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Dear Parent(s):

This letter is being mailed to all parents of third, fifth and eighth grade students in the Fulton County School System to share the promotion requirements in Georgia. Your child is required to pass a state test in order to be promoted to the next grade level. According to the law:

- Third grade students must achieve a reading status of Grade Level or Above on the English / Language Arts Georgia Milestones are eligible for promotion to fourth grade.
- Fifth grade students must achieve a reading status of Grade Level or Above on the English / Language Arts Georgia Milestones and at or above the Developing Learner level in mathematics on the Georgia Milestones in order to be promoted to sixth grade.
- Eighth grade students must achieve a reading status of Grade Level or Above on the English / Language Arts Georgia Milestones and at or above the Developing Learner level in mathematics on the Georgia Milestones in order to be promoted to ninth grade.
- Third, fifth and eighth grade students who do not take the state-adopted assessment in grades 3, 5, and 8 in reading and/or mathematics on any of the designated testing date(s) will result in the student being retained. The option of the parent or guardian or teacher(s) to appeal the decision to retain the student shall follow the procedure set forth in the state rule.

We encourage you to be aware of the law and to help your child be successful in his/her academic studies. Fulton County teachers and schools have been working with students to prepare for these mandated tests which will be administered in April & May 2023. We fully expect that most Fulton County students will meet or exceed the minimum requirements. For those who do not meet the above requirements or refuse to test, summer learning will be required.

You may also read the official rule at <https://tinyurl.com/GAstaterule> or by scanning the QR Code at the bottom of the page.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's reading or math performance, please contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,



Clifford Jones
Chief Academic Officer

