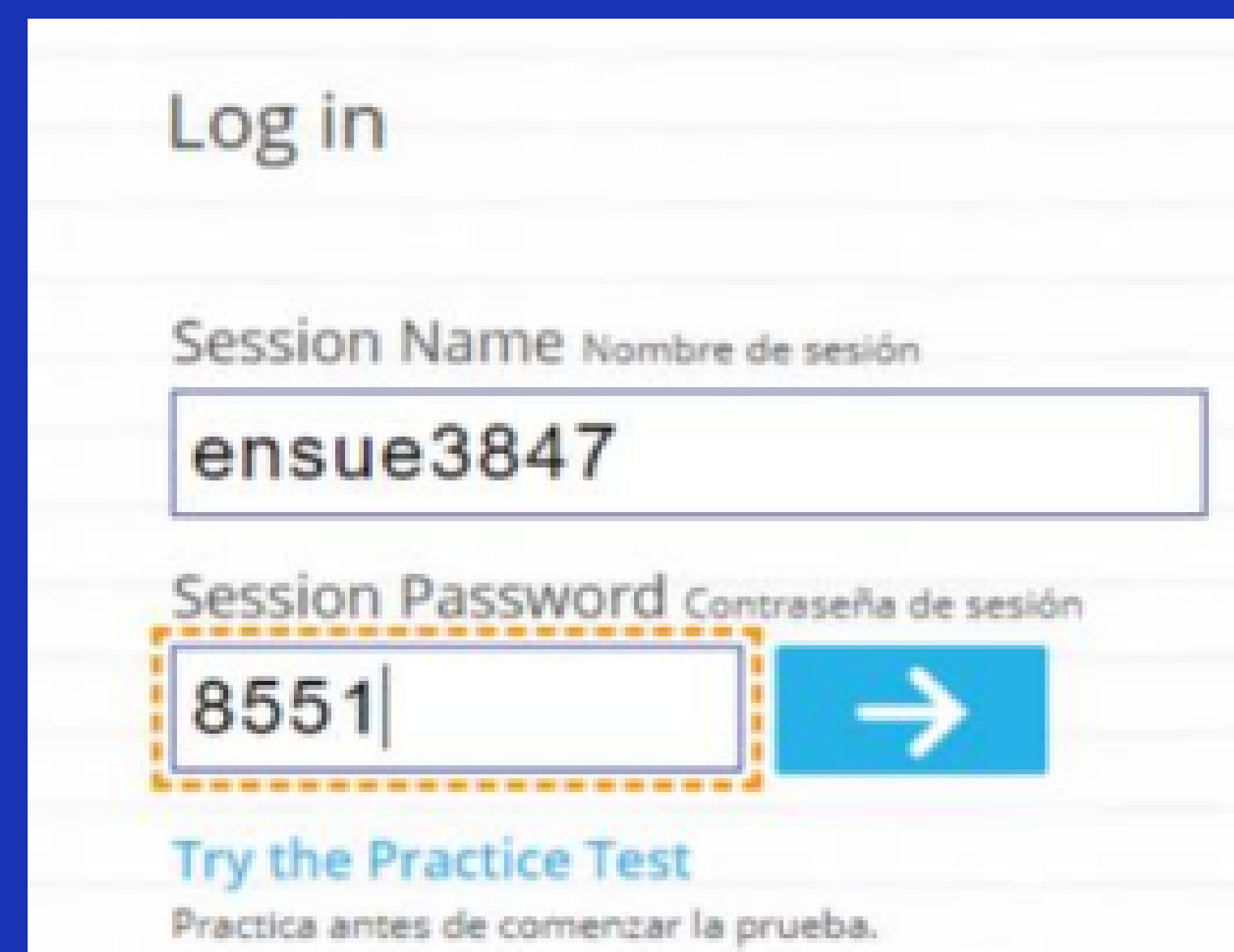
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