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Georgia Milestones

Parent Information and Resources

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Agenda

- What will my child be assessed on?
- What does my child's school do to prepare for the test?
- How can I support my child in being successful on the Georgia Milestones?
- What resources can I use to help my child be successful?
- How will my child be expected to show what they know or demonstrate their knowledge?
- Questions

What is the Georgia Milestone Assessment?

The Georgia Milestones Assessment System is a comprehensive summative assessment program and represents a single system of summative assessments that span all three levels of the state's educational system – elementary, middle, and high school.

The Georgia Milestones Assessment System is designed to provide information about how well students are mastering the state-adopted content standards in the core content areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Importantly, Georgia Milestones is designed to provide students with critical information about their own achievement and their readiness for their next level of learning – be it the next grade, the next course, or the next endeavor (college or career).

What will your child be tested on?

- **Comprehensive state mandated assessment program:**

End of Grade (EOG)	End of Course (EOC)	
Grade 3 – 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English Language Arts• Mathematics	Ninth Grade Literature & Composition	Algebra I
	American Literature & Composition	Geometry
Grades 5 and 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science• Social Studies	Biology	United States History
	Physical Science	Economics/Business/Free Enterprise

- **Measures students' knowledge and skills on the state-adopted content standards in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.**
- **Middle School students enrolled in Algebra I, 9th Grade Lit or Physical Science will take the corresponding End of Course Assessment.**
- **Elementary and Middle School students taking an advanced class will need to take the End of Grade for the overall grade level for which they are enrolled.**
- **The test is used as part of our state accountability system, which is CCRPI.**

What does the test look like?

Content Area and Number of Sections	Selected Response	Constructed Response (2 points)	Extended Constructed Response (4 points)	Extended Writing Response (7 points)	Technology Enhanced (Evidence Based/Multiple Part Items) (2 points)
English Language Arts (ELA) (3 sections)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mathematics (2 sections)	✓				✓
Science (2 sections)	✓				✓

Grades 3-5: No calculators allowed

How long is the test?

Content Area/Course	Test Section(s)	Minimum Time Per Section(s)	Maximum Time Per Section(s)	Maximum Time Per Section(s) (1.5)	Maximum Time Per Section(s) (Double)
English Language Arts	1	45	90	135	180
English Language Arts	2 and 3	45	85	128	170
Mathematics	1 and 2	45	85	128	170
Science	1 and 2	45	70	105	140

When will your child test?

End of Grade		
Date	Exam	Grade
April 27	ELA Part I	Grades 3 – 8
April 28	ELA Part II	Grades 3 – 8
April 29	Math	Grades 3 – 8
April 30	Science	Grades 5 & 8
May 4	Make-Up	Grades 3 – 8
May 5	Make-Up	Grades 3 - 8

What types of questions will my child see on the Georgia Milestones assessment?

A writing component (in response to passages read by students) at every grade level and course within the English Language Arts assessments;

WRITING TASK

Science fiction has become one of the most popular and profitable forms of entertainment in the world today.

Think about this statement, and then write an **informational/explanatory essay** in your own words explaining why science fiction has become so successful.

Be sure to use information from BOTH passages in your **informational/explanatory essay**.

Writer's Checklist

Be sure to:

- Introduce the topic clearly, provide a focus, and organize information in a way that makes sense.
- Use information from the two passages so that your essay includes important details.
- Develop the topic with facts, definitions, details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.
- Identify the passages by title or number when using details or facts directly from the passages.
- Develop your ideas clearly and use your own words, except when quoting directly from the passages.
- Use appropriate and varied transitions to connect ideas and to clarify the relationship among ideas and concepts.
- Use clear language and vocabulary.
- Establish and maintain a formal style.
- Provide a conclusion that supports the information presented.
- Check your work for correct usage, grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

Now write your informational/explanatory essay on your answer document. Refer to the Writer's Checklist as you write and proofread your essay.

What types of questions will my child see on the Georgia Milestones assessment?

Multiple-choice items in all content areas and courses.


What was Babe Ruth known for in the 1920s?

- A.** being a World War I hero
- B.** being a popular jazz musician
- C.** being a famous baseball player
- D.** being an African American/Black poet

What types of questions will my child see on the Georgia Milestones assessment?

Technology Enhanced Item


All Grades TE Training Student

Question 7 

Marie measured the temperature at some different times of day on a cold winter day.

Time of Day	Temperature (°C)
morning	-6.05
noon	-6.2
afternoon	-5.3
evening	-5.28

Move the numbers into the boxes to show the temperatures from coldest to warmest.

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coldest warmest

Review/End Test Pause Flag Back Next

What is *Rock Spring* doing to prepare my child for the test?

Rock Spring provides a variety of instructional supports to meet the needs of all students!

