



# Clayton County Public Schools

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA), Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG), and Georgia Milestones End of Course (EOC) state testing in Georgia have **not** been waived this year, and the Clayton County Public Schools District is required to offer the assessments to all students expected to test and to test as many students as possible. **The Georgia Milestones Assessments cannot be given remotely and must be given in a face-to-face environment.**

However, State Superintendent Woods announced in March that he wants to ensure that no virtual students are required to attend school solely to test if they do not feel comfortable due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. With that said, Clayton County Public Schools values the purpose of testing for the following reasons:

- The Milestones Assessment is a metric used to gauge learning.
- The Milestones Assessment helps to identify areas for improvement.
- The Milestones Assessment can help schools evaluate progress.
- The Milestones Assessment can help the school system plan for and provide resources.

**Testing windows for Clayton County Public Schools are as follows:**

- Georgia Alternate Assessments (GAA) are March 22, 2021-April 30, 2021.
- Georgia Milestone EOG Assessments for Elementary Grades 3-5 and Middle School Grades 6-8 are April 28, 2021 - May 21, 2021.
- Georgia Milestones EOC Assessments (Grades 9-12 and select 8th Grade students taking the high school courses above) are April 19, 2021 - April 30, 2021.

**If your child continues with *at-home remote learning*, but you want your child to participate in the Georgia Milestones Assessments, you will need to:**

1. register to test using the registration link sent to you by your child's principal.
2. request transportation, **if needed**, on the registration link you receive from the school.
3. have your child report to the school site on his/her designated day(s) of testing per the schedule sent out from your child's school.

**If you would like to decline testing for your child, please complete the form at the link below for your child's grade level by Friday, April 2, 2021.**

- [GMAS \(2020-21\) Elementary School Acknowledgement to Decline Testing](#)
- [GMAS \(2020-21\) Middle School Acknowledgement to Decline Testing](#)
- [GMAS 2020-21 High School EOC Acknowledgement to Decline Testing](#)

This chart shows the required Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) assessments, in accordance with Georgia law (O.C.G.A §20-2-281) and (SBOE) Rule.

2020-2021 GMAS and GAA Required Tests by Subject				
Assessment	ELA	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
<b>GAA Georgia Alternate Assessment</b>	Grades 3-8	Grades 3-8	Grades 5, 8 & 11	Grades 5, 8 & 11
<b>GMAS End of Grade</b>	Grades 3-8	Grades 3-8	Grades 5 & 8	Grade 8
<b>GMAS End of Course</b>	American Literature and Composition	Algebra I/Coordinate Algebra	Biology Physical Science* (*Select Grade 8 students only)	U.S. History

If you have any questions, please contact your child’s school administrator for additional information.

Sincerely,

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