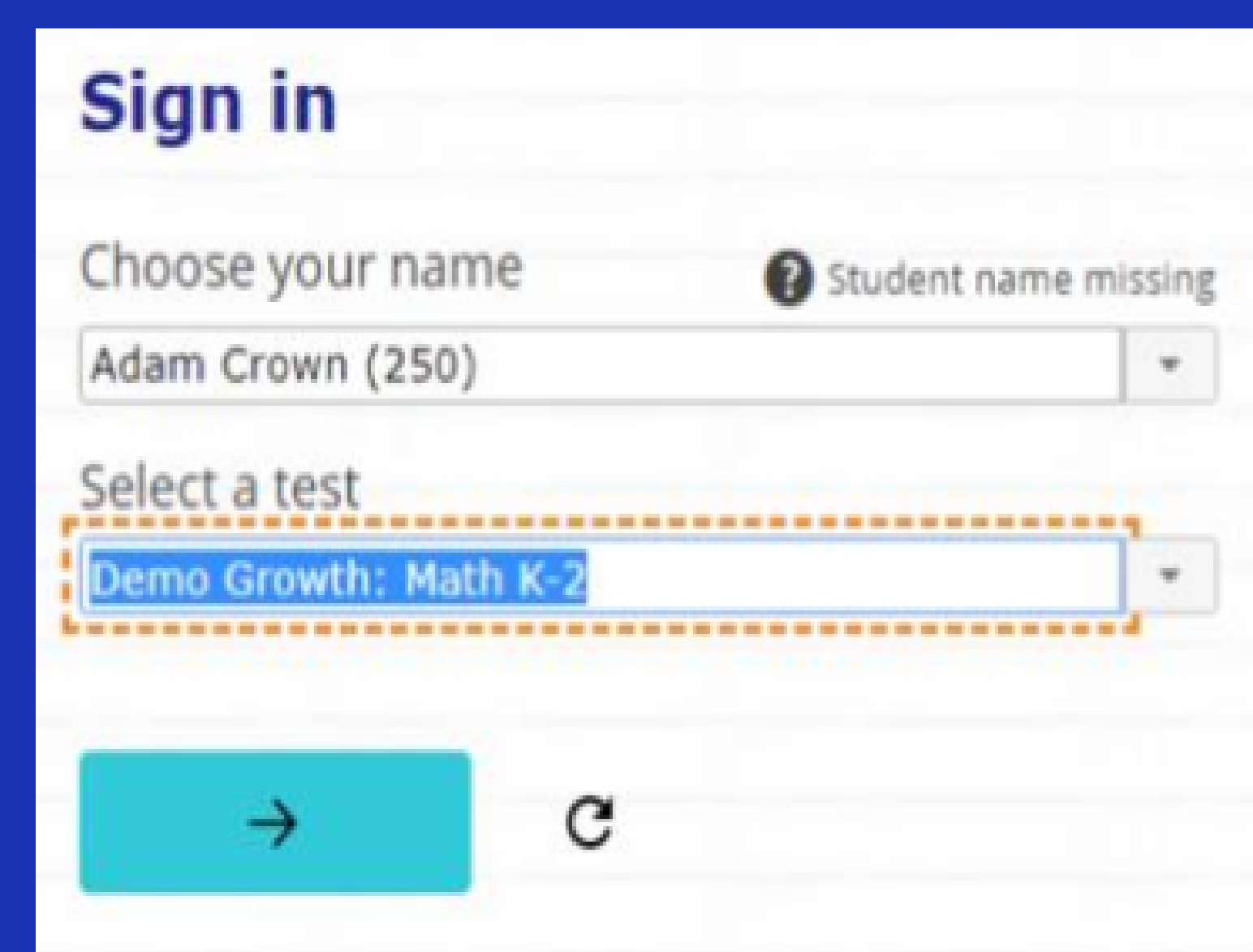
1 Connect with your child/ren's teacher at your scheduled testing time.



