



# Spring 2021 Georgia Milestones For High School Students

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

This spring, Georgia's high schools will administer the Georgia Milestones End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments to students enrolled in the following courses: Algebra I, American Literature & Composition, Biology, and U.S. History. While the tests measure each individual student's mastery of the course curriculum, 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 the four courses with EOC assessments will report for testing on the following days.

<b>May 10</b> American Literature – Section 1	<b>May 11</b> American Literature – Sections 2 & 3	<b>May 12</b> Algebra I	<b>May 13</b> Make-Ups*	<b>May 14</b> Make-Ups*
<b>May 17</b> Biology	<b>May 18</b> U.S. History	<b>May 19</b> Make-Ups*	<b>May 20</b> Make-Ups*	<b>May 21</b> Make-Ups*

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

Students enrolled in the Advanced Placement or Dual Enrollment equivalent of the four courses affiliated with an EOC assessment **do not** have to complete the EOC assessment during the 2020-2021 school year.

In December, the Georgia State Board of Education voted to temporarily reduce the grade weight of the EOC assessments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Typically, the EOC result would count as 20% of the EOC course grade. **For this year, the Spring 2021 EOC's will count as only 0.01% of the student's overall grade in the associated 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 EOC course teacher or your local school counselor for more information.

Thank you,

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