



Spring 2021 Georgia Milestones For Virtual Students

April 1, 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian,

According to our records, you have a student who is virtually learning and enrolled in either 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. Per state law, students in these grade levels must participate in the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade (EOG) Assessment program at the end of the year. In addition, some 8th grade students may also be completing an End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment for Algebra I. As a result, we want to share information about the Georgia Milestones assessments for your student's grade level.

During the month of May, Paulding County will administer the Georgia Milestones Assessments. **These assessments are NOT mandatory for full-time virtual students. Note that the Spring 2021 EOG's will not be used in the process of determining grade-level promotion or retention for the next school year. Additionally, the Spring 2021 EOC's will count as only 0.01% of the student's overall grade in the 8th grade Algebra I course.**

The results of End-of-Grade assessments for Grades 3-8 are not factored into a student's subject grades. The lack of an EOG grade *will not* impact any of the virtual student's grades for the school year. Virtual students in 8th grade who do not take the Algebra I EOC will receive a grade of zero for the assessment; however, the zero should not cause a negative impact on those students' Algebra I grade since its weight is insignificant to the overall grade of the course. Taking the Algebra I EOC is not required for students to receive course credit for that class.

If you decide to have your virtual student take a Milestones assessment, please know that we can only administer the assessment on campus at the student's home school. The state does not offer an online version that can be administered at home. In order to prepare, it is important that our schools know how many students will be testing on campus. Therefore, **PCSD is asking parents of virtual students slated to complete a Milestones to let us know whether your virtual student will test by using [this link](#) (or use the QR code shown below).** This information will allow us to foster a safe environment for all students.

As we must prepare in advance for testing, please complete the registration survey by no later than **Friday, April 23, 2021**. While we certainly welcome all virtual students to return to the building to test, we also understand your decision as a parent to choose not to do so.

Please review the attached flyer about the Georgia Milestones Assessment on test results, the registration process, and frequently asked questions. If you have any questions, please reach out to your teacher or your local school counselor for more information.

Thank you,

Greg Musgrove

School Principal



Scan for Registration Link

Austin Middle: Spring 2021 Milestones Assessment Plan

Families of virtual students are asked to review this information about our school's plan for administering the Georgia Milestones, the registration process, and some of the most frequently asked questions.

Register to Test by April 23, 2021



Please let us know whether your virtual student will participate in Milestones testing by using our **registration survey** by no later than **Friday, April 23, 2021**. Please use [this link](#) or the **QR code** provided to complete the registration process. The registration survey must be completed for each **individual** virtual student in a Milestones grade or course.

Spring 2021 Georgia Milestones Calendar for Middle Schools

Students in Grades 6-8 will be administered Georgia Milestones assessments on the following days.

May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6 8 th Grade ELA – Section 1 Approximate Pick up 11:00	May 7 8 th Grade ELA – Sections 2 & 3 Approximate Pick up 12:00
May 10 7 th Grade ELA – Section 1 Approximate Pick up 11:00	May 11 7 th Grade ELA – Sections 2 & 3 Approximate Pick up 12:00	May 12 8 th Algebra I Approximate Pick up 11:30	May 13 6 th Grade ELA – Section 1 Approximate Pick up 11:00	May 14 6 th Grade ELA – Sections 2 & 3 Approximate Pick up 12:00
May 17 8 th Grade Science & Physical Science Approximate Pick up 10:45	May 18 7 th Grade Math Approximate Pick up 11:30	May 19 8 th Grade Math Approximate Pick up 11:30	May 20 6 th Grade Math Approximate Pick up 11:30	May 21 8 th Grade Social Studies Approximate Pick up 10:30
May 24 Make-Ups*	May 25 Make-Ups*	May 26	May 27	May 28 Last Day of School

**Make-Up Sessions are reserved for students that miss the regularly scheduled test for medical reasons or extenuating circumstances. Each school will also offer rolling make-up opportunities after each initial administration that are not shown on this calendar.*

Virtual students will need to report to campus at **8:40 AM** on their scheduled testing date. More details about reporting to campus are provided below.

Reporting to Campus for Testing

If you decide to have your virtual student take a Milestones assessment, please note that we can only administer the assessment on campus as the state does not offer an online version that can be administered at home.

Parents/Guardians of virtual students are responsible for providing transportation to and from the student's district school for testing.

Virtual students will sign into the front office upon arrival. The office will provide students with their testing location. All virtual students will be testing together within a classroom on their grade level hallway. At the completion of the test (see approximate times above), students will be escorted to the front of the school where they will be dismissed to their cars. If a student is to walk home, a note must be provided to the front office upon arrival to be verified.

If Austin Middle is not your home school, reach out to your virtual teacher or your home school itself for the correct information.

School Safety Procedures Followed for Testing

Keeping students and staff safe and healthy is our key concern. Here are a few of the protective measures in place in our schools to minimize the spread of illness:

- Wearing a cloth face covering or mask is required for PCSD staff members. Students are encouraged to wear a mask.
- Schools will arrange seating to maximize space between students taking the tests.
- Rooms, furniture, and high-touch surfaces and objects will be cleaned frequently.
- Computer labs and equipment will be cleaned between morning and afternoon testing sessions.

Items to Bring for Testing

- **Pencils.** To avoid the sharing of materials, each student should bring several sharpened pencils.
- **A water bottle.** Students will have access to water but should bring their own container.
- **Hand sanitizer.** Frequent handwashing is encouraged. We also suggest that students bring hand sanitizer from home as well.
- **We encourage students to wear a mask or cloth face covering.** Although students are not required to wear a mask or face covering, we encourage all students to do so.

Testing and Classroom Instruction

Note that both in-person and virtual students will return to instruction after testing is done for the day. Due to travel time, your virtual student may miss some instruction in the digital classroom. Your student's teacher can answer questions about the instructional schedule.

If your virtual student will not participate in testing, he or she will still need to attend class on the scheduled testing date as virtual teachers will continue instruction for students in the virtual format.

Need More Information?

Please contact your student's virtual teacher or school counselor if you have any questions. Thank you.