

TESTING

Georgia Milestones State Testing

All Georgia schools administer the Georgia Milestone Assessments for Grades 3 - 12. The Georgia Department of Education has mandated End-of-Grade assessments in grades 3-8 and End-of-Course tests in eight high school courses American Literature, Algebra I, Biology, US History. State law mandates the grade received on the high school End-of-Course tests count 20% of the student's final grade. McIntosh County Schools EOC will count as 30% of their grade.

Middle and high school students enrolled in a course identified by State Law as requiring an End-of-Course exam are REQUIRED to take the exam. Students who fail to complete a required End-of-Course exam will NOT receive credit for the course, nor be promoted to the next grade level until the EOC has been completed.

Final Examinations (High School Only)

- Students are responsible for being present for final examinations.
- Make-up exams will only be given in cases of documented emergencies.
- The make-up exams must be completed within 5 calendar days of the student's return to school.
- A senior who misses the final exams may be removed from the graduation ceremony.
- Exams will be given on the days they are scheduled. Make-ups will be announced for those who are unable to sit for the exams.

PSAT

The purpose of the PSAT is to assess students' verbal and mathematical reasoning skills, to prepare them for the SAT and to allow them to compete for scholarships. The verbal section tests reasoning skills, vocabulary, sentence completions and critical reading items. The math section tests reasoning, problem solving in arithmetic, algebra and geometry. Because of the keen analytical, reading, problem-solving, verbal and mathematical skills needed, students can improve their scores by mastering the content of rigorous high school courses. Students can use the PSAT to prepare for the SAT and to examine their future academic success. They can also compete for scholarships, such as the National Merit and National Achievement Scholarships. By taking the PSAT, students will also become aware of the need to take rigorous courses in high school. This will increase their ability to enroll in and succeed in the college of their choice because they will have a strong high school preparation and be able to earn their best SAT scores.

For more information on PSAT/NMSQT visit: <http://professionals.collegeboard.com/testing/psat>

Colleges, universities, and scholarship programs use a student's academic record and SAT (or ACT) scores to determine if the student is prepared to enter post-secondary education. SAT/ACT scores help a student understand reasoning ability and academic strengths.

SAT Testing Dates

For more information on SAT visit: <http://professionals.collegeboard.com/testing/sat>

ACT Testing Dates

For more information visit: <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html>

**McIntosh County
Schools Test Dates July
2021 - June 2022**

2021

August 9-September 20 GKIDS & Readiness Check District Window Opens

August 16-20	Georgia Milestones End of Course (EOC) Mid-Month Online Administration
September 13-17	Georgia Milestones End of Course (EOC) Mid-Month Online Administration
October 18-22	Georgia Milestones End of Course (EOC) Mid-Month Online Administration
October 28	PSAT & ASVAB
November 16-20	Gifted Testing (Grades 1-12)
November 8-11	Georgia Milestones End of Course (EOC) Mid-Month Online Administration
December 1 -4	End of Pathways Assessments
December 1-10	Winter Georgia Milestones End of Course Administration

2022

January 24-28	Georgia Milestones End of Course (EOC) Mid-Month Administration
January 12 -March 4	ACCESS for ELLs
February 14-18	Georgia Milestones End of Course (EOC) Mid-Month Administration
March 14-18	Georgia Milestone End of Course (EOC) Mid-Month Administration
March 21- April 29	GAA Administration Window
May 3-16	Georgia Milestones End of Course (EOC) Spring Administration
May 10-20	Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) Main Administration Grades 3-8
May 3 - 7	End of Pathways Assessments
May 16	GKIDS data entry deadline
June 27- 30	Georgia Milestones End of Course (EOC) Retest Administration

*** **Not Included: BEACON Formative Assessments, ACT/SAT School Test Dates**

McIntosh County Academy Semester Final Exam Exemption Guidance

Semester Exemption Guidance for Final Examinations Objective: The exemption guidance is designed to assist students in meeting high expectations, improving regular school attendance, and increasing student awareness of personal responsibility. Research has shown that good attendance by students promotes effective teaching and learning within the classroom as teachers are able to maintain a sound instructional focus and provide a positive learning environment for students when they attend class on a regular basis.

A. Eligibility Criteria for Students

Students may exempt final semester exams for each class based on the following criteria for grades, attendance, and discipline.

Exemption criteria:

- Grade of 90 and above with 5 or fewer absences
- Grade of 80-89 with 3 or fewer absences
- Grade of 75-79 with 1 or fewer absences
- Any student with a grade of 74 and below will have to take the final
- No zeroes in the gradebook
- Have not been assigned ISS or OSS during the semester

Other Considerations:

- Absences are counted up to the day the semester course exam is administered.
- Absences for this exemption are cumulative regardless of whether or not they are excused or unexcused.
- Any student who qualifies for an exemption has the option to take the semester exam.
- Any final exam taken by a student will be calculated as part of the student's final grade in that course.
- Students who violate school rules or are involved in serious disciplinary problems will lose exemption privileges for final exams.
- Students who have been assigned ISS or OSS during the semester are ineligible for final exam exemption.
- School-sanctioned field trips, functions, athletics, and/or school competitions do not count as absences.
- This policy does not exempt students from the requirement to take End-Of-Course (EOC) tests and/or End-Of-Pathway Assessments (EOPA).