

Spring 2026 Georgia Milestones Assessment Results

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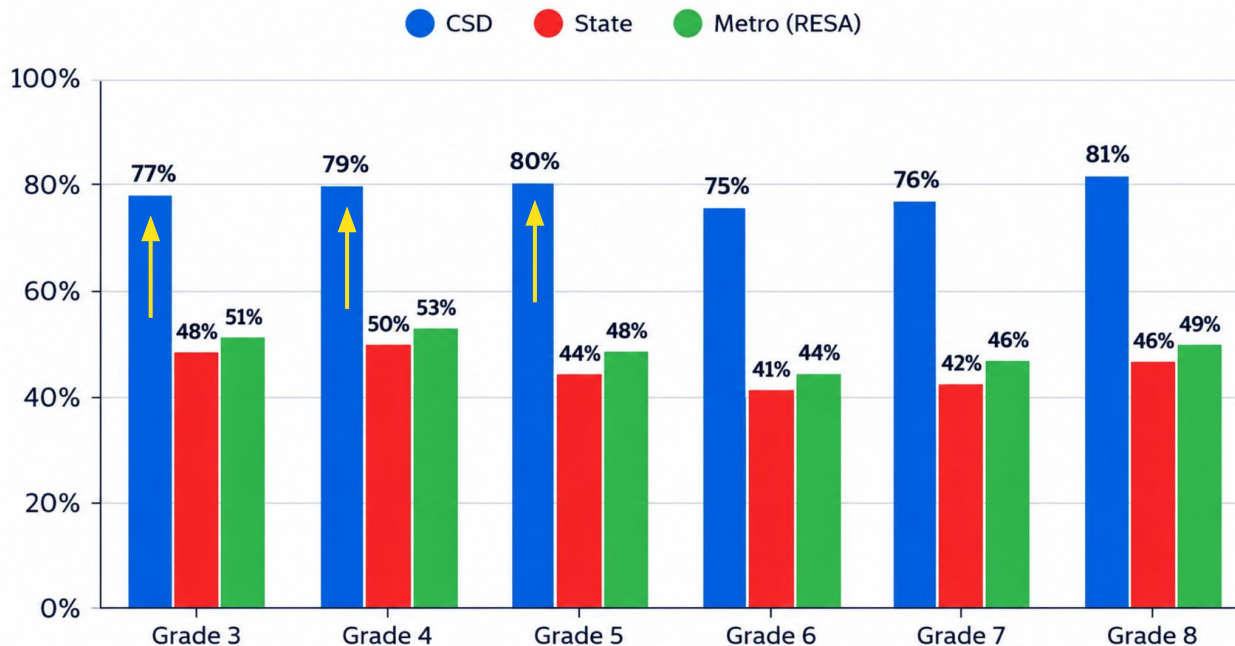
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2026 Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade (EOG) Math



Percentage Performing At Proficient and Distinguished Levels



Key Insights

Peak Results: Grade 5 highest performance with 80% or more of students performing at Proficient or Distinguished levels. 8th grade maintained strong performance.

