



March 25, 2019

Georgia law, as amended by the A+ Education Reform Act of 2000, requires that all students in Grades 3-8 take the Georgia Milestones: End of Grade (EOG) in the content areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. In addition, students in grades 5 and 8 will take Science and Social Studies. Georgia Milestones is designed to provide information about how well students are mastering the state adopted content standards. 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). For the 2019 administration, there are promotion requirements for Reading in grades 3, 5, and 8 and for Mathematics for grades 5 and 8. Students must receive satisfactory scores in these areas.

Georgia Milestones has transitioned to 100% of our students testing online. Online is considered the primary mode of testing, with paper-and-pencil available if the student has a disability identified in the student's IEP, 504, or TPC plan that requires the need for this type of administration.

Below is the schedule for the administration of the EOG in the DeKalb County School District. It is imperative that students attend school each day and arrive on time so they will not miss any sections of this important assessment. **It is imperative that students attend school each day and arrive on time, so they will not miss any sections of this important assessment. If students arrive after 8:10 a.m., they will test during makeups and will not be eligible for the perfect attendance incentive if they arrive late or are absent.**

Tues/April 16	ELA Section 1
Wed/April 17	ELA Section 2
Thurs/April 18	ELA Section 3
Fri/April 19	MAKE-UP DAY
Mon/April 22	Mathematics Section 1
Tues/April 23	Mathematics Section 2
Wed/April 24	MAKE-UP DAY
Thurs/April 25 (Grades 5 & 8)	Science Section 1
Fri/April 26 (Grades 5 & 8)	Science Section 2
Mon/April 29 (Grades 5 & 8)	Social Studies Section 1
Tues/April 30 (Grades 5 & 8)	Social Studies Section 2
Wed/May 1	NON TESTING DAY
Fri/May 3	All test materials returned to the warehouse

You can help by taking the following steps:

1. Limit evening activities prior to testing so that adequate time is provided for rest.
2. Discuss the importance of testing with your son/daughter.
3. Provide two #2 pencils daily.
4. Provide a nutritious breakfast.
5. Ensure your child is present and on time each morning. If possible, please avoid scheduling doctor/dentist appointments during the testing period.
6. If an issue arises that may impact your child's performance, please contact a school counselor.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of testing and to ensure a prompt response, please email Dr. Arnette itaski.arnette.lpa@gmail.com and cc lpamiddle@gmail.com and place in the subject line **TESTING**.

Respectfully,

Dr. Tonya Williams, Chief Academic Officer and Chief Learning Officer