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PCSD/PCHS – HS Letter, Winter 2025:

This fall, students in Georgia’s high schools will be administered a **Georgia Milestones End-of-Course (EOC) assessment when they complete the following core courses: Algebra Concepts and Connections, Literature and Composition II, Biology, and U.S. History.** End-of-Course assessments are administered at the completion of the course, regardless of the grade level. The EOC assessment **counts as 20% of the student’s final course grade.** If the student does not complete the EOC, a grade of zero (0) will be factored into the student's overall course grade. ELA scores will be delayed this year due to the Georgia Department of Education’s standard setting protocol for this new EOC so the final exam for Literature and Composition II will count as 20% of their grade and not the EOC, for this year only.

Students enrolled in an EOC-affiliated course are responsible for completing the EOC assessment. This is true for students enrolled in most levels of the EOC-affiliated course: regular, Honors, Advanced Placement, or Dual Enrollment. Some courses associated with EOC standards, however, may be exempt from taking the EOC assessment. The following chart shows the current testing requirements for the four subjects associated with EOC assessments.

End-of-Course Student Participation Requirements for Grades 9-12				
Georgia Milestones	Regular Course	Honors Course	AP Course	Dual Enrollment
Literature and Composition II	EOC Required*	EOC Required	EOC Required	EOC Required
Algebra Concepts and Connections	EOC Required*	EOC Required	EOC Required**	EOC Required**
Biology	EOC Required*	EOC Required	<i>If for core credit‡</i>	<i>If for core credit‡</i>
US History	EOC Required*	EOC Required	Exempt	Exempt

**Some students may qualify to take the Georgia Alternative Assessment 2.0 instead of the Georgia Milestones.*

*** The College Board does not currently offer an Advanced Placement (AP) course for Algebra Concepts and Connections. Likewise, the State of Georgia does not currently offer a Dual Enrollment course for the high school Algebra credit.*

*‡A student in AP Biology or Dual Enrollment Biology will take the Biology EOC if the student has **not** previously completed a Biology course for the core Science graduation requirement.*

All students, including those served through virtual instruction, are expected to participate in the Milestones this year. 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 virtually. Attached to this letter, parents/guardians of virtual students will find additional information about how to report for Milestones testing. As we prepare for the Milestones administration, 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.

This fall Georgia’s high schools will administer the Georgia Milestones End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments to students enrolled in the following courses: **Algebra Concepts and Connections**, **Literature and Composition II**, **Biology**, and **U.S. History**. These assessments measure each individual student’s mastery of the course curriculum and will help us identify what resources and supports our students will need in the coming school year. Students in the four courses with EOC assessments will test on the following days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Dec 4 EOC : Lit & Comp II Section 1	Dec 5 EOC : Lit & Comp II Section 2/3
Dec 8 Make Ups	Dec 9 EOC: Algebra	Dec 10 EOC: Biology	Dec 11 EOC US History	Dec 12 Make Ups
Dec 15 Make Ups	Dec 16 Make Ups	Dec 17 Make Ups	Dec 18 Make Ups	

- Students enrolled in AP Biology (for Core Credit) will take the Biology EOC
- Students enrolled in an Algebra C+C Block Class will take the Algebra Concepts and Connections EOC

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 whose homeschool is PCHS will test in the morning of that day’s EOC beginning at 8:35 am. These AM Testers should report to PCHS at 8:00 am. Students may be dropped off at the front of the school and check into the Front Office to proceed to their assigned testing location posted in the front hallway. After testing, virtual students will be dismissed from their testing location and be allowed to call home for pick up.**

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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