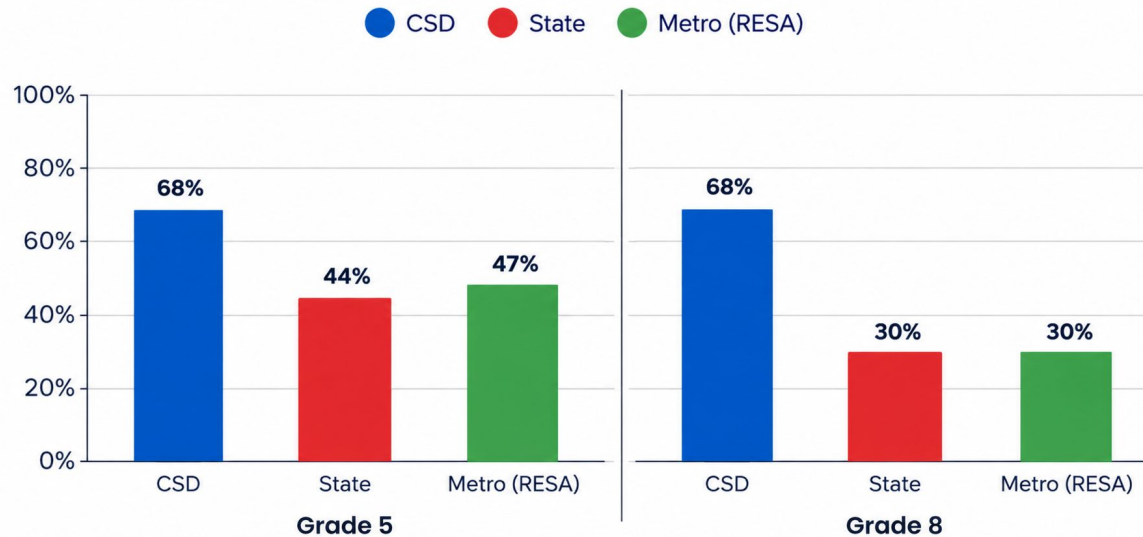
YEAR-OVER-YEAR GAINS

Grades 3-5: Increased in proficiency from 2025 to 2026, showing steady upward progress.

2026 Georgia Milestones Science EOG Assessments



Percentage Performing At Proficient and Distinguished Levels



Key Insights

Performance: CSD students significantly outperformed State and RESA, achieving 68% proficiency in both grades.

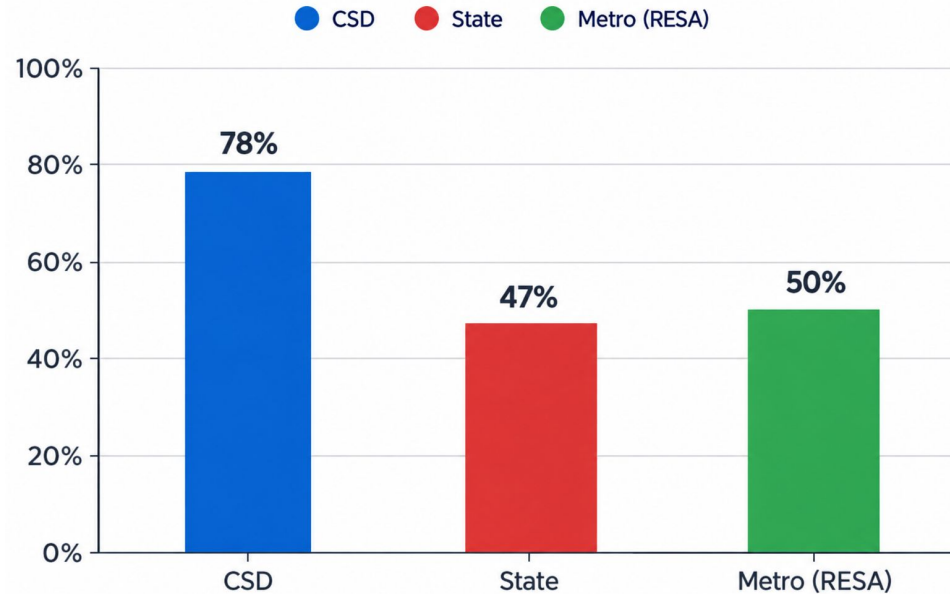
YEAR-OVER-YEAR

Slight Decline: Both Grade 5 (70% in 2025) and Grade 8 (71% in 2025) experienced a minor decline in proficiency compared to last year.

2026 Georgia Milestones Biology End-of-Course Assessments



Percentage Performing At Proficient and Distinguished Levels



Key Insights

Performance Leader

Strong Lead: CSD students significantly outperformed State (47%) and RESA (50%) with a high proficiency of 78%.

