

GEORGIA MILESTONE END OF GRADE (EOG) AND END OF COURSE (EOC) ASSESSMENTS

Each spring, elementary and middle school students throughout the state of Georgia take the Georgia Milestones Assessments to see how well they have mastered the standards for their grade level. Our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students will take their End of Grade (EOG) Assessments throughout the month of April, beginning the first week we return from Spring Break.

Sixth grade will take three different EOG Assessments: ELA Section 1 (Writing portion), ELA Section 2 & 3, and Mathematics. ELA Section 1, ELA section 2 & 3, and Mathematics will all be taken on different days starting on Wednesday, April 11th.

Seventh grade students will take three different EOG Assessments: ELA Section 1 (Writing portion), ELA Section 2 & 3, and Mathematics. ELA Section 1, ELA section 2 & 3, and Mathematics will all be taken on different days starting on Tuesday, April 17th.

Eighth grade students will take four EOG Assessments: ELA Section 1 (Writing portion), ELA Section 2 & 3, Mathematics, and Social Studies. Each of these assessments will be taken on different days starting on Monday, April 23rd. Eighth Grade students will also take the End of Course (EOC) Assessment for their Physical Science class. This is due to their Physical Science class being a high school course for credit. The EOC for Physical Science will be given on Monday, May 7th. For the eighth grade students that take Accelerated Math with Mrs. Arends, they will take their End of Course (EOC) Assessment on Monday, April 30th.

All of our students at DeSana will take the End of Grade and End of Course Assessments on the computer this year. We are able to provide all students on the week of their assessments, Chromebooks to test on. Teachers have provided students with numerous formative and summative assessments online this year. This has prepared our students to feel comfortable while taking assessments on their Chromebooks. As an administration, we feel confident that your student(s) have been prepared to take their End of Grade and/or their End of Course Assessment online.

If you feel that your child needs additional practice taking the assessment online, you can go to <http://gaexperienceonline.com/>. Students can become familiar with the testing platform. This website is operational 7 days a week from 7:00 am – 10:00 pm. This website does not require a unique password. It will provide the user with a username and password when you log onto the site.

Rest assured that at DeSana, we view the Georgia Milestone Assessments as a snapshot of a student's knowledge of the standards. The Georgia Milestone is simply one piece of the totality of evidence that we look at, at the end of the year, to see how successful a student has been in their academic achievement. We want each and every student to try hard and do their best, but we will never put any undue pressure on them during the assessment period.

Here is the testing schedule for the Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) and End of Course (EOC) Assessments:

- Wednesday, April 11th: 6th Grade ELA Section 1 (Writing Portion)

- Thursday, April 12th: 6th Grade ELA Sections 2 & 3
- Friday, April 13th: 6th Grade Math Section
- Monday April 16th: 6th Grade Make-ups

- Tuesday, April 17th: 7th Grade ELA Section 1 (Writing Portion)
- Wednesday, April 18th: 7th Grade ELA Sections 2 & 3
- Thursday, April 19th: 7th Grade Math Section
- Friday, April 20th: 7th Grade Make-ups

- Monday, April 23rd: 8th Grade ELA Section 1 (Writing Portion)
- Tuesday, April 24th: 8th Grade ELA Sections 2 & 3
- Wednesday, April 25th: 8th Grade Math Section
- Friday, April 27th: 8th Grade Social Studies Section
- Monday, April 30th: 8th Grade EOC- Accelerated Math (Only students in this class)
- Tuesday, May 1st: 8th Grade EOC- Accelerated Math Make-ups
- Monday, May 7th: 8th Grade EOC- Physical Science Assessment (All 8th Graders)
- Tuesday, May 8th: 8th Grade EOC- Physical Science Assessment Make-Ups

During the school days that the students are not taking EOG/EOC assessments, the school will run on a pretty normal schedule. The students will be able to see all of their teachers and will not miss instruction. On the days that students are testing, we want to encourage each and every student to come to school on time and be prepared, get a good night's sleep the night before, eat a good breakfast, have a positive mindset, and try their best.

We truly appreciate your support not only through the testing season but the entire year. If you should have any questions on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade or End of Course Assessments, please feel free to contact David Feuerbach, Assistant Principal and School Testing Coordinator, at dfeuerbach@forsyth.k12.ga.us or at 770-667-2591 extension 491507, or you can contact Terri North, Principal, at tnorth@forsyth.k12.ga.us or at 770-667-2591 extension 491515.