

GEORGIA MILESTONES VIRTUAL PARENT MEETING

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VIA ZOOM

Presented by: THE GENESIS TESTING TEAM

What is the Georgia Milestones?



The Georgia Milestones Assessment (GMAS) is a comprehensive assessment system spanning grades 3 through high school. Georgia Milestones measures knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

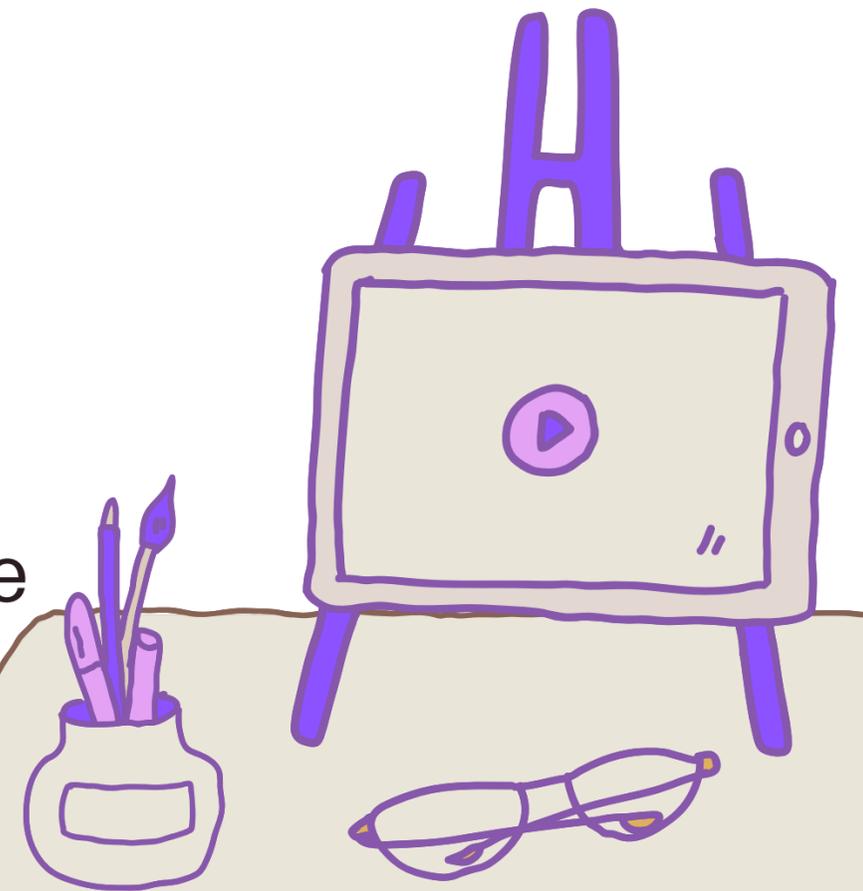
Students in grades 3 through 8 will take End-of-Grade (EOG) assessments in English language arts and mathematics. Students in grades 5 and 8 will take the EOG science assessment, and students in grade 8 will take the EOG social studies assessment.

High school students will take End-of-Course (EOC) assessments for each of the courses in which they are enrolled, as designated by the State Board of Education.

What is the Purpose of the Georgia Milestones Assessments?

Georgia Milestones is designed to provide information about how well students are mastering the state adopted content standards in the core content areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Importantly, Georgia Milestones is designed to provide students with critical information about their own achievement and their readiness for their next level of learning—be it the next grade, the next course, or the next endeavor (college or career).



What are the benefits of the Georgia Milestones?

The assessment allows students to show their work and explain their reasoning so that teachers can better understand what they know and where there are gaps in learning that need to be addressed.

Rather than focusing on what a child has memorized through solely answering multiple choice questions, the tests asks students to apply skills like thinking, reasoning and justifying answers- showing what they can do.

The test does not lend to "teaching to the test" since it focuses on the students applying skills. It is daily practice and skill acquisition in the classroom that best prepares students for this assessment.

