Georgia Milestones Assessment System

Grades 3 – 8 & High School

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND ASSESSMENT

What is Georgia Milestones Assessment System?

- State and federally required assessments
- The U.S. Department of Education requires that we assess all students annually in
  - **Reading**—grades 3 – 8 and one time in high school
  - **Math**—grades 3 – 8 and one time in high school
  - **Science**—one time in elementary school, one time in middle school, and one time in high school

Social Studies—Georgia tests in grades 8 and one time in high school; this is not federally required, but it is required by the state

Who Takes Georgia Milestones Assessment System?

- **All** students enrolled in Georgia Public Schools
  - This includes our students receiving English Language Learner supports and Special Education Services.
    - For our students who face the most severe cognitive challenges, the Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) is available. Only about 1% of students take the GAA.

What is the Purpose of Georgia Milestones Assessment System?

- Measure student learning of the standards
- Use results to improve teaching and learning
- Provide teachers feedback on instructional practices
- Identify strengths and weaknesses to establish priorities in planning educational programs

Understanding the Achievement Levels

Beginning	• **do not yet demonstrate proficiency** in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. • **need substantial academic support** to be prepared for the next grade level or course and to be on track for college and career readiness.
Developing	• **demonstrate partial proficiency** in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. • **need additional academic support** to ensure success in the next grade level or course and to be on track for college and career readiness.
Proficient	• **demonstrate proficiency** in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. • **prepared for the next grade level** or course and are **on track for college and career readiness.**
Distinguished	• **demonstrate advanced proficiency** in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. • **well prepared** for the **next grade level or course** and are well prepared for **college and career readiness.**

https://lor2.gadoe.org/gadoe/file/264bf974-71f6-4113-b078-3dffbf3d07b3/1/Understanding_the_Georgia_Milestones_Achievement_Levels.pdf

Resources for Parents: Promotion Criteria

Grade 3:

- Score at/above grade level for reading on Milestones
- Yearlong average of 70+

Grade 5:

- Score at/above grade level for reading on Milestones
- Score developing, proficient, or distinguished in math on Milestones
- Yearlong average of 70+ in reading and math

Grade 8:

- Score at/above grade level for reading on Milestones
- Score developing, proficient, or distinguished in math on Milestones
- Pass five out of six subjects each semester. Language Arts and Mathematics must be two of the five subjects passed.

https://www.gcpsk12.org/students/promotion-and-graduation-requirements

Testing Window in GCPS

Elementary End of Grade (EOG) Milestones					
	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
April 20-24		ELA, Part 1	ELA, Part 2	ELA, Part 3	
April 27 - May 1		Math, Part 1	Math, Part 2	Science, Parts 1 & 2	

Testing Window in GCPS

Middle School End of Grade (EOG) Milestones					
	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
April 20-24	ELA, Part 1	ELA, Part 2	ELA, Part 3	Social Studies, Parts 1 & 2	
April 27 - May 1	Math, Part 1	Math, Part 2	Algebra EOC, Parts 1 & 2	Science, Parts 1 & 2	Biology EOC, Parts 1 & 2

Testing Window in GCPS

High School End of Course (EOC) Milestones					
	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
April 27 - May 1	ELA, Part 1	ELA, Parts 2 & 3	Algebra, Parts 1 & 2	US History, Parts 1 & 2	Biology, Parts 1 & 2

How Many Minutes for Each Test?

Content Area	Section	Testing Time
Language Arts	1	40 to 90 minutes
	2	30 to 75 minutes
	3	30 to 75 minutes
	Total	100 to 240 minutes
Mathematics	1	30 to 65 minutes
	2	30 to 65 minutes
	Total	60 to 130 minutes

How Many Items for Each Test?

Content Area	Type	Points	Number
Language Arts Grades 3, 5, 8, and Lit & Comp II 51 items	Selected-response & Technology-Enhanced	28	28
	Technology Enhanced	24	12
	Extended Writing Task	8	1
	Field Test	0	8
Language Arts Grades 4, 6, 7 53 items	Selected-response & Technology-Enhanced	30	30
	Technology Enhanced	30	15
	Field Test Items	0	8

How Many Minutes for Each Test?

Content Area	Section	Testing Time
Science	1	20 to 40 minutes
	2	20 to 40 minutes
	Total	40 to 80 minutes
Social Studies	1	15 to 35 minutes
	2	15 to 35 minutes
	Total	30 to 70 minutes