Year-Over-Year

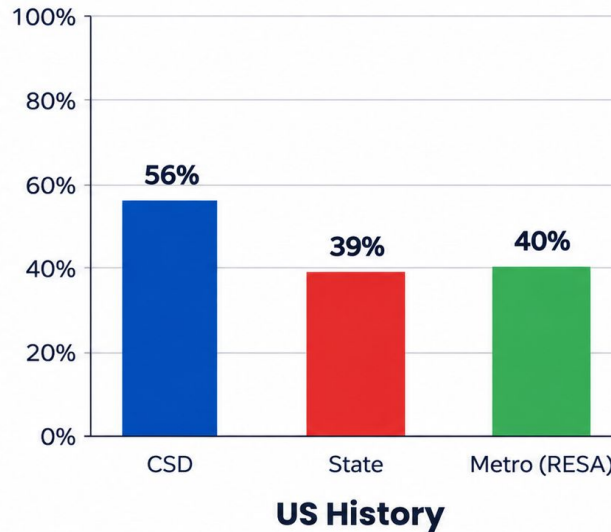
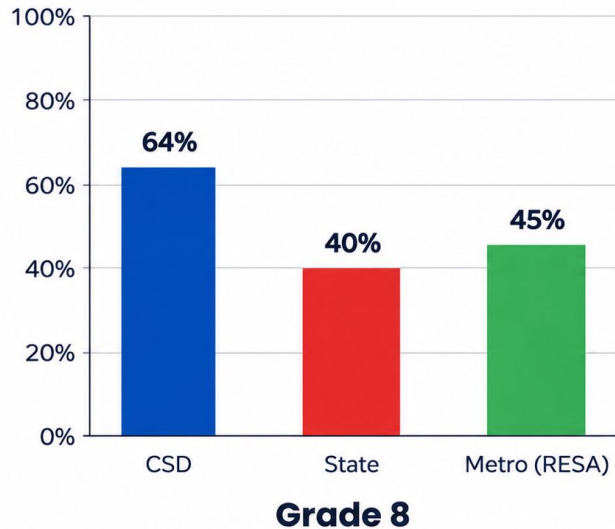
Slight Decline: Despite strong overall performance, Biology EOC proficiency (80% in 2025) experienced a slight decline compared to the prior year.

2026 Georgia Milestones Social Studies EOG and EOC



Percentage Performing At Proficient and Distinguished Levels

● CSD ● State ● Metro (RESA)



Key Insights

Mixed Results

CSD Grade 8 Social Studies performance ranked 3rd in the metro, but saw a slight decline from 66% proficiency.

US History Growth

US History EOC proficiency increased to 56%, outperforming State (39%) and RESA (40%).

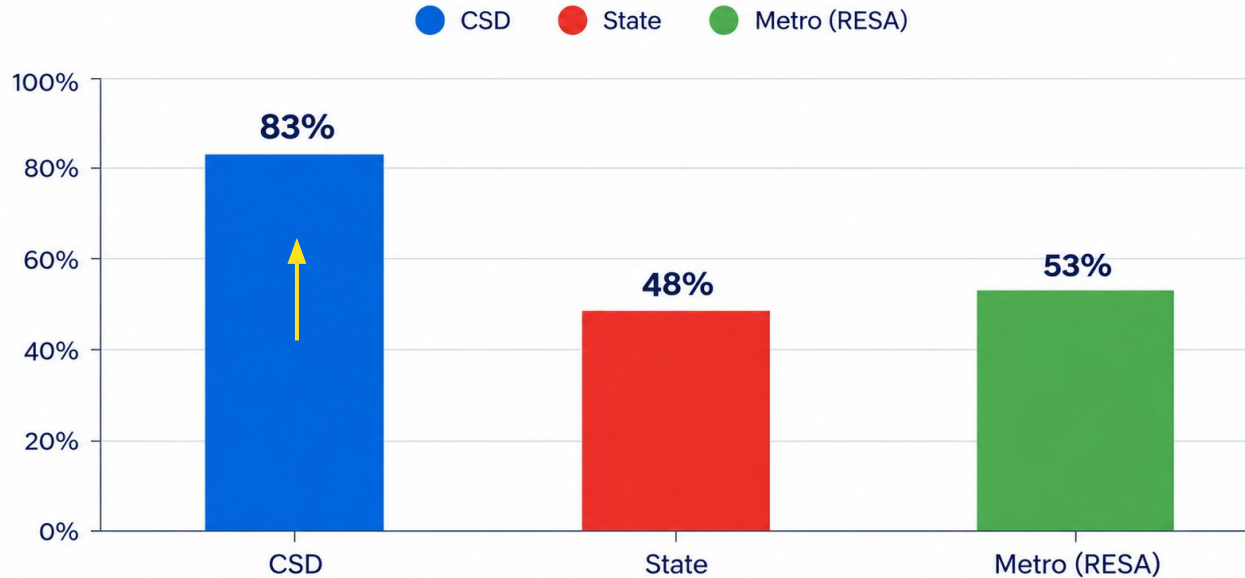
Note:

