

New achievement test system will target individual students

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Forget the old-fashioned achievement tests that required using a No. 2 pencil to darken rows of ovals on a page.

Brady students are moving into the 21st century this year taking national standardized tests online.

The district is changing from Terra Nova achievement tests to Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests this fall.

Brady students in grades 1-11 will take the standardized tests by clicking online selections rather than with pencil and paper beginning in November, according to school principal Bruce Hird.

The MAP tests are adaptive assessments which test each student differently, allowing teachers to see individual results.

The tests are engaging, Hird said. As each student responds to questions, the test responds to the student by adjusting difficulty.

The result is a rewarding experience for the student, Hird said, and lots of detailed information for teachers, parents and administrators.

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