



Spring 2022 Georgia Milestones Assessments for Herschel Jones Middle School

March 31, 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This spring, students in grades 6-8 will be administered Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade (EOG) assessments in the subjects of English/Language Arts and Mathematics. Students in grade 8 are also administered EOG assessments in Science and Social Studies. The Milestones are designed to measure how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE), the state's content standards. The results also help teachers and schools identify what resources and supports our students will need in the coming school year.

Some grade 8 students may be enrolled in a high school level course instead of the typical grade 8 course. Some of those high school courses have an associated Georgia Milestones End-of-Course (EOC) assessment, while some do not. In PCSD, grade 8 students may have the opportunity to complete Ninth Grade Literature, Algebra I, and/or Physical Science for high school credit. Depending on the course being completed, the student may face a different testing requirement:

Ninth Grade Literature: Grade 8 students enrolled in Ninth Grade Literature will complete the Grade 8 ELA End-of-Grade assessment, because Georgia no longer offers an EOC for this course.

Algebra I: Grade 8 students enrolled in Algebra I will have to complete **both** the Grade 8 Mathematics EOG assessment **and** the Algebra I EOC assessment. Under Georgia law, the student's Algebra I EOC score must count as **20% of the student's final grade** in Algebra I.

Physical Science: Grade 8 students completing the high school Physical Science course will complete the Physical Science Milestones assessment, but they **will not** complete the Grade 8 Science EOG assessment. Since GADOE recently retired the Physical Science EOC assessment at the high school level, the Physical Science EOC result **will not** count as a portion of the student's final average in the Physical Science course.

Unlike Spring 2020 and 2021, Georgia will not be granted any testing waivers for the 2021-2022 school year. Therefore, all students, including those served virtually, are expected to participate in the Milestones this year. Please know that we can only administer the Milestones assessments on campus at the student's home school. The state does not offer an online version that can be administered at home. Attached to this letter, parents/guardians of virtual students will find additional information about how to report for testing.

State law requires that students in grade 8 must achieve grade level scores in reading and mathematics to be promoted to the ninth grade. In Paulding County, however, EOG results are not the sole determinant in promotion/retention decisions. Our district is an authorized Strategic Waivers School System, which allows PCSD to declare that Milestones EOG results are only one piece of information when discussing promotion/retention. Our schools will weigh a totality of the information available about a child when considering promotion or retention including classroom performance, teacher evaluations, parental input, grades, and test results. EOG scores do not count as any portion of the student's final average for the associated subjects; however, all Algebra I EOC results must be counted as 20% of the final grade in the Algebra I course.

As we prepare for the Spring 2022 Milestones administration in late April, we ask that you please review the attached sheet. If you have any questions, please reach out to your student's teacher or your local school counselor for more information.

Thank you,

Tammy Skelton

School Principal

Herschel Jones Middle School: Spring 2022 Milestones Assessment Plan

Please review this information about our school's plan for administering the Georgia Milestones. If you have any additional questions, please contact your student's teacher or your local school counselor.

Spring 2022 Georgia Milestones Calendar for Middle Schools

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

April 25 8 th Grade ELA EOG – Section 1	April 26 8 th Grade ELA EOG – Sections 2 & 3	April 27 7 th Grade ELA EOG – Section 1	April 28 7 th Grade ELA EOG – Sections 2 & 3	April 29 8 th Grade Math EOG
May 2 6 th Grade ELA EOG – Section 1	May 3 6 th Grade ELA EOG – Sections 2 & 3	May 4 7 th Grade Math EOG	May 5 6 th Grade Math EOG	May 6 Make-Ups*
May 9 8 th Grade Science EOG or Physical Science	May 10 8 th Grade Social Studies EOG	May 11 Make-Ups*	May 12 8 th Algebra I EOC	May 13 Make-Ups*
May 16 Make-Ups*	May 17 Make-Ups*	May 18	May 19	May 20

**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 - Reporting to Campus for Testing

Virtual students must be administered their Milestones assessments 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 districted school for testing.**

Before Test

- All Tests will start at 9:00am
- Students should be dropped off in the car rider line between 8:15 am – 8:30 am
- Once dropped off, students will proceed to the table under the awning to check in
- After checking in, students will go directly to their assigned testing location
- Virtual students will test with other virtual students and not the regular face-to-face students at HJMS

After Test

- Students will proceed directly to the car rider line for pick up
- Students will then check out at the table or with the teacher who administered the test
- See below for pick up time

Date	Pick-up Time		Date	Pick-up Time
4/25/2022	11:00 am		5/3/2021	12:30 pm
4/26/2022	12:30 pm		5/4/2021	12:00 pm
4/27/2022	11:00 am		5/5/2021	12:00 pm
4/28/2022	12:30 pm		5/9/2021	11:00 am
4/29/2022	12:00 pm		5/10/2021	10:45 am
5/2/2021	11:00 am		5/12/2021	12:00 pm

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

Resources to Help Prepare for the Georgia Milestones

The Georgia Department of Education (GADOE) has provided multiple resources for students, parents/guardians, and teachers on its [Georgia Milestones Resources page](#), including:

- **Study Guides** for Georgia Milestones assessments
- [Experience Online Testing Georgia](#) - an online practice site for students, parents, and educators
 - Mirrors the platform used during the Milestones assessment, including the available universal tools
 - Showcases the types of questions students will encounter, by grade level, academic course, and format

Learn more about the Georgia Milestones by visiting the [Georgia Milestones page](#) on GADOE's website.

Need More Information?

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