AP & IB history are not represented in this data set.

2026 Georgia Milestones Algebra



Percentage Performing At Proficient and Distinguished Levels



Key Insights

Performance Leader

Strong Lead: CSD students significantly outperformed the State (48%) and Metro RESA (53%) with a high proficiency of 83%.

Academic Excellence

Math Growth: Algebra proficiency stands at an impressive 77% in 2025 to 83%, demonstrating a robust foundation and clear upward trend.

GMAS Math Achievement



**CSD LEADS
FIRST
IN THE METRO**



CSD Achieves Top Rankings

Leading all 12 Metro RESA districts
in Mathematics for Grades 3–7
and ranking #2 in Grade 8.

Grade	1st Rank	2nd Rank	3rd rank
3	CSD (77.4%)	Buford City (74.1%)	Forsyth County (73.2%)
4	CSD (79.2%)	Forsyth County (74.8%)	Buford City (71.2%)
5	CSD (80.0%)	Forsyth County (71.7%)	Buford City (68.5%)
6	CSD (75.2%)	Forsyth County (73.4%)	Buford City (72.2%)
7	CSD (76.2%)	Buford City (75.2%)	Forsyth County (71.5%)
8	Buford City (88.9%)	CSD (81.0%)	Forsyth County (72.0%)

Percent Proficient and Distinguished

GMAS End of Course Achievements





**CSD EARNS
TOP RANKINGS**

In End-of-Course Assessments

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City Schools of Decatur ranks among the top districts in Metro RESA for Algebra, Biology, and US History.

Course	Rank #1	Rank #2	Rank #3
Algebra: Concepts & Connections	City Schools of Decatur 83.6%	Buford City 82.8%	Forsyth County 71.6%
Biology	Buford City 79.8%	City Schools of Decatur 78.2%	Forsyth County 74.6%
United States History	Buford City 60.7%	City Schools of Decatur 56.1%	Cobb County 54%

Performance Trends

Distinguished Learner



Grade / Subject	2024	2025	2026	24→26 Change
Grade 3 Math	31.8%	38.9%	41.2%	+9.4
Grade 4 Math	41.0%	44.9%	45.6%	+4.6
Grade 5 Math	38.8%	41.8%	45.3%	+6.5
Grade 5 Science	30.1%	32.8%	29.6%	-.5
Grade 6 Math	35.2%	42.2%	41.7%	+6.5
Grade 7 Math	40.8%	43.7%	38.3%	-2.5
Grade 8 Math	43.4%	52.2%	53.9%	+10.5
Grade 8 Science	16.2%	32.6%	29.8%	+13.6
Grade 8 Social Studies	20.3%	17.7%	23.3%	+3

**Highlighted rows indicate peak distinguished performance for 2026*



Math standards changed in the 2023-24 school year

GMAS Math Achievement



(Black Students)

