



Georgia Milestone Assessment

What is the Georgia Milestones Assessment System?

Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, the Georgia Department of Education will use a new testing system to replace the End-of-Course tests (EOCT) and Criterion-Referenced Competency tests (CRCT). The new testing system, developed by the state of Georgia, is named the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (Georgia Milestones). The Georgia Milestones will be aligned to the state's Common Core Georgia Performance Standards to better prepare students for college and career.

What grade levels and content areas will be tested on the new state test?

Students in grades 3-12 will be assessed by the Georgia Milestones. In grades 3-8, students will be given end-of-grade (EOG) tests in language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. High school students will be given Georgia Milestones end-of-course (EOC) tests in ninth-grade literature and composition, American literature and composition, coordinate algebra, analytic geometry, physical science, biology, U.S. history, and economics.

How is the Georgia Milestones different from the EOCT and CRCT?

On the new Georgia Milestones, students in grades 3-12 will be assessed using one test rather than a series of individual tests. When students took the CRCT previously, a separate test was given for reading, language arts and writing. In addition, at the high school level, students were given the EOCT and writing assessment. Now, reading, language arts and writing have been combined to align more directly with the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards. In addition, the Georgia Milestones will include open-ended questions to determine how well students have mastered the content that they have been taught in all content areas. The test will also include questions that require students to provide elaborate answers to explain their answers or reasoning. Since Georgia Milestones will include writing in all grade levels, students will no longer take the grades 3, 5, and 8 writing assessments. Moreover, some tested items will have more than one correct answer.

What is different about the new assessments?

Students will be asked not only what the answer is to a question, but why – i.e. how they know or what evidence supports their answer. Open-ended items (also known as constructed-response) ask students to provide both short answer and extended types of responses. Multiple-choice questions will also still be included.

Georgia Milestone Assessment Test Dates

TESTING DATES	TESTING SUBJECTS	GRADES
December 8-15, 2014	9 th Grade Literature & Composition American Literature & Composition Coordinate Algebra Physical Science Biology US History Economics	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Georgia-Milestones-Test-Blueprints.aspx>