

Georgia
Milestones
Assessment System



POWERING UP FOR GMAS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

AGENDA

Georgia Milestones
Assessment System (GMAS)



Test Schedule



Testing Protocol



Inappropriate Behaviors



Test Taking Tips

GMAS

Georgia Milestones is a summative test administered to students in grades 3 through high school (End of Grade Assessment in grades 3-8 and End of Course Assessment in high school).

The test is designed to measure students' mastery of the standards taught over the course of the school year in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

In middle school, students in grades 6 and 7 will take ELA and Math only. Students in 8th grade will take ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

Eighth grade students enrolled in Carnegie Physical Science will take the High School Physical Science EOG and students enrolled in Coordinate Algebra will take both the 8th grade Math test and the Coordinate Algebra EOC. The test will count as 20% of the student's grade.

GMAS

Test results provide important information about students' achievement and readiness for the next grade level.

Results are used to aid with determining placement in support classes (Reading and Math) as well as promotion/retention. Should score at least Developing in each content area. Proficient is the desired level.

Results are also used to aid with identifying students who may qualify for Gifted.

Eighth grade students who score in the Beginning Category in ELA and/or Math must retake the assessment.

GMAS

- GMAS includes various types of questions: multiple choice, technology enhanced, and in ELA there is a writing component and constructed response questions.
- There are four performance categories: Beginning, Developing, Proficient, and Distinguished (the score range for each category varies by content).

TEST SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, April 30-ELA (Part 1)
- Wednesday, May 1st-ELA (Parts 2 and 3)
- Thursday, May 2nd-Social Studies-Parts 1 and 2 (8th Grade Only)
- Friday, May 3rd-Make-Ups
- Monday, May 6th-Enhanced Algebra EOC (Select 8th Grade Students)
- Tuesday, May 7th-Math (Parts 1 and 2)
- Wednesday, May 8th-Science and High School Physical Science (Parts 1 and 2);
- Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10-Make-Ups
- Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21-(Retests-8th Grade Only)

TESTING PROTOCOL

- You are not allowed to have a cell phone/electronic device Including Smart watches in your possession during testing (power off, place in your bookbag and place your bookbag in the hallway).
- You are not allowed to have bookbags, purses, large coats, blankets, stuffed animals at your desk during testing (must line in the hallway).
- **Use the restroom during the scheduled time prior to testing start time.**
- No unnecessary visits to restroom or clinic. Counseling suite will be closed.

TESTING PROTOCOL

- Refrain from playing games/watching videos while you are waiting for the announcement for testing to begin.
- Close out all apps, including Teams upon signing in to your device.
- Keep hands, feet, and other objects to yourself. Keep your eyes on your device.
- Follow all schoolwide rules and directions provided by teacher to have a successful testing experience.

TESTING PROTOCOL

- Remember- food and drinks are not allowed during testing.
- Arrive for school on time each day with a fully charged device and charger and well-rested.
- Restart your computer prior to testing each day (upon arrival to school).
- If your device is damaged or missing, please visit Intel now to take care of repairs/replacements.
- Hold each other accountable for following testing protocol-no talking during the test, remain in your seat, when you finish the test, close your device and sit quietly (no talking even if the whole class is finished), refrain from discussing the test.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIORS

- Failure to adhere to the proper testing protocol and disrupting the testing environment will result in disciplinary consequences ranging from 1-5 days ISS to 1-5 days OSS (dependent upon the offense).
- Cheating on the test will result in your score being invalidated and you being suspended for 5 days.
- Failure to turn in your cell phone will result in a consequence.
- Talking during the test and getting up out of your seat during the test will result in a consequence.
- Not closing your device and visiting other websites (playing games and/or watching videos) once you finish your test will result in a consequence.
- Discussing the test/content of the test with peers or teachers may result in invalidation of your test scores and will result in a consequence.

PREPARING FOR SUCCESS

- Get a good night's rest.
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Arrive for school on time each day.
- Dress so that you will be comfortable in your testing location (wear long sleeves if the room is normally cold).
- Relax. Think Positive, Sit Up Straight, and Be Confident in Yourself.
- Pace yourself as you work through the test
- Read each question and answer choice twice before making a selection.
- Put forth great effort and do your personal best.

PREPARING FOR SUCCESS

1

Use your time wisely
(Don't spend too
much time on one
question)

2

Answer all questions
(if you don't know
the answer, use the
process of
elimination)

3

Use scratch paper
to work math
problems out (don't
try to work problems
out in your head)

4

Double check your
work

5

Be sure to hit submit
once you finish the
test

RESOURCES FOR PRACTICE

- After School Tutorial and Saturday Academy (Please be certain that you attend if you have been registered).
- Be attentive during class and ask questions as your teachers provide remediation and enrichment.
- To get additional practice preparing for the GMAS, please visit the following websites:
 - <http://testing.gadoe.org>
 - <http://gaexperienceonline.com>

**YOU
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