



2021

End of Grade Assessments

Grades 3–8 - April 22-May 7

- Grade 3 - April 28-30
- Grade 4 - May 3-5
- Grade 5 - April 22-23; 26-27
- Grade 6 - May 3-5
- Grade 7 - April 27-29
- Grade 8 - April 22-26; May 6-7

Grades 3, 4, 6 & 7: ELA, Math

Grade 5: ELA, Math, Science

Grade 8: ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies

Middle school students who are enrolled in Algebra and/or Physical Science will take the end-of-course assessment in that content.

End-of-Course Assessments

High School - April 21-27

Students at the high school level will take an end-of-course assessment in the following four courses:

- Algebra I—April 21
- American Lit—April 22-23
- Biology—April 26
- US History—April 27

What is the Georgia Milestones Assessment System?

The Georgia Milestones Assessment System (Georgia Milestones) is a comprehensive summative assessment program spanning grades 3 through high school. Georgia Milestones measures how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards. Students in grades 3 through 8 take End of Grade (EOG) assessments in language arts and mathematics, science (grade 5 & 8 only) and social studies (grade 8 only). High school students, along with some middle school students in designated high school courses, take End of Course (EOC) assessments for each of the four courses designated by the State Board of Education. Importantly, Georgia Milestones is designed to provide students with critical information about their own achievement and their readiness for their next level of learning—be it the next grade, the next course, or the next endeavor (college or career).

NEW for 2021:

- ⇒ All Georgia Milestones assessments have been shortened in length and testing time.
- ⇒ Students in grade 5 no longer take the social studies EOG.
- ⇒ High School students now have 4 required EOCs instead of 8 EOCs.
- ⇒ Students taking AP or Dual Enrollment US History courses are exempt from taking the associated EOC.
- ⇒ For 2021 only, students taking AP Language/American Lit or Dual Enrollment American Lit will not take the EOC.

Where can I find more information about Georgia Milestones?

Assessment guides and additional resources for all contents and grade areas may be found at the Georgia Department of Education's Assessment website. You may also link to these resources from the Houston County School System's Assessment and Accountability website: www.hcbe.net/assessmentaccountability

For additional information and resources, contact your child's teacher or school administration.

Georgia Milestones is an online assessment.

Resources to help your student prepare for Georgia Milestones are available on the Georgia Department of Education's website at <http://testing.gadoe.org>.

To see what online testing is like, and for practice using the platform and responding to technology-enhanced items, you and your student may visit the Experience Online Testing Georgia website at <http://gaexperienceonline.com>.

The items on the demonstration tests are general and represent multiple grade levels. They do not assess student achievement.



What types of questions will a student see on the Georgia Milestones assessments?

Milestones include the item types described below:

- **multiple-choice/selected response** items in all content areas and courses.
- **technology-enhanced multiple select or two part questions** in every content and level
- **open-ended (constructed-response)** items in English/ Language Arts (all grades and courses);
- **a writing component/extended response** (in response to passages read by students) at every grade level and course within the language arts assessments;

What can I do to help my student?

- Encourage your student to employ good study and test-taking skills. These skills include following directions carefully, avoiding careless errors, and reviewing work.
- Explain the purpose of the tests. The assessments give students an opportunity to show what they have learned in school. They also give teachers, schools, and the school district information that helps them plan instruction.
- Point out that some items may be more difficult than others.
- Be certain your student gets plenty of sleep and has a healthy breakfast and lunch. Taking tests is hard work for many students and can require a lot of energy.
- Be certain your student is at school on time. Rushing and worrying about being late could affect performance on the tests.
- Don't put undue pressure on your student. Students perform better when they aren't under pressure.