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BIBB STUDENTS MAKE STEADY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

2024-25 Milestones Scores Released by Georgia Department of Education

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(MACON, GA) – Bibb County School District students continue to make steady academic progress, according to Georgia Milestones test scores for 2024-25. Overall, students maintained or demonstrated improvement in ELA, math, and science content areas.

Bibb students showed increases in the number students scoring proficient and above on 11 of the 16 End of Grade (EOG) exams administered to elementary and middle grades students. Also, Bibb County High School students showed increases in the number students scoring proficient and above on all four End of Course (EOC) exams administered to high school students.

The percentage of Bibb students reading on or above grade level has continued to increase since 2021, and Bibb's overall End of Grade ELA scores showed continued growth at the vital 3rd grade level. In math, students showed improvement at every grade level from 3rd grade through high school. Notably, the percentage of Bibb students scoring in the proficient learner and above categories in math increased in more than 20 elementary and middle schools.

"We are proud of the continued growth and progress evident in our results," said Superintendent Dr. Dan A. Sims. "While there is still much work to do to bring all students to on-grade level reading status and proficient learner status on the Georgia Milestones, we are headed in a direction that gives us the energy we need to refine practices and strengthen family and community support for our students and their overall well-being. As we use literacy and attendance to guide our efforts this year, our immediate plan is to use these results to increase student, school, family, and community awareness as we push for excellence from everyone during this school year and beyond."

Several elementary schools surpassed the state in the percentage of students achieving grade level or above Lexile reading status. Elementary schools where students in upper grade levels **surpassed the state's Lexile** reading status include Alexander II, Carter, Heard, Heritage, Skyview, Springdale, and Vineville. These same schools also had a higher percentage of students scoring at developing learner or above in ELA than the state for the majority of upper grade levels.

Other notable highlights, based on internal analysis of raw data: **14 elementary schools made double-digit increases in ELA since 2021**, further demonstrating the steady progress of closing the gaps with the state.

- **Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary:** Students scoring at developing learner and above increased by 27 percentage points since 2021, and 9 percentage points since last year.

“Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary has been intentional in accelerating ELA and literacy gains through the implementation of Get Better Faster coaching cycles, which prioritize high-leverage instructional practices and targeted reading strategies aligned to achievement level descriptors. By combining data-driven small group instruction with rigorous text-based tasks, scholars are making measurable strides in fluency, comprehension, and overall literacy achievement,” Principal Tawanya Wilson said.

- **Bernd Elementary, Burdell-Hunt Elementary, McKibben Lane Elementary, and Union Elementary:** Students scoring at proficient learner and above increased by more than 7 percentage points since 2023.
- **Southfield Elementary:** Third grade students scoring at proficient learner and above increased by 8 percentage points.

Also notable:

- **Alexander II Magnet:** 90 percent of students scored at developing learner and above, which is an increase of 11 percentage points since 2021.
- **Carter Elementary:** 17 percent of students scored at the distinguished level, an increase of 14 percentage points since 2021, and 6 percentage points since last year.

"Through LETRS training, Bibb County educators are equipped with the expertise to harness the Science of Reading, transforming K-5 instruction that not only raises Lexile levels but also significantly improves reading status for all students, laying the foundation for lifelong literacy," said Olena Stadnik-Floore, Executive Director of Elementary Services.

Students also improved in the area of mathematics. Schools that **exceeded the state in the percentage** of students scoring at developing learner and above in **mathematics** include Alexander II Magnet, Burdell-Hunt Magnet, Carter Elementary, Heard Elementary, Skyview Elementary, Springdale Elementary, Vineville Academy of the Arts, and Miller Magnet Middle.

The mathematics Milestones exam changed in 2024. Scores for students scoring developing or above increased for all grades in 2025. Eighteen of 21 elementary schools showed gains. Notable increases are below:

- **Southfield Elementary:** Students scoring at proficient learner and above increased by 10 percentage points since last year.

“At Southfield, we’ve nurtured a culture where effort is celebrated, growth is expected, and collaboration is key. Guided by a belief in the potential of every student and a clear vision for academic excellence in math, we focused on consistent expectations, task alignment, targeted instruction, and regular data reviews. Teachers, leaders, and support staff worked hand-in-hand to ensure instruction was both responsive and impactful. As a result, our students are thriving, and the gains in math and ELA reflect our shared commitment and confirm we’re moving in the right direction,” Principal Dr. Shavone Laney said.

- **Ingram-Pye Elementary:** Students scoring at proficient learner and above increased by 6 percentage points since last year.

- **Bernd Elementary:** Students scoring at proficient learner and above increased by 7 percentage points since last year.