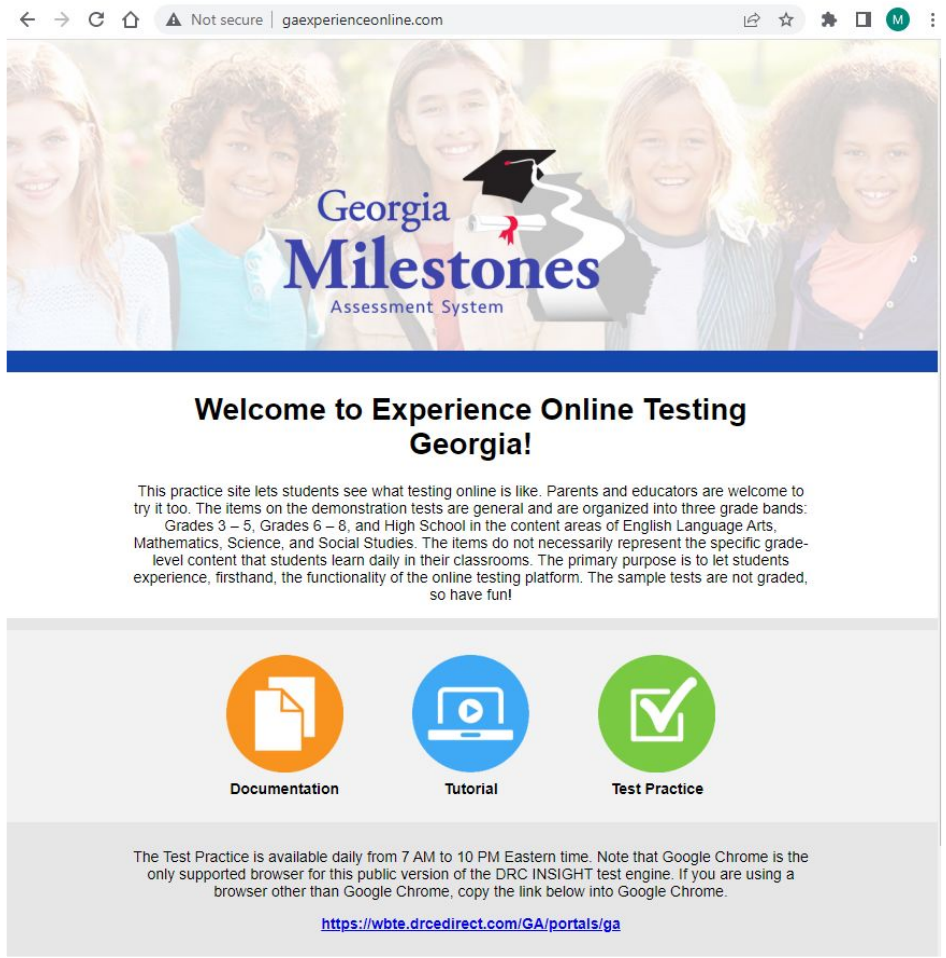
How Many Items for Each Test?

Content Area	Type	Points	Number
Mathematics 55 Items	Selected-response & Technology-Enhanced	42	42
	Technology Enhanced	16	8
	Field Test Items	0	5
Science 42 items	Selected-response & Technology-Enhanced	30	30
	Technology Enhanced	16	8
	Field Test Items	0	4
Social Studies 42 items	Selected-response & Technology-Enhanced	30	30
	Technology Enhanced	16	8
	Field Test Items	0	4

What kinds of items are on the test?

- **Selected-response** (multiple choice) items
- **Technology-enhanced items**
  - **Evidence-based selected response**
  - **Multi-select**
  - **Multi-part**
  - **Drag and Drop**
  - **Graphing**
  - **Drop-down input**
  - **Keypad-input**
- **Extended Writing-Response** (ELA grades 3, 5, 8, and Lit & Comp II only)

What does the test platform look like?



Online platform

- http://www.gaexperienceonline.com

Resources for Parents

What can I do to help my student at home?

- Allow students to take the practice test at home, so they are comfortable with the format of the assessment.
- Send your students to school every day that they are healthy.
- Ensure a good night's sleep the night before.
- Make sure your student is present on the days the test will be given.
- Get a smooth, calm start to the day at home.
- Have them eat a good breakfast with protein at home or at school.
- Know your student and what he/she/they needs.
- Assure your student that this test is only one test.
- Show confidence that your student has been working hard all year; this is an opportunity to show what they've learned this year.

Resources for Parents

Know your student; trust your child's teacher.

GaDOE Parent Resources & Study Guides

https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Milestones_Resources.aspx





Resources for Parents

Preliminary score is the **actual** student score, but there is no school, district, or state data available.

- When GCPS receives a majority of student scores, we will post the preliminary student report in **ParentVUE** in the Parent Portal.

Final scores include school, district, and state comparative data.

- Once the final scores arrive and the state lifts the embargo, they will be posted in **ParentVUE** in the Parent Portal.

Thank you!!

PARENT–TEACHER CONFERENCES

REUNIONES DE PADRES Y MAESTROS

DATES: MARCH 4TH AND 5TH
FECHA: DIAS 4 Y 5 DE MARZO

To schedule a time to meet with the teacher, use the following link or scan the QR code:

ptcfast.com/schools/Baldwin_Elementary

Para agendar un horario para reunirse con un maestro, utilice el enlace o escanee el código QR de arriba.

We want to hear from you!

ENTER OUR SURVEY RAFFLE!

ENTRA A NUESTRO SORTEO POR TOMAR LA ENCUESTA!

¡Queremos escuchar su opinión!

All GCPS families are invited to take part in the 2026 Educational Effectiveness Survey.

Your feedback is important to provide the best possible education for your child. The data collected provides our school with valuable information and serves as a guide for continuous improvement in various areas, including family engagement. Please scan the QR code to take the survey.

A raffle will be drawn in March for all who participate!



SCAN ME

EES Family Survey

Todas las familias de GCPS están invitadas a participar en la encuesta de eficacia educativa del 2026.

Su opinión es importante para brindar la mejor educación posible a su estudiante. Los datos collecionados proporcionan a nuestra escuela información valiosa y sirven como guía para mejorar, incluyendo la participación familiar. Por favor escanee el código QR para completar la encuesta.

En marzo se realizará un sorteo entre todos los que participen!

Talk to Sol Maya at the end of the workshop to add your name to the raffle after completing the survey.

Hable con Sol Maya al final del taller para agregar su nombre al sorteo después de haber completado la encuesta.