

2026-2027 Elementary School Assessment Calendar
Grades K - 5

Testing Window	Assessment	Grade	Brief Description	Mandate
January 6 - May 26	Elementary FitGA Post-Test	K-5	FitGA is a statewide fitness assessment designed to help students understand and develop health-related physical fitness. For students in Kindergarten–5th grade, the focus is on building age-appropriate skills and healthy habits related to cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility, and overall physical wellness.	State
August 17 - August 21 (Fall) December 7 - December 18 (Winter) March 16 - March 19 (Spring) April 19 - April 23 (Spring)	Amira Universal Reading Screener	K-3 K-3 K-2	Amira helps identify students in grades K-3 who may be at risk for reading difficulties. As a screening tool, Amira does not diagnose dyslexia or other reading disabilities. Results are used alongside other academic data to guide instruction and student support.	State
August 24 - August 28 (Fall) December 14 - December 18 (Winter) March 16 - March 19 (Spring) April 19 - April 23 (Spring)	IXL Math Diagnostics	K-5 K-5 3-5 K-2	An adaptive, online assessment tool for math that determines student proficiency levels. Determines personalized learning path, guides differentiated instructional block, and monitors student growth.	Local
August 31 - September 11	GKIDS Readiness Check	K	GKIDS Readiness Check is a component of the Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS) 2.0, designed to be administered during the first six weeks of the kindergarten year. The goal of the assessment is to provide information about the skills of students entering kindergarten.	State
August 31 - September 4 (Fall) January 11 - January 15 (Winter)	DRC BEACON	3-5	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 8 - September 18 (Fall) January 19 - January 27 (Winter)	Gifted Testing	K-5	Identified students will be given a variety of assessments related to mental ability, achievement, creativity, and motivation to determine eligibility for gifted services. While some testing may occur outside the designated windows, the majority of gifted assessments are conducted during these scheduled periods.	Local
September 21 - May 10	GKIDS 2.0	K	GKIDS 2.0 is a year-long, progression-based formative assessment, integrated into classroom work, that is aligned to Georgia's state content standards. GKIDS 2.0 is organized around big ideas and learning progressions and provides teachers with one source of real-time information to adjust instruction.	State
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	2-5	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. The following assessments will be administered in each grade level: 2nd: ELA; 3rd & 4th: ELA and Math; 5th: ELA, Math, and Science.	Local
January 11 - February 5	WIDA ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS	K-5	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	3-5	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	4 or Age 9	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	3-5	The 360 Writing Assessment will be given in grades 3-5. 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 opinion 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	3-5	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	3-5	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	3-5	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
June 16 - June 17	Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade (EOG) Retest	3 and 5	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