When will our scholars take the Georgia Milestones?

GA MILESTONES EOG TESTING CALENDAR

APRIL / MAY 2022

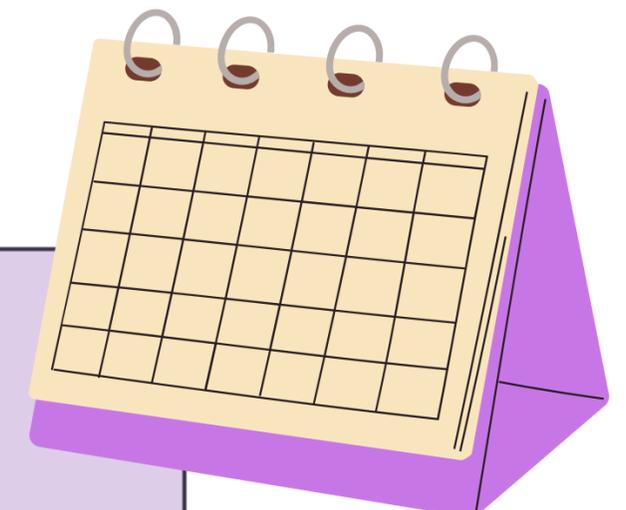
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
24	25 3rd- 8th Grade ELA 1	26 3rd- 8th Grade ELA 2 & 3	27 5th & 8th Grade MATH	28 3rd, 4th, 6th, & 7th MATH	29 ⊘	30
01	02 ⊘ NO TESTING	03 5th & 8th Grade SCIENCE <i>(P.M. – MAKE UPS)</i>	04 8th Grade SOCIAL ST. <i>(P.M. – MAKE UPS)</i>	05 MAKE – UP TESTING	06 MAKE – UP TESTING <i>*Final Testing Day*</i>	07

8th grade scholars who take High School courses must take 8th grade EOG tests EXCEPT for SCIENCE

GA MILESTONES EOC TESTING CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)

MAY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
15	16 BIOLOGY 1 EOC	17 ALGEBRA 1 EOC	18 EOC MAKE UP TESTING	19	20	



What is the duration of the GMAS tests?

There are 3 sessions for GMAS ELA

- Session 1 is on a single day and Session 2 and 3 are given on a single day

There are 2 sessions for GMAS Math, Social Studies and Science tests.

- Both sessions 1 and 2 are given in a single day

The duration of the GMAS sessions is as below:

- GMAS ELA Session 1 is for 90 minutes (maximum), session 2 and 3 are for 80 minutes each (maximum).
- GMAS Math session 1 and 2 are for 65 minutes each (maximum).



What types of questions will a student see on the Georgia Milestones assessments?

- Open-ended (constructed response) items and a writing component (in response to passages read by students) in English Language Arts .
- The Mathematics portion of assessment consists of selected-response and technology enhanced items.
- Multiple-choice items in all content grades and courses
- Technology-enhanced questions- such as drag and drop, multi-step items, equation editor, plot the point, bar chart, drop down menu, etc

***** The assessment is administered 100% online using the Genesis school Chromebooks. *****

How is the Georgia Milestones scored?



Georgia Milestones measures how well a student has acquired the knowledge and skills outlined in the standards for their grade level.

Students are not compared to each other but are measured on how well they are meeting the standards.

Student achievement in each content area is classified into four performance levels called Achievement Levels.

Scores are scaled so that they are comparable and carry the same meaning to all stakeholders (Georgia, school systems, schools, teachers, parents, etc.)

A range of scaled scores will fall into one for four Achievement Levels.

THIS IS NOT A PASS/FAIL TEST!

How is the Georgia Milestones scored?

