



# Johnson Journal

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KONA Ice	5/4
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Report Cards Last Day of School	5/22

# GMAS - *Georgia Milestones Assessment*

*"You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives."*  
- Clay P. Bedford

## What is GMAS?

The Georgia Milestones Assessment System (Georgia Milestones) is a comprehensive summative assessment program spanning grades 3 through high school.

Georgia Milestones measures how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards in English Language Arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Students in grades 3 through 8 take an end-of-grade assessment in English Language Arts and mathematics while students in grades 5 and 8 are also assessed in science and social studies. High school students take an end-of-course assessment for each of the ten courses designated by the State Board of Education.

Features the Georgia Milestone Assessment System include:

- open-ended (constructed-response) items in English 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 English Language Arts assessment; norm-referenced items in all content areas and courses, to complement the criterion-referenced information and to provide a national comparison; and
- all tests will be administered online for grades 3-5.

## What is the purpose of GMAS?

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 endeavor (college or career).

Informing parents, educators, and the public about how well students are learning important content is an essential aspect of any educational assessment and accountability system. Parents, the public, and policy makers, including local school districts and boards of education, can use the results as a barometer of the quality of educational opportunity provided throughout the state of Georgia.

As such, Georgia Milestones serves as a key component of the state's accountability system - the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI).



## GMAS Requirements

*"The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson."*  
- Tom Bodett

1. No 3rd grade student shall be promoted to the 4th grade if the student does not receive a grade level reading determination of "On/Above Grade Level" on the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade Assessments and meet promotion standards and criteria established in this policy for the school that the student attends.
2. No 5th grade student shall be promoted to the 6th grade if the student does not receive a grade level reading determination of "On/Above Grade Level" on the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade Assessment and attain an achievement of "Developing Learner", "Proficient Learner", or "Distinguished Learner" on the mathematics section of the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade Assessment and meet promotion standards and criteria established in this policy for the school that the student attends.
3. When a student does not perform at grade level in grades 3, 5, or 8 on the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade Assessments specified above, then the following will occur:
  - a. The student shall be retested with appropriate section(s) the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade Assessments or an alternative assessment Instrument that is appropriate for the student's grade level as provided for by the State Board of Education and this board.
4. When a student does not perform at grade level in grades 3, 5, or 8, and also does not perform at grade level on a 2nd opportunity to take the assessment, then the following will occur:
  - a. The school principal or designee shall retain the student for the next school year except as otherwise provided for in this policy.

# GMAS

## Testing Calendar

### April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>KONA Ice</i>	7
8	9 ELA - Section 1 <i>70 - 90 Minutes</i> 3rd & 5th Grade 8:30-11:30 4th Grade 11:30-2:30	10 ELA - Section 2 <i>60 - 75 Minutes</i> 3rd & 5th Grade 8:30-11:30 4th Grade 11:30-2:30	11 ELA - Section 3 <i>70 - 90 Minutes</i> 3rd & 5th Grade 8:30-11:30 4th Grade 11:30-2:30	12 Math - Section 1 <i>60 - 85 Minutes</i> 3rd & 5th Grade 8:30-11:30 4th Grade 11:30-2:30	13 Math - Section 2 <i>60 - 85 Minutes</i> 3rd & 5th Grade 8:30-11:30 4th Grade 11:30-2:30	14
15	16 Testing Make-up Day	17 Science Section 1 <i>45 - 70 Minutes</i> 5th Grade 8:30-11:30	18 Science Section 2 <i>45 - 70 Minutes</i> 5th Grade 8:30-11:30	19 Social Studies Section 1 <i>45 - 70 Minutes</i> 5th Grade 8:30-11:30	20 Social Studies Section 2 <i>45 - 70 Minutes</i> 5th Grade 8:30-11:30 <i>Progress Reports</i>	21
22	23 Testing Make-up Day	24 Testing Make-up Day	25	26	27	28
29	30					



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**Muscogee County School District**

<http://muscogee.k12.ga.us/>

**GA Department of Education**

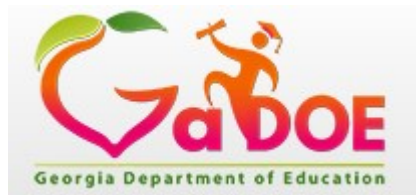
[www.gadoe.org](http://www.gadoe.org)

**Parent Inspiration**

[www.BeThere.org](http://www.BeThere.org)

**National PTA**

[www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)



## Fundraisers for Johnson Parents

*The fund raiser options listed below cost you nothing and provide "Free Funds" for your child's school*

1. **Box Tops for Education:** Box Tops for Education® is one of the nation's largest school earnings loyalty programs and has been helping schools succeed since 1996. With over 250 participating products, it's an easy way for schools to earn cash for the things they need.

- \* Over 90,000 K-8 schools participate nationwide
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2. **Publix Partners Card:** Just present your Publix Partners school card at checkout. All purchases at Publix\* will help earn money for your school. Your school will receive

a check as often as four times a year. All grocery purchases are eligible.

3. **Shoparoo:**
  - \* Download the App
  - \* Snap pictures of your receipts from any store, big or small, that sells grocery



items to earn Roo Points (cash donations) for your school. Whether you're shopping at a super center, dollar store, or local convenience store - it doesn't matter where you shop or what items you buy - Shoparoo will make a cash donation for every receipt!

- \* Snap pictures of your receipts from any restaurant or other retailer (that doesn't sell grocery items) to earn entries for your school into Shoparoo's \$1,000 monthly sweepstakes and \$15,000 yearly sweepstakes! Each receipt counts as an entry into both monthly and yearly sweepstakes, so spread the word at your school - the more receipts you submit, the greater your school's chance is of winning.