



# Spring 2023 Georgia Milestones Assessments for Roland Russom Elementary School

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

This spring, students in Grades 3-5 will take the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade (EOG) Assessments to measure achievement in English Language Arts and Mathematics, with students in Grade 5 also taking an EOG measure in Science. The Milestones assessments measure how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-created Georgia Performance Standards in specific subjects. While the tests measure each individual student's mastery of the curriculum during the school year, the results also help teachers and schools identify what resources and supports our students will need in the coming school year.

All students, including those served through virtual instruction, are expected to participate in the Milestones assessment. 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 Georgia Milestones testing.

State law requires that students in grade 3 must achieve grade level scores in reading to be promoted to fourth grade. In grade 5, state law requires that students must achieve grade level scores in reading and mathematics to be promoted to the sixth 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 considered during any promotion/retention discussion. Our schools will weigh a totality of the information available about a child when considering promotion and/or retention including classroom performance, teacher evaluations, parental input, grades, and test results.

As we prepare for the beginning of the Spring 2023 Milestones administration in May, we ask that you please review the attached information. If you have any questions, please reach out to your student's teacher or your local school counselor for more information.

Thank you,

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## Russom Elementary: Spring 2023 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 2023 Georgia Milestones Calendar for Elementary Schools

Students in Grades 3-5 will be administered Georgia Milestones assessments on the following days.

<b>May 1</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA EOG – Section 1	<b>May 2</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA EOG – Sections 2 & 3	<b>May 3</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA EOG – Section 1	<b>May 4</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA EOG – Sections 2 & 3	<b>May 5</b> Make Ups
<b>May 8</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math EOG	<b>May 9</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA EOG – Section 1	<b>May 10</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA EOG- Section 2 & 3	<b>May 11</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Math EOG	<b>May 12</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math EOG
<b>May 15</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science EOG	<b>May 16</b> Make-Ups*	<b>May 17</b> Make-Ups*	<b>May 18</b> Make-Ups*	<b>May 19</b> Make-Ups*

*\*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.**

Virtual students will need to report to campus by **8:00 AM** on their scheduled testing date. Students will report to the front office and be escorted to the testing room. After testing, students will be picked up from the front office.

***If Russom Elementary is not your home school, reach out to your virtual teacher or your home school itself for the correct 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
  - This practice tool mirrors the platform used by students during an actual Milestones assessment, including the universal tools available for use by all students
  - Showcases the types of questions students will encounter, by grade level, academic course, and question format (standard questions, Technology Enhanced questions, etc.)

You can also learn more about the overall Georgia Milestones Assessment System by visiting the Georgia Department of Education's [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.