



## 2025-2026 DCSD HIGH SCHOOL ASSESMENT CALENDAR



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| District or State Mandated                 | Testing Window                                                                                                                                  | Assessment                                            | Participants/Brief Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Parents/Students Informed of Results                                                                              |
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| District-Mandated                          | Aug. 11 – 22, 2025 (Fall)<br>Dec. 8 – 19, 2025 (Winter)<br>Mar. 16 – 27, 2026 (Spring)                                                          | <b>MAP Assessment</b>                                 | The NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) test is an adaptive achievement and growth test. It creates a personalized assessment experience by adapting to each student's learning level. The MAP Growth assessment is given to students in grades K-10 at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year.                                                                                                                 | Within two weeks of the assessment window closing                                                                 |
| State-Mandated                             | Aug. 18 – 22, 2025                                                                                                                              | <b>EOC August Mid-Month</b>                           | Georgia Milestones EOC Mid-Month administrations are for students who need to make-up a previous administration of the Georgia Milestone EOC, students who have completed an EOC course (mid-semester), or students who wish to test-out of an EOC course.                                                                                                                                                                      | Following certification of preliminary scores from the state of Georgia, typically one month after administration |
| District-Mandated                          | Sept. 2 – Sept. 12, 2025<br>Oct. 6 – 24, 2025<br>Nov. 3 – 14, 2025<br><br>Jan. 26 – Feb. 6, 2026<br>Mar. 2 – 12, 2026<br>Mar. 30 – Apr. 3, 2026 | <b>District Benchmarks (Block)</b>                    | The District Benchmarks are Georgia Milestone readiness assessments for students in grades 1-8 and high school students enrolled in American Lit, Algebra, Biology, and US History. The assessment measures student progress towards mastering the content standards over time. Teachers use test results to identify student strengths and weaknesses, then plan future lessons accordingly to address student learning needs. | Within one week of the assessment window closing                                                                  |
| State Compliance for State Funded Programs | Oct. 20 – Dec. 15, 2025 (CogAT/ITBS)<br><br>Feb. – Mar. 2026 (Naglieri, Torrance)                                                               | <b>CogAT, Naglieri, ITBS, Torrance Abilities Test</b> | CogAT, Naglieri, ITBS, and Torrance Abilities Tests are administered for gifted identification. Students in grades K-11 who scored 90% or higher in reading and/or math on the MAP assessment are eligible for further evaluation for the Gifted program.                                                                                                                                                                       | Each district grading cycle                                                                                       |



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| District Mandated          | Sept. 29 – Oct. 10, 2025<br>Dec. 1 – 12, 2025<br>Mar. 2 – 12, 2026 | <b>District Benchmarks (Traditional)</b> | The District Benchmarks are Georgia Milestone readiness assessments for students in grades 1-8 and high school students enrolled in American Lit, Algebra, Biology, and US History. The assessment measures student progress towards mastering the content standards over time. Teachers use test results to identify student strengths and weaknesses, then plan future lessons accordingly to address student learning needs. | Within one week of the assessment window closing                                                                  |
| State-Mandated             | Sept. 15 – 19, 2025                                                | <b>EOC September Mid-Month</b>           | Georgia Milestones EOC Mid-Months administrations are for students who need to make-up a previous administration of the Georgia Milestone EOC, students who have completed an EOC course (mid-semester), or students who wish to test-out of an EOC course.                                                                                                                                                                     | Following certification of preliminary scores from the state of Georgia, typically one month after administration |
| State-Mandated             | Oct. 6 – 10, 2025                                                  | <b>EOC October Mid-Month</b>             | Georgia Milestones EOC Mid-Months administrations are for students who need to make-up a previous administration of the Georgia Milestone EOC, students who have completed an EOC course (mid-semester), or students who wish to test-out of an EOC course. This administration must not be used for Test-Outs.                                                                                                                 | Following certification of preliminary scores from the state of Georgia, typically one month after administration |
| State-Mandated             | Oct. 8, 2025                                                       | <b>PSAT/NMSQT</b>                        | The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is structured similarly to the SAT, has the same sections and timing, and measures the same Reading, Writing and Math skills students learn in the classroom, the knowledge and skills students need to succeed in college and careers.                                                                                                             | Approximately two months after the administration                                                                 |
| District-Mandated          | Apr. 24 – May 20, 2026                                             | <b>International Baccalaureate (IB)</b>  | The International Baccalaureate (IB) assesses student work as direct evidence of achievement against the stated goals of the Diploma Program (DP) courses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Mid-July for May exams                                                                                            |