An achievement level is a range of scores that defines a specific level of student performance, as articulated in the Achievement Level Descriptors. ***There are four achievement levels for each EOG assessment: Beginning Learner, Developing Learner, Proficient Learner, and Distinguished Learner.***

- **Beginning Learners** do not yet demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level and content area of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students need substantial academic support to be prepared for the next grade level and to be on track for college and career readiness.
- **Developing Learners** demonstrate partial proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level and content area of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students need additional academic support to ensure success in the next grade level and to be on track for college and career readiness.
- **Proficient Learners** demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level and content area of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students are prepared for the next grade level and are on track for college and career readiness.
- **Distinguished Learners** demonstrate advanced proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level and content area of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students are well prepared for the next grade level and are well prepared for college and career readiness.

The achievement level classification for a student is determined by the scale score cuts. EOG scores are reported on a scale that can range from 140 to 830. The minimum and maximum scale scores for the different EOG assessments differ because the tests vary in length and their relative difficulty.

Scale Score Ranges by Achievement Level

Achievement Levels					
		Level 1: Beginning Learner	Level 2: Developing Learner	Level 3: Proficient Learner	Level 4: Distinguished Learner
Content Area	Grade Level	Scale Score	Scale Score	Scale Score	Scale Score
ELA	Grade 3	180 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 580	581 to 830
	Grade 4	210 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 573	574 to 775
	Grade 5	210 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 586	587 to 760
	Grade 6	140 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 598	599 to 820
	Grade 7	165 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 591	592 to 785
	Grade 8	225 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 580	581 to 730
Mathematics	Grade 3	290 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 579	580 to 705
	Grade 4	270 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 584	585 to 715
	Grade 5	265 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 579	580 to 725
	Grade 6	285 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 579	580 to 700
	Grade 7	265 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 579	580 to 740
	Grade 8	275 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 578	579 to 755
Science	Grade 5	160 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 594	595 to 780
	Grade 8	165 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 592	593 to 785
Social Studies	Grade 8	240 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 571	572 to 715

****EOC
Achievement
levels for Biology
& ALG 1 are
available on the
GaDOE testing
site.****

Are students with disabilities or students who are English Learners required to take Georgia Milestones?

- All students must be tested in all Georgia Milestones content areas at their respective grade levels or courses.
- Students with disabilities and EL students often need accommodations when participating in an assessment.
- Accommodations for students with disabilities under IDEA must be determined at the annual IEP team meeting, while accommodations for ELs must be determined at a documented EL/TPC meeting.
- Section 504 students receive accommodations through an Individual Accommodation Plan (IAP).

Accommodations are usually broken down into the following categories:

- Setting Accommodations: adjust the place in which the testing normally occurs
- Scheduling Accommodations: adjust the time allowance or scheduling of a test
- Presentation Accommodations: adjust the presentation of test material and/or test directions
- Response Accommodations: adjust the manner in which students respond to or answer test questions

Retention, Promotion & Grade Requirements

3rd, 5th & 8th Graders:

Georgia law requires students in grades 3, 5, and 8 to receive a reading determination of Grade Level or Above on the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade Assessment in the area of reading.

Students in grades 3, 5, and 8 must attain an achievement level of “Developing Learner”, “Proficient Learner”, or “Distinguished Learner” on the mathematics section of the Georgia Milestones End-of Grade Assessment in mathematics for grades 5 and 8 in order to be promoted to the next grade level.

Students who fail to demonstrate grade-level achievement on these measures are to receive remediation and be offered an opportunity for a retest prior to consideration for promotion to grades 4, 6, and 9. Retesting takes place during the summer.

High Schoolers:

High school students will take an end-of-course assessment for Biology & ALG 1 courses as designated by the Ga Dept of Education. For the 2021-2022 school year, the EOC course grade weight is 20% of the scholars course grade.



How can you help your scholar prepare?

Scholars who are prepared, calm and rested perform better on tests!