**Student Groups
Mean Scores
Higher than
State Peers**

in Every Grade

and Metro RESA in **Five of Six
Grades** in Mathematics

Grade	CSD All	CSD (Black)	Metro (Black)	State (Black)	vs. Metro	vs. State
3	563.8	510	511	508	-1	+2
4	570.8	524	512	508	+12	+16
5	574.3	533	502	497	+31	+36
6	564.4	509	500	495	+9	+14
7	569.8	506	505	499	+1	+7
8	578.3	533	510	505	+23	+28
Average	570.2	519.2	506.7	502.0	+12.5	+17.2

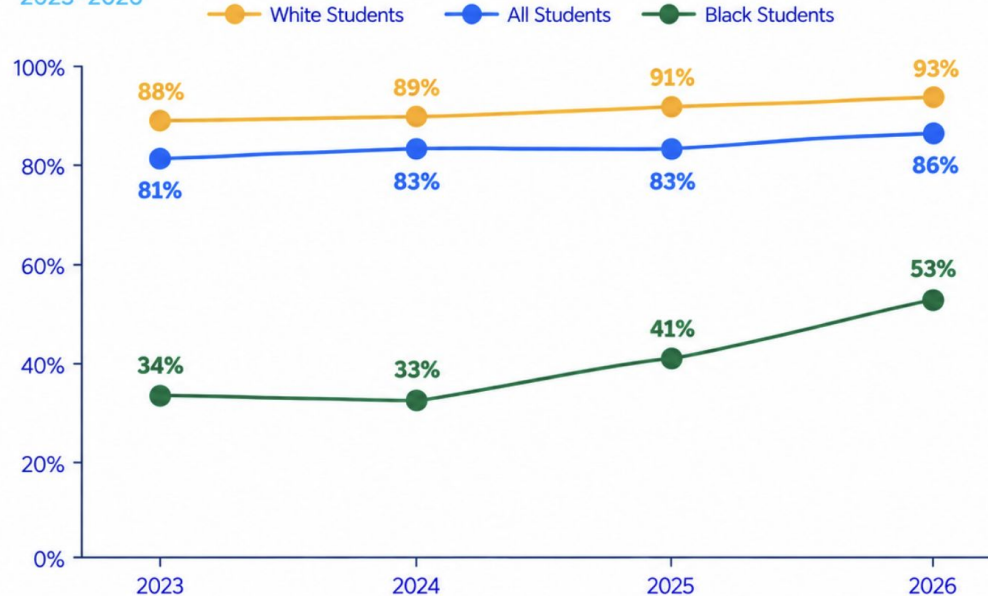
Georgia Milestones Average Scale Scores

Shifts in Performance – Gap Closure

5th Grade Math

Percent Proficient & Distinguished

2023–2026



STRONG GROWTH FOR BLACK STUDENTS

↑ **+19** percentage points

Black student performance increased from 34% in 2023 to 53% in 2026.

POSITIVE GROWTH FOR ALL STUDENTS

↑ **+5** percentage points

All student performance increased from 81% in 2023 to 86% in 2026.

GAP REDUCED

↓ **-14** points

The White-Black gap decreased from 54 points in 2023 to 40 points in 2026.



GMAS Math Achievement



*(Students with
Disabilities)*

**Student Groups
Mean Scores
Higher than
State and Metro
Peers**

**in Every Grade in
Mathematics**

Grade	CSD All	CSD SWD	Metro SWD	State SWD	vs. Metro	vs. State
3	563.8	527	498	495	+29	+32
4	570.8	516	498	495	+18	+21
5	574.3	530	484	480	+46	+50
6	564.4	513	483	481	+30	+32
7	569.8	501	486	483	+15	+18
8	578.3	531	489	486	+42	+45
Average	570.2	519.7	489.7	486.7	+30.0	+33.0