- Small Group Differentiated Instruction (ELA/Math)
- WIN Time-Grade Levels provide explicit instruction for remediation and enrichment
- Accelerated Math
- EIP Services:
 - Read 180
 - System 44
 - Literacy Leveled Intervention
 - Hands On Math
- MTSS Support-Target instruction for specific skills
- Write-Score

What Can Parents Do During Testing?



- Be encourage & motivate!
- Remind students to read directions carefully and to check their work
- Point out that some items will be more difficult than others
- Help them in getting a good night's rest
- Plan a balanced breakfast
- Stick to the schedule
- Don't focus your conversations too heavily on the test
- Practice using the same materials that the students can use on the test, i.e. scratch paper, timed activities, pencils and graph paper.

- The Georgia Milestones Study/Resourced Guide for Students and Parents is intended as resource for parents and students. It contains sample questions and helpful activities to give you an idea of what test questions look like on Georgia Milestones and that the assessment covers
- The sample questions are fully explained and will tell you why each answer is either correct or incorrect.

Study Guides can be found on our HCS School Wires Page:

Link: <http://bit.ly/HCSParentResources>



Study Guides – How to use them



Gather your child's materials that you will need such as the guide, pen or pencil, highlighter, scratch paper, classroom notes and textbooks.



Find a comfortable place for your child to sit that has good lighting and time to focus. That means, no TV, games or phones.



Set aside some time for your child after school dedicated to studying. Set a goal of how long you are going to study. Remember, they can do a little every day.



Invite a study buddy like a friend, sibling or even yourself to practice together – anyone can help! Ask questions and don't forget to read the directions before your start. You can also ask your teacher for help. It is better to ask now and get answers.



Don't forget to encourage your child to read each question and answer choices carefully. Your child should be encouraged to use scratch paper and always check their work.

How will my child need to show what they know?



- Let's take a look at the GA experience online platform.
 - Link: <http://www.gaexperienceonline.com/>
 - The items on the demonstration tests are general and are organized into the three grade bands in the content areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.
 - The items do not necessarily represent the specific grade-level content that students learn daily in their classrooms.
 - Included in this site are examples of new types of test items that are being field tested this spring. Items that are field tested do not impact the scores of students.
 - The primary purpose is to let students experience, firsthand, the functionality of the online testing platform. The sample tests are not graded, so have fun!
- A guided [video](#) is also available to review all of the features the GA Experience Online Platform has to offer.

What does my child need to know?

Are you smarter than a 3rd Grader?

The following questions are taken from samples of what a 3rd Grader might see on the ELA and Mathematics Georgia Milestones End of Grade.

On your electronic device go to **kahoot.it**

Enter in the following **PIN**:

Enter in a **Team/Player Name**

Let's **play!**



For more specific grade level resources, please visit the [GaDOE Georgia Milestones Assessment System Website](#) and our [Assessment Page on Henry County Schools Website](#).

How will Rock Spring Elementary use the scores from the Georgia Milestone Test to support your child & the school?

- School Improvement
- Determine Placement into specialized programs and services such as:
 - Accelerated Math Programs
 - Gifted Testing
 - Remediation classes

Available Resources

Georgia Milestone resources can be retrieved from our Henry County Schools Website.

<http://bit.ly/HCSParentResources>



A screenshot of the Henry County Schools website. The header features the school logo (a blue 'H' with a graduation cap) and the text 'HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS BETTER TOGETHER'. Navigation tabs include 'Parents', 'Students', 'Community', and 'Employees'. A yellow navigation bar contains links for 'HOME', 'BOARD OF EDUCATION', 'DIVISIONS', 'CAREERS', 'ENROLLMENT', 'PERSONALIZED LEARNING', 'HCS 'A-Z'', and 'CONTACT US'. The 'Learning & Performance' section is highlighted in a dark blue box. Below this, a list of menu items is shown, with 'Parent Resources' nested under 'Grading & Testing'. To the right, there are two paragraphs of text with links. The first paragraph says 'Click on the links below for a parent guide to help you better understand your child's Individual Student Report for the Milestones Assessment.' and lists two links: 'Understanding Your Child's End of Grade Milestones Report' and 'Understanding Your Child's End of Course Milestones Report'. The second paragraph says 'Click on the links below for parent resources to help you better understand your child's GKIDS Readiness Report.' and lists three links: 'GKIDS Readiness Parent Resources: English Language Arts', 'GKIDS Readiness Parent Resources: Mathematics', and 'GKIDS Readiness Parent Resources: Foundations of Success'. A third paragraph says 'Click on the links below for Family Learning Guides to help you better understand your child's Report Card.' and lists two links: '1st Grade - Family Learning Guide' and '2nd Grade - Family Learning Guide'.

Questions

