



**2026-2027 Middle School Assessment Calendar
Grades 6 - 8**

Testing Window	Assessment	Grade	Brief Description	Mandate
September 21 - October 2 December 2 - December 18 February 22 - March 11 April 19 - May 26	MS 1st Nine-Week FitGA Post-Test MS 2nd Nine-Week FitGA Post-Test MS 3rd Nine-Week FitGA Post-Test MS 4th Nine-Week FitGA Post-Test	6 - 8 students enrolled in a PE course	FitGA is Georgia's fitness assessment designed to measure and promote students' health-related physical fitness. In middle school, students participate in age-appropriate fitness assessments while developing a deeper understanding of cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility, and healthy body composition.	State
August 31 - September 4 (Fall) January 11 - January 15 (Winter)	DRC BEACON	6-8	DRC BEACON is a through-year, formative interim assessment system administered in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics that measures progress throughout the school year, allowing educators to target instruction and make informed decisions.	Local
September 29 - October 6 (Fall) December 8 - December 15 (Winter) February 23-26 and March 2-5 (Spring)	Troup Common Assessment 01 Troup Common Assessment 02 Troup Common Assessment 03	6-8	Troup Common Assessments (TCAs) are quarterly assessments administered in all State Assessed Areas to monitor student progress and provide real-time standard level data to drive instruction. These assessments are created by Troup County Schools Teachers and are administered in a way to mirror the GMAS assessments to practice the EOG testing environment. Students are assessed only on standards for which they have been taught.	Local
October 20 - October 22	Preliminary SAT	7-8 (by signup)	The PSAT (Preliminary SAT) is a practice exam that tests students' skills in reading, writing, and math. It helps students prepare for the SAT and serves as the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Middle school students may sign up to take the exam and pay for the assessment.	National
January 11 - February 5	WIDA ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS	6-8	ACCESS for ELLs is the collective name for WIDA's suite of summative English language proficiency assessments. ACCESS is taken annually by English learners in kindergarten through grade 12. WIDA Alternate ACCESS is an individually administered test for English Learners in grades K through 12 with the most significant cognitive disabilities.	State
January 19	Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade Secure Practice Test w/Response Transmission	6-8	DRC Secure Practice Test w/Response Transmission provides an opportunity for students to have experience on the secure testing platform. It also provides the districts an opportunity to test bandwidth in preparation for testing.	State
TBD (if selected)	National Assessment of Educational Progress	8 or Age 13	NAEP is the only ongoing effort to obtain comprehensive and dependable achievement data on a national basis in a uniform and scientific manner. Commonly known as "The Nation's Report Card," NAEP is a congressionally mandated project of the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The assessment is administered to students in randomly selected schools across the nation.	National
January 27-28	360 Writing Assessment	6-8	The 360 Writing Assessment will be given in grades 6-8. It will reflect Day 1 of GMAS. Please note that this assessment will not include a peer revision task. All students will be given an argumentative writing prompt. 360 Writing provides nine weeks of lessons and assessment materials for each of the three techniques (opinion-argumentative, expository, and narrative-poetic).	Local
March 22 - April 23	Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0	6-8	The Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0 (GAA 2.0) is designed to ensure that students in grades 3-8 and 11 with significant cognitive disabilities who qualify based on the state eligibility criteria 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.	State
April 13	Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade Secure Practice Test	6-8	DRC Secure Practice Test provides an opportunity for students to have experience in the secure testing platform. Students are able to practice using the online testing tools that will be accessible to them during testing.	State
April 26 - May 7	Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade (EOG) Assessment	6-8	Georgia Milestones (GMAS) measures how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. GMAS is a single assessment system that consists of end-of-grade measures in English language arts and mathematics in grades 3-8, end-of-grade measures in science in grades 5 and 8, and end-of-grade measures in social studies in grade 8.	State
April 27 - May 7	Georgia Milestones End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment	8 (Algebra)	Georgia Milestones (GMAS) measures how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The end-of-course measures are administered at the completion of the course, regardless of the grade level. Middle school students who are enrolled in the high school EOC math course, Algebra: Concepts and Connections, must take the associated Georgia Milestones EOC, which counts as 20% of the student's final grade in the course.	State
June 16 - June 17	Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade (EOG) Retest	8	The Georgia Milestones EOG Retest administration is for students in grades 3, 5, and 8 who did not meet grade-level expectations in reading and/or students in grades 5 and 8 who did not meet grade-level expectations in math on the EOG Spring assessment.	State