

Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade/End-of-Course Assessments Testing Brief for 2015–2016

The Georgia Milestones Assessment System is a comprehensive assessment program spanning grades 3 through high school. It is designed to provide information about how well students are mastering the state-adopted content standards in the core content areas of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The Georgia Milestones Assessment was first given during the 2014-2015 school year.

Students in grade 3 through 8 take an end-of-grade (EOG) assessment in the content areas of languages arts, mathematics, science and social studies in April.

High school students take an end-of-course (EOC) assessment for each of the eight courses designated by the State Board of Education:

- Ninth Grade Literature and Composition
- American Literature and Composition
- Algebra I
- Analytic Geometry
- Physical Science
- Biology
- United States History
- Economics/Business/Free Enterprise

Middle school students who are enrolled in one or more of these courses will also take the end-of-course assessment. The end-of-course assessments are administered at the completion of the course, regardless of the grade level. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, these assessments serve as the final exam for the course and count as 20% of the student's final grade.

Features of the Georgia Milestone Assessment System include:

- open-ended (constructed-response) items in language arts and mathematics (all grades and courses)
- a writing component (in response to passages read by students) at every grade level and course within the language arts assessment
- norm-referenced items in all content areas and courses, to complement the criterion-referenced information and to provide a national comparison

PCSD vs. State % of Students at Levels 3/4 % of Students at Levels 2/3/4

The following chart shows scores from the End-of-Grade GA Milestones tests from the 2015-2016 school year. PCSD scored above the State in all subject areas for all grades 3-8 in levels 2-3-4.

Level 3 & 4	ELA N		Math)	Science		SS	
	PCSD	GA	PCSD	GA	PCSD	GA	PCSD	GA
3rd Grade	41	35	47	40	39	35	27	30
4th Grade	41	35	47	40	32	33	38	34
5th Grade	43	41	40	38	44	39	36	30
6th Grade	42	39	44	38	42	39	38	33
7th Grade	41	38	45	42	43	39	45	39
8th Grade	43	44	27	33	41	27	44	38

Level 2-3-4	ELA	ELA Math Science		е	SS			
	PCSD	GA	PCSD	GA	PCSD	GA	PCSD	GA
3rd Grade	75	67	84	80	79	75	79	75
4th Grade	77	69	86	80	74	71	77	71
5th Grade	80	74	78	74	77	71	82	74
6th Grade	75	68	82	75	73	65	77	70
7th Grade	77	73	82	76	74	67	80	75
8th Grade	83	80	80	75	74	59	83	75

END OF GRADE MILESTONES PCSD 2015 vs. 2016

% of Students at Levels 3/4 % of Students at Levels 2/3/4

Level 3 & 4	ELA	1	Math		Science		SS	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
3rd Grade	41	41	47	47	38	39	34	27
4th Grade	41	41	46	47	34	32	41	38
5th Grade	43	43	39	40	36	44	30	36
6th Grade	39	42	40	44	38	42	40	38
7th Grade	38	41	40	45	40	43	45	45
8th Grade	40	43	41	27	37	41	44	44

Level 2-3-4	ELA	4	Math		Science		SS	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
3rd Grade	75	75	87	84	80	79	82	79
4th Grade	77	77	84	86	72	74	78	77
5th Grade	77	80	78	78	72	77	78	82
6th Grade	71	75	79	82	68	73	79	77
7th Grade	74	77	79	82	72	74	80	80
8th Grade	81	83	82	80	68	74	80	83

In 2016, 8th graders who took the EOC for Algebra I did not take the 8th grade Math EOG.

END OF COURSE MILESTONES 2016 PCSD vs. State

% of Students at Levels 3/4 % of Students at Levels 2/3/4

The following chart shows scores from the End-of-Course GA Milestones tests from the 2015-2016 school year. PCSD scored above the state in the subject areas of American Literature, Algebra I, Analytic Geometry and US History in levels 3 and 4. PCSD scored above the State in all the subject areas except Physical Science in levels 2-3-4.

Level 3 & 4	PCSD	GA
9th Literature	40	41
American Literature	43	41
Algebra I	40	36
Analytic Geometry	39	32
Biology	42	43
Physical Science	19	34
US History	54	45
Economics	43	46

Level 2-3-4	PCSD	GA
9th Literature	81	78
American Literature	80	76
Algebra I	78	70
Analytic Geometry	77	70
Biology	69	68
Physical Science	60	66
US History	85	77
Economics	79	73

END OF COURSE MILESTONES PCSD 2015 vs. 2016

% of Students at Levels 3/4

Level 3 & 4	2015	2016
9th Literature	46	40
American Literature	32	43
Coordinate Algebra 2015/Algebra I		
2016	38	40
Analytic Geometry	16	39
Biology	32	42
Physical Science	11	19
US History	39	54
Economics	33	43

Level 2-3-4	2015	2016
9th Literature	80	81
American Literature	73	80
Coordinate Algebra 2015/Algebra I		
2016	70	78
Analytic Geometry	60	77
Biology	57	69
Physical Science	47	60
US History	75	85
Economics	64	79