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| State-Mandated             | Nov. 10 – 14, 2025                               | <b>EOC November Mid-Month</b>                       | Georgia Milestones EOC Mid-Months administrations are for students who need to make-up a previous administration of the Georgia Milestone EOC or for students who have completed an EOC course (mid-semester). This administration must not be used for Test-Outs.                                                                                            | Following certification of preliminary scores from the state of Georgia, typically one month after administration |
| District-Mandated          | Dec. 8 – 19, 2025<br>Mar. 16 – 27, 2026          | <b>LAS LINKS</b>                                    | LAS Links is an assessment that monitors the English Language development of Intensive English students in grades 4-12. The assessment includes 4 subtests: reading, listening, writing, and speaking. Students who score a 2.0 or higher will transition to the general ESOL program.                                                                        | Approximately two weeks after administration                                                                      |
| State-Mandated             | Nov. 17 – 21, 2025 (Block)<br>Apr. 14 – 21, 2026 | <b>CTAE EOPA</b>                                    | End-of-Pathway Assessments (EOPAs) are assessments that students take in the final level class of their CTAE pathway. The State of Georgia requires these assessments in response to Perkins IV Legislation, which dictates that states must implement a valid and reliable assessment model linked directly to industry standards.                           | Within 10 days                                                                                                    |
| State-Mandated             | Dec. 3 – 12, 2025                                | <b>Winter Georgia Milestone End-of-Course (EOC)</b> | The Georgia Milestones EOC is a comprehensive summative assessment designed to send consistent signals about students' preparedness in for the next level, be it the next grade, course, or endeavor, such as entering college or beginning a career after leaving the K-12 educational system. This administration must not be used for Test-Out or Retests. | Following certification of preliminary scores from the state of Georgia, typically early February                 |
| State-Mandated             | Dec. 17 – 19, 2025 (Block)<br>May 13 – 15, 2026  | <b>CTAE EOPA Retest</b>                             | To provide pathway completers with an additional opportunity to earn a credential before leaving high school, only if the first attempt at passing an EOPA was not successful.                                                                                                                                                                                | Within 10 days                                                                                                    |



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| State-Mandated             | Jan. 7 – Feb. 27, 2026 | <b>ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs</b> | ACCESS for ELLs (ACCESS) is an English language proficiency (ELP) assessment. It is administered in the four language domains of listening, reading, speaking, and writing for students in grades 1-12 identified as English learners (ELs). The Alternate ACCESS for ELLs is administered to ELLs who have significant cognitive disabilities. It is intended for ELLs who participate, or who would be likely to participate, in the state's alternate content assessment (GAA). | Late May 2026                                                                                                     |
| State-Mandated             | Jan. 26 – 30, 2026     | <b>EOC January Mid-Month</b>            | Georgia Milestones EOC Mid-Months administrations are for students who need to make-up a previous administration of the Georgia Milestone EOC, students who have completed an EOC course (mid-semester), or students who wish to test-out of an EOC course. This administration must not be used for Test-Outs.                                                                                                                                                                    | Following certification of preliminary scores from the state of Georgia, typically one month after administration |
| State-Mandated             | Feb. 9 – 13, 2026      | <b>EOC February Mid-Month</b>           | Georgia Milestones EOC Mid-Months administrations are for students who need to make-up a previous administration of the Georgia Milestone EOC, students who have completed an EOC course (mid-semester), or students who wish to test-out of an EOC course. This administration must not be used for Test-Outs.                                                                                                                                                                    | Following certification of preliminary scores from the state of Georgia, typically one month after administration |
| State-Mandated             | Mar. 2 – 6, 2026       | <b>EOC March Mid-Month</b>              | Georgia Milestones EOC Mid-Months administrations are for students who need to make-up a previous administration of the Georgia Milestone EOC, students who have completed an EOC course (mid-semester), or students who wish to test-out of an EOC course.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Following certification of preliminary scores from the state of Georgia, typically one month after administration |
| District Mandated          | Mar. 11, 2026          | <b>SAT School Day for Juniors</b>       | The SAT is a standardized test that measures a student's skills in three core areas: Critical Reading, Math, and Writing. Students in grades 11 and 12 take the SAT so that they can submit their scores to colleges as part of the college application process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Approximately 2 – 4 weeks after test day.                                                                         |



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| State-Mandated             | Mar. 23 – Apr. 24, 2026 | <b>Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA)</b>           | The Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0 (GAA 2.0) is designed to ensure that students with significant cognitive disabilities are provided access to the state academic content standards and given the opportunity to demonstrate achievement of the knowledge, concepts, and skills inherent in the standards in ELA, math, science, and social studies. Students in grade 11 who qualify based on the state eligibility criteria must take the GAA. | Following certification of preliminary scores from the state of Georgia, typically early June   |
| State-Mandated             | Apr. 27 – May 8, 2026   | <b>Spring Georgia Milestone End-of-Course (EOC)</b> | Georgia Milestones End of Course assessment measures how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards in English language arts, math, science, and social studies. The end-of-course measures are administered at the completion of the course, regardless of the grade level. This administration must not be used for Test-Outs or Retests.                                                | Following certification of preliminary scores from the state of Georgia, typically late June    |
| State-Mandated             | June 22 – 26, 2026      | <b>Summer Georgia Milestone End-of-Course (EOC)</b> | Georgia Milestones End of Course assessment measures measure how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards in English language arts, math, science, and social studies. The end-of-course measures are administered at the completion of the course, regardless of the grade level.                                                                                                       | Following certification of preliminary scores from the state of Georgia, typically early August |