



March 26, 2018

Dear Parent(s):

Georgia law, as amended by the A+ Education Reform Act of 2000, requires that all students in Grades 3-8 take the Georgia Milestones: End of Grade (EOG) in the content areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. In addition, students in grades 5 and 8 will take Science and Social Studies. Georgia Milestones is designed to provide information about how well students are mastering the state adopted content standards. 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). For the 2017 administration, there are promotion requirements for Reading in grades 3, 5, and 8 and for Mathematics for grades 5 and 8. Students must receive satisfactory scores in these areas. It is important that students do their best in each section of the assessment even though there is not a promotion requirement. The results of the Science and Social Studies portions of the assessment will be used to determine the learning Tier that students will be placed in for the 2018-2019 school year.

Georgia Milestones will be transitioned to online testing over time. Online is considered the primary mode of testing, with paper-and-pencil available as backup until the transition is complete. Specific students will be chosen for online testing by the local school. All third, fifth, sixth and eighth grade students as well as students with a (504 and or IEP) will be tested online unless specifications are stated in an IEP, 504, or TPC plans this testing administration. We will not honor any personal testing accommodations that are not a part of a student's individualized education plan or 504. Below is the schedule for the administration of the EOG in the DeKalb County School District. **It is imperative that students attend school each day and arrive on time**, so they will not miss any sections of this important assessment. **If students arrive after 8:10 a.m., they will test during makeups and will not be eligible for the perfect attendance incentive if they arrive late or are absent.**

Tues/April 10	ELA Section 1: 3-7th grade & 3-6th (504/IEP)
Wed/April 11	ELA Section 1: 8th & 7-8 (504/IEP)
Thurs/April 12	ELA Sections 2 & 3: 3-5, 7th & 3-5 (504/IEP)
Fri/April 13	ELA Sections 2 & 3: 6, 8th & 6-8th (504/IEP)
Mon/April 16	MAKE-UP DAY
Tues/April 17	Mathematics Sections 1 & 2: 3-5, 7th & 3-5 (504/IEP)
Wed/April 18	Mathematics Sections 1 & 2: 6, 8th & 6-8th (504/IEP)
Thurs/April 19 (Grades 5 & 8)	Science Sections 1 & 2: 5, 8th & 5& 8th (504/IEP)
Fri/April 20 (Grades 5 & 8)	Social Studies Sections 1 & 2: 5, 8th & 5& 8th (504/IEP)
Mon/April 23	MAKE-UP DAY
Wed/April 25	Material Check-In at Testing Warehouse

You can help by taking the following steps:

1. Limit evening activities prior to testing so that adequate time is provided for rest.
2. Discuss the importance of testing with your son/daughter.
3. Provide two #2 pencils daily.
4. Provide a nutritious breakfast.
5. Ensure your child is present and on time each morning. If possible, please avoid scheduling doctor/dentist appointments during the testing period.
6. If an issue arises that may impact your child's performance, please contact a school counselor.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of testing and to ensure a prompt response, please email Dr. Arnette itaski.arnette.lpa@gmail.com and cc lpamiddle@gmail.com and place in the subject line **TESTING**.

Respectfully,

Dr. Tonya Williams, Chief Academic Officer and Chief Learning Officer