



RIVERWATCH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

There have been several changes to the state's testing regulations this year. One of those changes was eliminating four high school End-of-Course (EOC) tests. This change means Georgia meets the minimum federal requirements for high school testing. End-of-Course tests in Georgia are Algebra 1, Biology, U.S. History, and American Literature. Federal law also requires 8th grade students take an End-of Grade (EOG) assessment in ELA, math, science and social studies.

What this means is any student taking Algebra 1 in middle school must take the EOC for Algebra 1 and the EOG for 8th grade math. The Georgia Department of Education has requested a waiver from the United States Department of Education for students to only take the EOC Algebra 1 assessment. Unfortunately, there has not been an answer to the waiver at this time. As we get closer to testing, we must plan for 8th grade students taking Algebra 1 to take both the Algebra 1 EOC and take the 8th Grade math EOG.

If you are a parent of a virtual student and have decided not to send your child to school for testing due to concerns related to the COVID-19 virus, we still respect that decision. All students who are testing will take the Algebra 1 test as scheduled on May 7th and the 8th Grade math EOG will be given on the morning of May 13. *The 8th Grade math EOG score will have NO IMPACT on your child's Algebra 1 grade.* Forsyth County is simply following state regulations by administering the test. Please see specific guidance about your school below.

Thank you very much for your patience and understanding about this situation. If the waiver is approved in the next few weeks, we will let you know. Please call or email if you have any questions.

At Riverwatch, we will administer the 8th Grade Math EOG to any student currently taking Algebra I. This test will be administered on Thursday, May 13 in the Riverwatch Cafeteria. Please use the Google Form linked below to indicate if your child will take the 8th Grade Math test.

[Riverwatch RSVP for 8th Grade Math EOG for Virtual and In-Person Algebra 1 Students](#)

Sincerely,

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