2026-2027 Assessment Calendar

Fulton County Schools believes that the purpose of student assessments is to measure student mastery of the state-adopted content standards and to inform teaching and learning efforts. Results of the assessment plan are utilized for the following:

- Inform parents and students about student learning progress;
- Provide teachers with feedback about instructional practice;
- Identify students who are working above grade level standards;
- Identify students failing to achieve mastery of content;
- Inform the district about how students compare nationally; and
- Assist school districts in identifying strengths and weaknesses to establish priorities in planning educational programs

To properly assess student mastery, Fulton County Schools believes in the use of an assessment model where students are given a variety of assessments that are standards-based to determine mastery of the standards. Fulton County Schools robust assessment plan incorporates the standardized tests required by the Georgia Department of Education, State law, Federal law, and additional assessments determined by District Staff. This plan will reflect a balance of assessments given to students to help monitor progress and growth. Please see Fulton County Schools Board Policy II for additional information.

Each year, an assessment calendar is created, in partnership with school leaders, that maps all assessments in the district assessment plan, including screening, diagnostic, and progress monitoring assessments, standards-based assessments, state assessments, and national assessments. For each assessment, schools determine exact test dates based on a district-wide testing window. Please contact your local school for specific dates.

Elementary School (PreK - Grade 5)

Assessment	Student Group(s)	Parent Reviewable	Testing Window
GKIDS Readiness	All kindergarten students	No	August 3 – September 11
Amira ISIP Assess *(State dyslexia screener)*	All students in K-Grade 3 Select students in grades 4 and 5	No	August 10 – September 4 November 30 – January 15 April 12 – May 27
i-Ready Inform diagnostics	All students in K-Grade 5 at beginning and midyear All students in K-Grade 2 and select students in grades 3-5 at end of year	No	August 10 – September 4 November 30 – January 15 April 12 – May 27
GKIDS 2.0	All kindergarten students	No	September 14 – May 7
ACCESS / Alternate ACCESS	All English Language Learners who receive or have waived ESOL services	No	January 11 – February 12
Write Score	All students in grades 3-5	No	February 1 – February 5
Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA)	All students in grades 3-5 who participate in an alternate curriculum	No	March 22 – April 23
Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessments (EOG)	All students in grades 3-5	No	April 26 – May 7

**All italicized assessments should not be used to determine a student's grade and are not reviewable by parents.*

*This list is not conclusive of all assessments for all groups of students. In addition to the major testing windows listed in this table, some students participate in assessments specific to their program of study. All students will also participate in a variety of standards-based assessments to measure their mastery of the standards and skills at their grade level. Please consult with your child's teacher to determine all classroom assessment dates.

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Middle School (Grades 6 - 8)

Assessment	Student Group(s)	Parent Reviewable	Testing Window
i-Ready Inform diagnostics	All students in grades 6-8 Select students in grades 6-8 at end of year	No	August 10 – August 28 November 30 – January 15 April 12 – May 27
ACCESS / Alternate ACCESS	All English Language Learners who receive or have waived ESOL services	No	January 11 – February 12
Write Score	All students in grades 6-8	No	January 19 – January 22
Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA)	All students in grades 6-8 who participate in an alternate curriculum	No	March 22 – April 23
Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessments (EOG)	All students in grades 6-8	No	April 26 – May 7
Georgia Milestones End of Course Assessments (EOC)	All students in HS Algebra C&C, HS Lit Comp II, HS Biology, and HS US History	No	April 26 – April 30

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High School (Grades 9 - 12)

Assessment	Student Group(s)	Parent Reviewable	Testing Window
PSAT 8/9	All 9th grade students	No	October 14 or October 15
PSAT NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)	All 10th and 11th grade students	No	October 14 or October 15
SAT (fall)	Optional for all 12th grade students	No	October 14 or October 15
ACCESS / Alternate ACCESS	All English Language Learners who receive or have waived ESOL services	No	January 11 – February 22
SAT (spring)	Optional for all 11th grade students	No	March 4
Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA)	All students in grade 11 who participate in an alternate curriculum	No	March 22 – April 23
ACT	Optional for all 11th grade students	No	March 25
End of Pathway Exams	Encouraged for all students completing a CTAE pathway	No	April 12 – April 23
Georgia Milestones End of Course Assessments (EOC)	All students in Algebra C&C and Lit Comp II Select students in Biology and US History	No	April 26 – April 30
IB Exams	Encouraged for all students in IB courses	No	April 26 – May 21
AP Exams	Encouraged for all students in AP courses	No	May 3 – 14

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