



## **Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade/End-of-Course Assessments Testing Brief for 2014–2015**

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The Georgia Milestones Assessment System is a comprehensive assessment program spanning grades 3 through high school. It is designed to provide information about how well students are mastering the state-adopted content standards in the core content areas of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The Georgia Milestones Assessment was first given during the 2014 2015 school year.

Students in grade 3 through 8 take an end-of-grade (EOG) assessment in the content areas of languages arts, mathematics, science and social studies in April.

High school students take an end-of-course (EOC) assessment for each of the eight courses designated by the State Board of Education:

- Ninth Grade Literature and Composition
- American Literature and Composition
- Coordinate Algebra
- Analytic Geometry
- Physical Science
- Biology
- United States History
- Economics/Business/Free Enterprise

Middle school students who are enrolled in one or more of these courses will also take the end-of-course assessment. The end-of-course assessments are administered at the completion of the course, regardless of the grade level. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, these assessments serve as the final exam for the course and count as 20% of the student's final grade.

Features of the Georgia Milestone Assessment System include:

- open-ended (constructed-response) items in language arts and mathematics (all grades and courses)
- a writing component (in response to passages read by students) at every grade level and course within the language arts assessment
- norm-referenced items in all content areas and courses, to complement the criterion-referenced information and to provide a national comparison

**END OF GRADE MILESTONES**  
**PCSD vs. State**  
**% of Students at Levels 3/4**  
**% of Students at Levels 2/3/4**

The following chart shows scores from the End-of-Grade GA Milestones tests from the 2014-2015 school year. PCSD scored equal to or above the State in all subject areas for all grade levels 3-8 in levels 3 and 4. PCSD scored above the State in all subject areas for all grades 3-8 in levels 2-3-4.

Level 3 & 4	ELA		Math		Science		SS	
	PCSD	GA	PCSD	GA	PCSD	GA	PCSD	GA
3rd Grade	41	37	47	38	38	34	34	30
4th Grade	41	37	46	40	34	33	41	35
5th Grade	43	39	39	38	36	36	30	29
6th Grade	39	39	40	36	38	38	40	32
7th Grade	38	37	40	37	40	36	45	36
8th Grade	40	39	41	37	37	32	44	33

Level 2-3-4	ELA		Math		Science		SS	
	PCSD	GA	PCSD	GA	PCSD	GA	PCSD	GA
3rd Grade	75	67	87	79	80	76	82	74
4th Grade	77	71	84	80	72	71	78	71
5th Grade	77	73	78	75	72	70	78	75
6th Grade	71	69	79	75	68	65	79	71
7th Grade	74	70	79	75	72	65	80	72
8th Grade	81	76	82	75	68	62	80	70

## END OF COURSE MILESTONES

### PCSD vs. State

#### % of Students at Levels 3/4

#### % of Students at Levels 2/3/4

The following chart shows scores from the End-of-Course GA Milestones tests from the 2014-2015 school year. PCSD scored above the state in the subject areas of 9<sup>th</sup> Literature and Coordinate Algebra in levels 3 and 4. PCSD scored above the State in the subject areas of 9<sup>th</sup> Literature, Coordinate Algebra and US History in levels 2-3-4.

Level 3 & 4	PCSD	GA
9th Literature	46	39
American Literature	32	36
Coordinate Algebra	38	34
Analytic Geometry	16	29
Biology	32	38
Physical Science	11	31
US History	39	40
Economics	33	37

Level 2-3-4	PCSD	GA
9th Literature	80	76
American Literature	73	75
Coordinate Algebra	70	69
Analytic Geometry	60	65
Biology	57	63
Physical Science	47	65
US History	75	73
Economics	64	69

#### Winter/Spring Combined- HS Only

Level 3 & 4	PCSD	GA
9th Literature	35	38
American Literature	31	35
Coordinate Algebra	27	34
Analytic Geometry	24	33
Biology	33	38
Physical Science	10	31
US History	39	39
Economics	33	39

Level 2-3-4	PCSD	GA
9th Literature	76	76
American Literature	73	75
Coordinate Algebra	64	67
Analytic Geometry	65	68
Biology	59	63
Physical Science	48	64
US History	75	73
Economics	67	70