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Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment
Grade 8

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child will be participating in the Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) assessment between April 11 and April 24. **It is important to note that students taking high school courses in mathematics and science will take the state's End of Course (EOC) assessment in those subjects rather than the EOG assessment.**

The purpose of the Milestones assessment is to measure students' mastery of the state-adopted content standards in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The Georgia Department of Education will analyze assessment results and provide achievement scores to schools and families for each content area. You can learn more about these assessments at <http://testing.gadoe.org>.

The scores from this state assessment provide information about how prepared a student is to move on to the next grade and will be used to help make promotion or retention decisions. In addition to providing information about students' mastery of content standards, the results provide teachers with feedback about instructional practices and assist school and district leaders in identifying academic strengths and weaknesses for planning educational programs to support improvement.

This assessment will begin each day at 9:30 a.m. Administration time for these assessments ranges from 1 – 2 hours each day of testing. Please make sure your student gets plenty of sleep the night before testing, eats a nutritious breakfast, and arrives at school on time on assessment days. On the back of this letter, you will find additional suggestions for supporting students during test-time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chris Tornese at 770-476-3372.

Thank you,

Deborah Fusi