Georgia Milestones Average Scale Scores

GMAS EOC Achievements



(Black Students)
**Student Groups
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Higher than
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Peers**

in Biology and Algebra

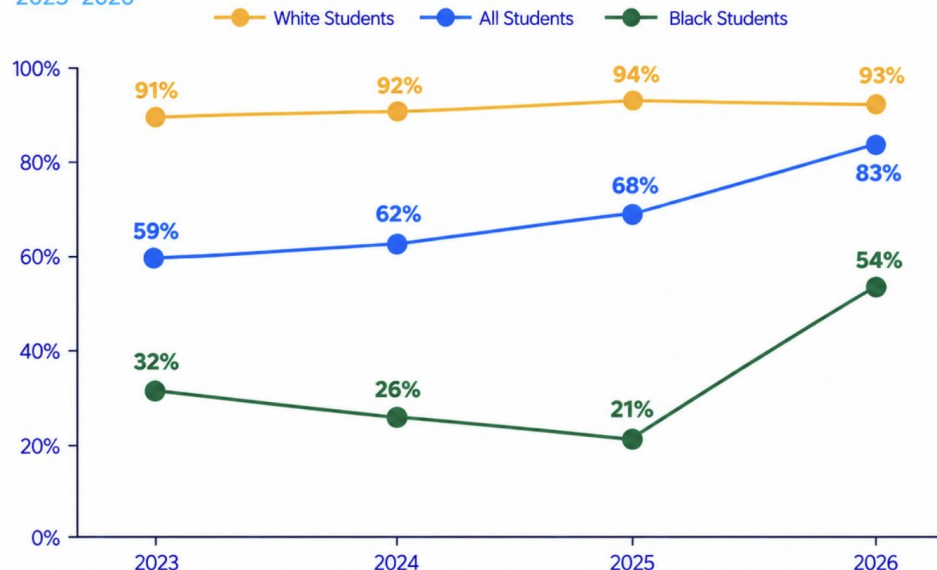
Assessment	CSD All	CSD Black	Metro Black	State Black	vs. Metro	vs. State
U.S. History	534	502	505	497	-3	+5
Biology	586	511	508	501	+3	+10
Algebra	586	529	512	503	+17	+26

Georgia Milestones Average Scale Scores

Shifts in Performance – Gap Closure

Algebra

Percent Proficient & Distinguished
2023–2026



STRONG GROWTH FOR BLACK STUDENTS

↑ +22 percentage points
Black student performance increased from 32% in 2023 to 54% in 2026.

SIGNIFICANT GROWTH FOR ALL STUDENTS

↑ +24 percentage points
All student performance increased from 59% in 2023 to 83% in 2026.

GAP ANALYSIS

↓ 20 percentage points
The White–Black gap decreased from 59 points in 2023 to 39 points in 2026.



GMAS EOC Achievements



*(Students with
Disabilities)*

**Student Groups
Mean Scores
Higher than
State and Metro
Peers**

**in Every End of Course
Assessment**

Assessment	CSD All	CSD SWD	Metro SWD	State SWD	vs. Metro	vs. State
U.S. History	534	505	489	483	+16	+22
Biology	586	504	475	472	+29	+32
Algebra	586	546	484	480	+62	+66

Georgia Milestones Average Scale Scores

Key Highlights



Academic Strength

Outperforming Averages

Student performance outperforms state and metro averages across multiple assessments.

Standouts

- **Grades 3–7:** 1st in the Metro in Math
- **Grade 8:** 2nd in the Metro in Math
- **Algebra:** 1st in the Metro
- **Biology and US History:** 2nd in the Metro
- **High percentage of Distinguished Learners**

Student Groups

Closing the Gaps

Black students and students with disabilities average scores outperform State and Metro peers.

Key Milestones

- Accelerated gap closure in 5th grade Math
- Significant gap closure in high school Algebra
- SWD mean score outperforms metro and state

Continued Focus

Addressing Disparities

Strong district-wide performance does not eliminate the duty to address internal disparities.

- **3rd and 7th grade Math**
- **Biology**
- **US History**

Scaling Success

We have proven evidence of accelerated gap closure. These promising practices must be shared and scaled across all grade levels.