- **Encourage** your child to do their best and to use good test-taking skills, such as following directions carefully, avoiding careless errors, and reviewing their answers.
- **Explain** to your child that the purpose of this test is to show what they have learned in school. Point out that some items may be more difficult than others, but that they should not get discouraged.
- **Provide** your child opportunities to get plenty of sleep and have a healthy breakfast and lunch.
- **Arrive** at school on time. Arriving on time ensures that your child is not rushed
- **Appreciate** your child's hard work. Remember to ask your child about the test at the end of each day.



Student Study Guides Practice Tests & Resources

*****Links are in the chat box*****

STUDY GUIDES

Grade 3

Grade 4

Grade 5

Grades 6

Grades 7

Grades 8

ALG 1 - BIOLOGY

TEST PRACTICE

Experience

Online Testing

Georgia

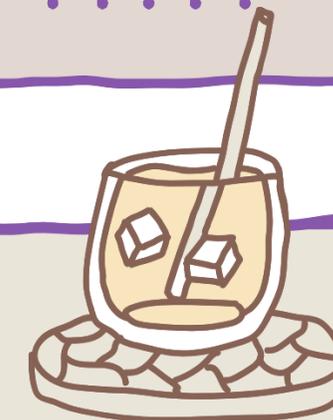
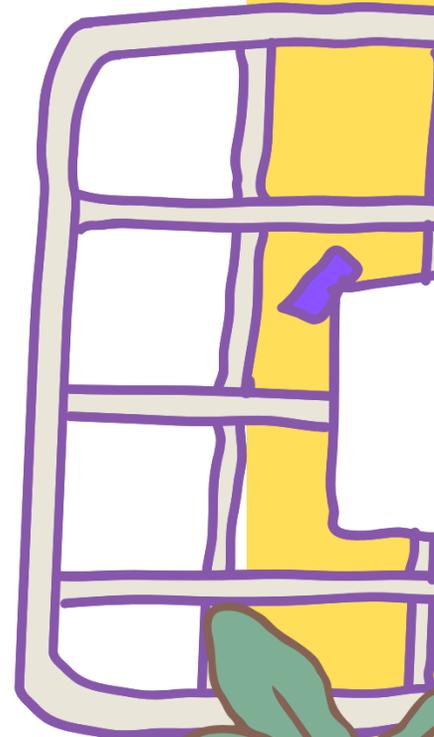
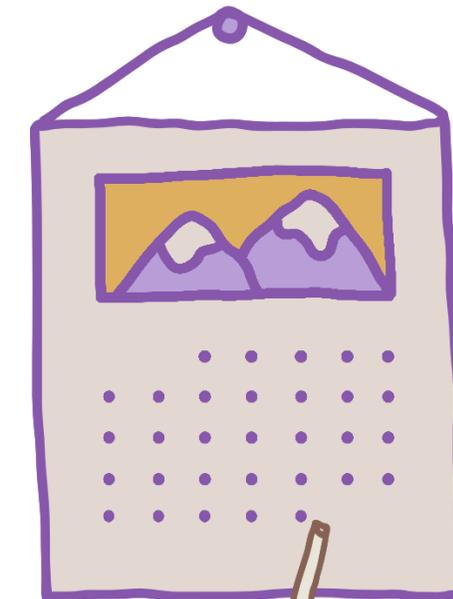
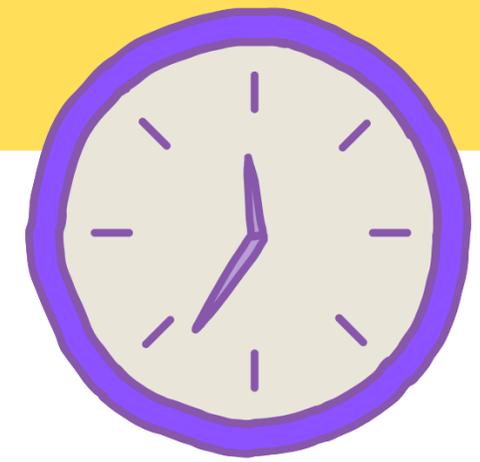
Additional Resources

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Thank You!

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