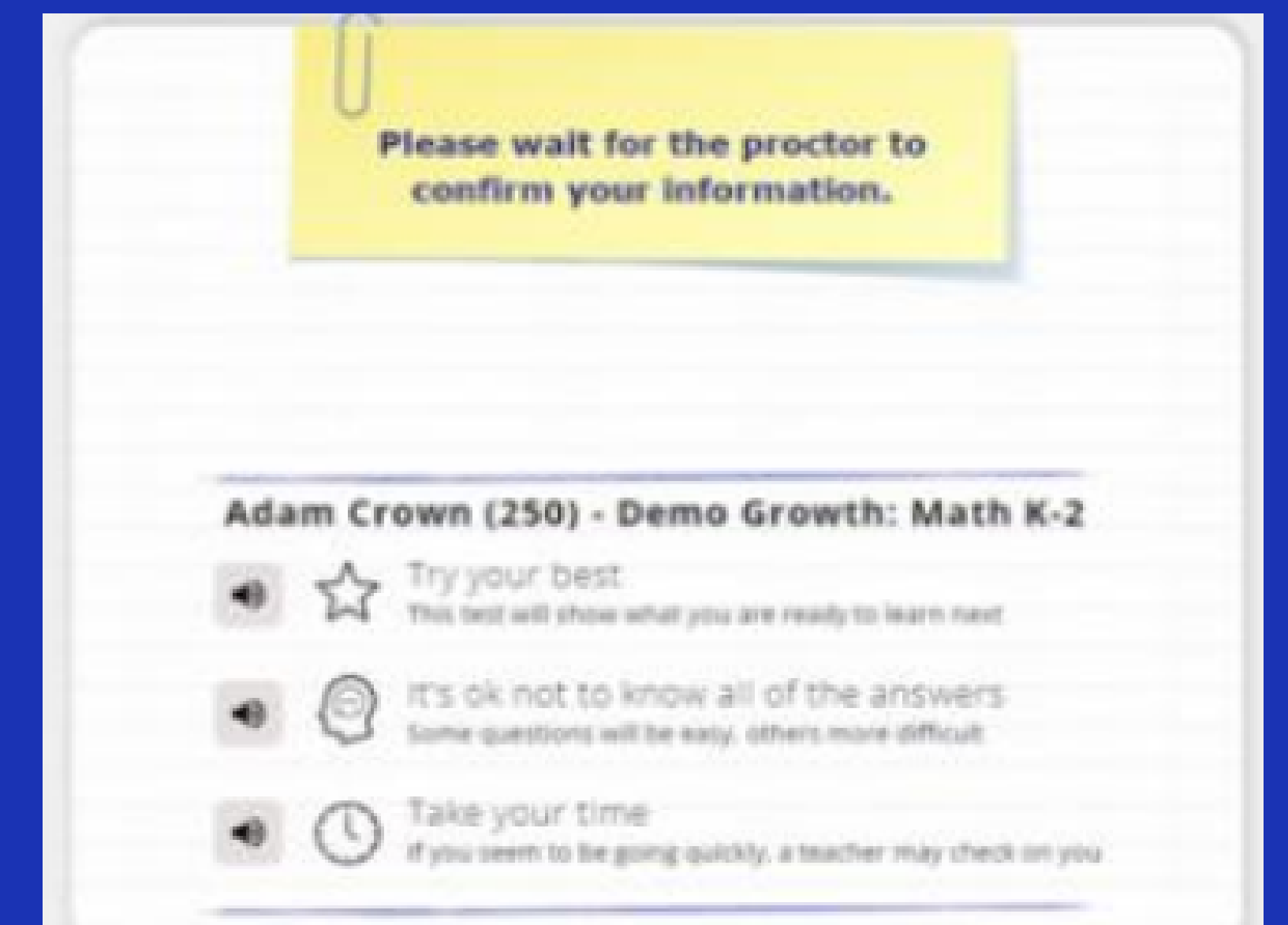
Open your browser and go to test.mapnwea.org.



The teacher will share the session name and password.



Check that your child/ren chooses their name from the list.



The teacher will then let your child/ren begin the test.

2 Encourage your child/ren to do their best.

Try your best to check on your child/ren as they are testing.

- Make sure they are not looking online or texting friends to find the answers.
- Ask them to take breaks if they aren't able to do their best. This test is not timed. Just make sure to let your teacher know so they can pause the test.
- Provide positive feedback. You can use high fives or give hugs.



3 Contact the teacher if any issues come up.

There are times when you may need more help from your child/ren's teacher:

- The test is paused because your child/ren are guessing and answering the questions too quickly.
- You accidentally get kicked out of the test.
 - Don't worry if this happens! The teacher can get you back in to the test.
 - Your child/ren will start from where they left off. They won't need to start over again.



Once testing is completed, a teacher will communicate with you about your child/ren's progress. Scores will also be available in Infinite Campus in a few weeks. You can talk with your child/ren about how they did and make a plan for what's next. **Thank you for your active engagement in your child/ren's education!**

