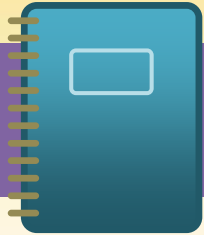




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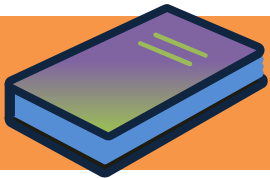
Purpose of the Georgia Milestones



Provides information on how well students are mastering state standards



Provide students information about their own learning and readiness



Provide Parents information about their child's learning and progress



Provide information that will assist in improving school effectiveness

Georgia Milestones

Grades 9-12 End of Course (EOC)

- English Language Arts
 - American Literature and Composition
- Mathematics
 - Algebra I or Coordinate Algebra
- Science
 - Biology
- Social Studies
 - United States History

What is the Georgia Milestones?

Comprehensive, Coherent, Consolidated

- formative assessment tool to compliment summative assessments administered in classrooms
- rigorous and aligned to Georgia Standards of Excellence
- provides stakeholders with information regarding student preparedness for the next level
- combines reading, language arts, and writing into a single measure

What is the goal of the Georgia Milestone Assessment System?

The ultimate goal of GMAS is to ensure all students have received **high-quality instruction based on the content standards** provided by the state which ensure students are able to meet **high academic expectations.**

Which students will take the GMAS?

Grades 9-12

End of Course in state designated high schools courses.

All students will complete the assessment online.

Testing Window: April 7th – May 3rd

GMAS: 4 Levels of Performance

Designation	Progression of Learning
Beginning	Learners do not yet demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in GA's content standards. The students need substantial academic support to be prepared for the next grade level/course or to be on track for college and career readiness.
Developing	Learners demonstrate partial proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified by GA's content standards. Students need additional academic support to ensure success in the next grade level/course and to be on track for college and career readiness.
Proficient	Learners demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in GA's content standards. The students are prepared for the next grade level/course and are on track for college and career readiness.
Distinguished	Learners demonstrate advanced proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course as specified by GA's content standards. The students are well prepared for the next grade level/course and are well prepared for college and career readiness.

What can I do to help my child at home?

- **Encourage your child to employ good study and test-taking skills.** These skills include following directions carefully, avoiding careless, avoiding careless errors, and reviewing work.
- **Explain the purpose of the test.** The assessments give students the opportunity to show what they have learned in school. They also give teachers information that helps them plan lessons.

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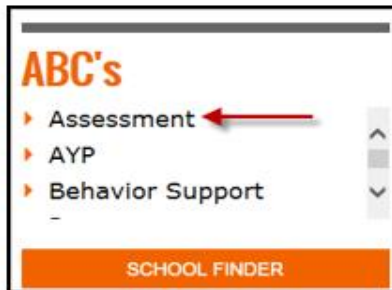
- Remind your child that some of the questions maybe harder than others, but **don't give up and do your best.**
- **Be certain your child gets plenty of sleep and has a healthy breakfast and lunch.** Taking tests is hard work for many students and can require a lot of energy.

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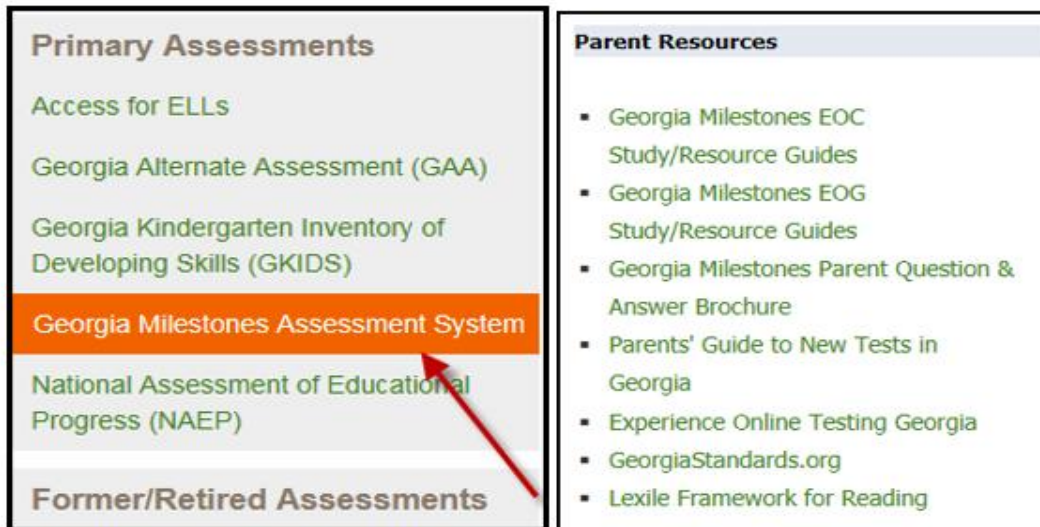
- **Be certain that your child is at school on time.**
Rushing and worrying about being late could affect your child's performance on the tests.
- Remember to **ask your child about the testing at the end of each day.**
- Have your student **READ...READ...READ...**
and...**WRITE...WRITE...WRITE...**

Accessing Georgia Milestones Parent Resources

1. Go to www.gadoe.org. Scroll down to ABC's and click "Assessment".



2. Look to left of screen and click "Georgia Milestones Assessment System". Then look to right of screen under RESOURCES and you will be able to see PARENT RESOURCES.

A screenshot of a webpage showing two columns of content. The left column is titled "Primary Assessments" and lists several assessment systems: "Access for ELLs", "Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA)", "Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS)", "Georgia Milestones Assessment System" (highlighted in orange with a red arrow pointing to it), and "National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)". Below this list is a section titled "Former/Retired Assessments". The right column is titled "Parent Resources" and contains a bulleted list of links: "Georgia Milestones EOC Study/Resource Guides", "Georgia Milestones EOG Study/Resource Guides", "Georgia Milestones Parent Question & Answer Brochure", "Parents' Guide to New Tests in Georgia", "Experience Online Testing Georgia", "GeorgiaStandards.org", and "Lexile Framework for Reading".