On the science Milestones, the percentage of fifth grade students scoring proficient or higher increased by two percentage points with 13 elementary schools showing increases since last year. Notable increases are below:

- **Williams Elementary:** Students scoring at proficient learner and above increased by 18 percentage points since last year.
- **Taylor Elementary:** Students scoring at proficient learner and above increased by 15 percentage points since last year.

In middle school, scores for math and science increased while ELA and Social Studies achievement was similar to prior years. Scores increased in math at all three grade levels. Below are notable increases in middle school Milestones scores.

- **Appling Middle School:** Students scoring at proficient learner and above in math increased by 4 percentage points since last year.
- **Miller Middle School:** Students scoring at proficient learner and above in science increased by 11 percentage points since last year.

At the high school level, scores increased in American Literature, Algebra Concepts and Connections, and Biology for students scoring developing and above when compared to the previous year's performance results. Several schools showed significant increases since last year.

- **VIP Academy:** Students scoring proficient learner or above in Algebra increased by 17 percentage points compared to last year.
- **Central High School:** Students scoring proficient learner or above in Biology increased by 14 percentage points compared to last year.
- **Rutland High School:** Students scoring proficient learner or above in Biology increased by 11 percentage points compared to last year.
- **Howard High School:** Students scoring proficient learner and above in Biology increased by 9 percentage points compared to last year.
- **Northeast High School:** Students scoring developing learner and above in American Literature increased by 11 percentage points compared to last year.
- **Southwest High School:** Students scoring developing learner and above in Algebra Concepts and Connections increased by 9 percentage points compared to last year.
- **Westside High School:** Students scoring developing learner and above in Algebra Concepts and Connections increased by 8 percentage points compared to last year.

Students take Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) tests in grades 3-8, and Georgia Milestones End of Course (EOC) tests in identified high school courses. Students are assessed along four levels of achievement: beginning learners, developing learners, proficient learners, and distinguished learners.

EOG Milestones (Grades 3-8)

Milestones Results	2025 Percent of Students Developing, Proficient, and Distinguished (Levels 2, 3, & 4)	2024 Percent of Students Developing, Proficient, and Distinguished (Levels 2, 3, & 4)	2023 Percent of Students Developing, Proficient, and Distinguished (Levels 2, 3, & 4)
3rd Grade ELA Bibb	49	47	46
<i>3rd Grade ELA State</i>	63	64	64
3rd Grade Math Bibb	67	63	*
<i>3rd Grade Math State</i>	82	81	*
4th Grade ELA Bibb	52	52	50
<i>4th Grade ELA State</i>	69	68	68
4th Grade Math Bibb	63	61	*
<i>4th Grade Math State</i>	80	81	*
5th Grade ELA Bibb	61	62	57
<i>5th Grade ELA State</i>	76	76	73
5th Grade Math Bibb	53	50	*
<i>5th Grade Math State</i>	73	73	*
5th Grade Science Bibb	58	55	50
<i>5th Grade Science State</i>	68	64	64
6th Grade ELA Bibb	50	51	53
<i>6th Grade ELA State</i>	67	69	67
6th Grade Math Bibb	52	49	*
<i>6th Grade Math State</i>	74	73	*
7th Grade ELA Bibb	53	56	56
<i>7th Grade ELA State</i>	69	69	70
7th Grade Math Bibb	52	51	*
<i>7th Grade Math State</i>	76	74	*
8th Grade ELA Bibb	60	69	67
<i>8th Grade ELA State</i>	74	79	76
8th Grade Math Bibb	60	52	*
<i>8th Grade Math State</i>	79	78	*
8th Grade Science Bibb	39	28	33
<i>8th Grade Science State</i>	57	51	53
8th Grade HS Physical Science Bibb	84	66	62
<i>8th Grade HS Physical Science State</i>	79	74	76
8th Grade Social Studies Bibb	50	52	48
<i>8th Grade Social Studies State</i>	73	72	71

* Georgia Milestones math assessments were changed in 2024. Scores prior to 2024 cannot be used for comparison purposes.

EOC Milestones (Grades 9-12)

Milestones Results	2025 Percent of Students Developing, Proficient, and Distinguished (Levels 2, 3, & 4)	2024 Percent of Students Developing, Proficient, and Distinguished (Levels 2, 3, & 4)	2023 Percent of Students Developing, Proficient, and Distinguished (Levels 2, 3, & 4)
American Literature Bibb	54	52	56
<i>American Literature State</i>	74	74	74
Algebra Bibb	51	47	*
<i>Algebra State</i>	74	71	*
Biology Bibb	47	44	42
<i>Biology State</i>	69	70	70
US History Bibb	40	45	43
<i>US History State</i>	70	72	72

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