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Dear Parent(s):

Georgia law, as amended by the A+ Education Reform Act of 2000, requires that all students in Grades 3-8 take the Georgia Milestones: End of Grade (EOG) in the content areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Georgia Milestones is designed to provide information about how well students are mastering the state adopted content standards. 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 the next endeavor (college or career). For the 2016 administration, there are promotion requirements for Reading in grades 3, 5, and 8 and for Mathematics for grades 5 and 8. Students must receive satisfactory scores in these areas.

Georgia Milestones will be transitioned to online testing over time. Online is considered the primary mode of testing, with paper-and-pencil available as backup until the transition is complete. All eighth grade students will be tested online unless specifications are stated in an IEP, 504, or TPC plans. Also a percentage of 3rd and/or 5th grade students will be assessed online. Specific students will be chosen for online testing by the local school.

Below is the schedule for the administration of the EOG in the DeKalb County School District. It is imperative that students attend school each day and arrive on time so they will not miss any sections of this important assessment.

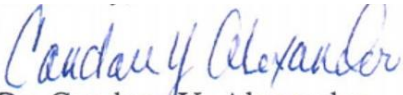
April 19	ELA Sections 1 & 2 (Online and Paper Pencil)
April 20	ELA Sections 1 & 2 (Online Only and Paper Pencil Make-ups)
April 21	ELA Section 3 (Online and Paper Pencil)
April 22	ELA Section 3 (Online Only and Paper Pencil Make-ups)
April 25	Mathematics Sections 1 & 2 (Online and Paper Pencil)
April 26	Mathematics Sections 1 & 2 (Online Only and Paper Pencil Make-ups)
April 27	Make-Up Day
April 28	Science Section 1 & 2 (Online and Paper Pencil)
April 29	Science Section 1 & 2 (Online Only and Paper Pencil Make-ups)
May 2	Social Studies Section 1 & 2 (Online and Paper Pencil)
May 3	Social Studies Section 1 & 2 (Online Only and Paper Pencil Make-ups)
May 4	Make-up Day

You can help by taking the following steps:

1. Limit evening activities prior to testing so that adequate time is provided for rest.
2. Discuss the importance of testing with your son/daughter.
3. Testing will begin promptly at 9:00am daily.
4. If your child is a walker/car rider, please have your child at school by 8:25am.
5. Provide a nutritious breakfast.
6. In compliance with GaDOE policy, “students are not permitted to use or bring into the testing environment any electronic device that could allow students access to information (e.g., cell phone, PDA, electronic recording or playback device, etc.)” Please ensure your child place their cell phone in their lockers or leave them at home. Students who carry cell phone into the testing environment will be confiscated and returned only to a parent at the end of the testing cycle in May.
7. Ensure your child is present and on time each morning. If possible, please avoid scheduling doctor/dentist appointments during the testing period.
8. If an issue arises that may impact your child’s performance, please contact a school counselor.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of testing, please contact Ms. Wells at (678) 874-4202.

Respectfully,


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