



Spring 2021 Georgia Milestones For Middle School Students

April 2, 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This spring, students in Grades 6-8 will take the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade (EOG) Assessments to measure achievement in English Language Arts and Mathematics, with students in Grade 8 also taking EOG measures in Science and Social Studies. In addition, some 8th grade students may also be completing an End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment for Algebra I. While the tests measure each individual student's mastery of the curriculum during the school year, this year's results will help teachers and schools better understand the impact COVID-19 has had on learning and identify what resources and supports our students will need in the coming school year.

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	May 7 8 th Grade ELA – Sections 2 & 3
May 10 7 th Grade ELA – Section 1	May 11 7 th Grade ELA – Sections 2 & 3	May 12 8 th Algebra I	May 13 6 th Grade ELA – Section 1	May 14 6 th Grade ELA – Sections 2 & 3
May 17 8 th Grade Science & Physical Science	May 18 7 th Grade Math	May 19 8 th Grade Math	May 20 6 th Grade Math	May 21 8 th Grade Social Studies

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

The results of the Milestones assessments for Grades 3-8 are never factored into a student's subject grades. Although state law typically requires 8th grade students to pass the ELA and Math Milestones to be promoted to high school, **the Spring 2021 EOG's will not be used to determine promotion or retention for the next school year.** As a result, EOG retests will not be offered to 8th grade students this year following the main administration. **Additionally, the Spring 2021 EOC's will count as only 0.01% of the overall grade in the 8th grade Algebra I course.**

The Georgia Milestones assessments are primarily multiple choice with some open-ended response questions in ELA. You can view the types of questions used by visiting <http://gaexperienceonline.com>. Using this same site, your student can practice using the testing platform.

Please encourage your student to do his/her best on these tests. Please try to avoid test days for scheduled appointments that would remove your child from school. Attendance and prompt arrival to school are important to your student's success. If you have any questions, please reach out to your student's teachers or your local school counselor for more information.

Thank you,

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