

# Georgia Milestones Assessment System

Spring 2022

# Learning Targets:

I can explain why students take the Georgia Milestones tests.

I can find more details about the Georgia Milestones Assessment System.

# What is the Georgia Milestones Assessment System?

- Assessment of state grade level standards
- All grades 3-8 will take ELA and Math
- Grades 5 and 8 will take Science
- Grade 8 will take Social Studies
- Select students in 8th grade Algebra will take Algebra test
- Part of a balanced approach to ensure students are learning

FAQs available at:

[https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Documents/Milestones/Parents/Georgia Milestones Parent QA 2021-2022.pdf](https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Documents/Milestones/Parents/Georgia_Milestones_Parent_QA_2021-2022.pdf)

Georgia Department of Education ([www.gadoe.org](http://www.gadoe.org))

# Brighten's Testing Schedule

April 25-May 3 (details in next 2 slides)

Grades 3-5: **approximately 8:00-11:00 am**

Grades 6-8: **approximately 12:00-3:00 pm**

Please arrive to school on time and early if possible (by 7:30 if possible)

Limit early check outs

Reschedule appointments around testing days/times

# Brighten's Testing Schedule

Mon. April 25 (GMAS/EOG) Language Arts Section 1 Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Tues. April 26 (GMAS/EOG) Language Arts Sections 2 and 3 Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Wed. April 27 (GMAS/EOG) Math Sections 1 and 2 \*\*NOTE this will be a full day with dismissal for all K-8 at 3:15 instead of 12:00. Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Thurs. April 28 (GMAS/EOG) Science Sections 1 and 2 Grade 5

(GMAS/EOG) Make-ups Grades 3-4 and 6-8

Fri. April 29 (GMAS/EOG) Make-ups Grades 3-8

# Brighten's Testing Schedule

Mon. May 2 (GMAS/EOG) Science Sections 1 and 2 Grade 8

Tues. May 3 (GMAS/EOG) Social Studies Sections 1 and 2 Grade 8

Wed. May 4 (GMAS/EOC) Algebra Sections 1 and 2 (start time 8:00 am) Grade 8

\*Limited Participation

Thurs. May 5 (GMAS/EOC) Algebra Make Up (start time 8:00 am) Grade 8

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# Test Details

ELA Section 1–Extended Response with writing required

No other writing required on other tests/sections

Test sections are timed

Materials secure

All online

Examiner will not be the homeroom teacher

Schedule will be altered for the week of April 25 (no specials, altered lunch, etc.)

Wednesday, April 27–FULL day, Dismissal at 3:15 for whole school

# Georgia Department of Education

- ❖ <https://www.gadoe.org/Pages/Home.aspx>
  - ❖ Learning and Curriculum
  - ❖ Assessment
  - ❖ Georgia Milestones Assessment System (on left)
  - ❖ Resources
  - ❖ Experience Online Testing Georgia



# Resources and Writing Rubrics for 4th-8th Grades

[https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Milestones\\_Resources.aspx](https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Milestones_Resources.aspx)

- Parent Q and A
- Study/Resource Guides
- Achievement Level Descriptors
- Formula Sheets
- Experience Online Testing

# Elephant in the Room

## Parent/Guardian Refusal

### GMAS:

- Provides feedback on student progress towards mastery of standards
- Provides teachers with feedback on instructional practices
- Helps schools determine educational programming by analyzing areas of strengths and weaknesses
- Provides the public with information on student performance
- Fulfills state and federal testing requirements

# Elephant in the Room (cont'd)

## GMAS:

- Fulfills federal annual testing law–Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
  - 95% participation rate required by schools
  - Non-participants count as “not proficient” in school accountability measures
- Never solely determines whether a student “passes or fails” the grade
  - Classroom performance, teacher input
  - Habits of Scholarship/7Cs grades

We expect all students in grades 3-8 to participate in GMAS.

Ask to speak to an administrator if you need more information.

# What can you do to help your child prepare?

- Arrive to school on time (now and for testing)
- Limit early check outs (we are working up to the bells)
- Help them keep up with and complete homework
- Practice the tools on the Experience Online Testing Georgia platform
- Build their confidence in their skillset
- Use a positive, growth mindset when discussing schoolwork and tests in general
  - Counteract negative (“I hate tests” “I’m bad at tests”) with positive affirmations
  - Use the power of yet—you’re working on it, and you may not be there YET, but you will get there
  - Praise their efforts—hard work does pay off
- Eat a good breakfast before you arrive or arrive in time to eat at school  
(suggested arrival time 7:30 am)

# Questions?

LT Check in:

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