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Critical information for testing this Year:

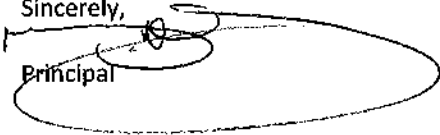
- The Georgia Milestones provides critical information for your child's teachers, school, and the school district related to your child's progress and performance. The Milestones assessment also provides families with important information related to your child's reading levels, growth in ELA and Math over previous years, and information on your child's mastery of content standards. The information helps all parties involved in your child's education be informed of the best way to help your student be successful on their educational journey, and helps to appropriately schedule your child for coursework for the coming year (advanced coursework and support opportunities).
- For students enrolled in high school EOC-associated courses (Algebra 1, Biology, Physical Science), End of Course assessments count as the Final exam. As such represent either .01% to 20% of your child's the final grade for the course. Henry County Schools will apply the percentage that most benefits your child's grade
- Full-time remote learner parents who wish for their child to participate in the Milestones should **complete the Remote Scholar Milestones Survey to indicate** participation in our Spring Milestones Administration.
 - Remote learners who come in to test may participate in the main test administration with their classroom, may participate in a small group during an afternoon test session, or may be scheduled to test on district-scheduled make-up days.
- Additionally, if you do **not** want your remote learner/scholar to participate in the Milestones test due to COVID-related concerns, please complete the **Remote Scholar Milestones Survey** to indicate your desire to **opt-out** of testing due to COVID-related concerns.

- **School Procedures:**
 - **Transportation:**
 - **Remote scholars** may ride their HCS bus (refer to <http://edulog.henry.k12.ga.us/livewq/webquery/> to look up bus transportation) or you may transport your scholar to school.
 - **Car rider** drop off is 8:00 a.m. and pick up begins @ 3:55 p.m. (*if your scholar remains at school after testing*)
 - **Reporting Location**
 - **Remote scholars should report** to the Gym for test check/in.
 - **COVID protocols** such a mask wearing, social distancing in the testing environment/transitions, and sanitation measures will be strictly enforced.
 - **Remote scholars must adhere to proper dress code:** hats, head scarfs, hoods, pants with holes above the knees, leggings without a long top to cover the bottom area, low cut shirts/tops, sagging pants, slides/flip-flops, are not permitted in the building.
 - Parents will be notified to bring a change of clothes if their scholar is in violation of dress code.

If you have questions about the Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) or End of Course (EOC) Assessments, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Grade Level Administrator: 8th Grade Mrs. Oatts @ yolanda.oatts@henry.k12.ga.us , 7th Grade Mrs. Thomas @ melissa.thomas@henry.k12.ga.us , and 6th Grade Mr. Hicks @ dhicks@henry.k12.ga.us

Sincerely,

Principal

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- As a parent, you are a critical partner in ensuring your students have a positive outlook and frame of mind about testing. As testing approaches and throughout the testing window, take extra time to encourage your children and offer words that instill confidence in their abilities and perseverance to ensure they arrive at school feeling good about themselves and having a positive outlook on the day.
- If you have any questions, we invite you to visit the district's website and discuss the available resources with your child:
<https://schoolwires.henry.k12.ga.us/Page/51466>
 - Experience Online Georgia** provides students with an opportunity to become familiar with the online testing platform through the *Test Practice* link. This practice site does not require a log-in and is available 7 days a week.
 - Importantly, this practice site is not designed as a "practice test" to measure a student's knowledge of course content, and scores will not be generated. Rather, it is intended to allow students to familiarize themselves with the online platform prior to testing.
 - Georgia Milestones Study Guides** are intended to serve as a resource for parents and students. They contain practice questions and learning activities for each content area. The Georgia Milestones study guides can be reached at the <https://www.henry.k12.ga.us/41253>

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