

# Georgia Milestones Assessment System

Dodgen Middle School

Coffee Talk

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# What is the Georgia Milestone Assessment System?

- GMA is the acronym
- Comprehensive
- Spans grades 3-12
- Measures how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state content standards in ELA, Math, Sc, and SS
- Grades 3-8 will take the End of Grade (EOG)
- High Schoolers-End of Course (EOC)

# Purpose of the Georgia Milestones

- Designed to provide information about how well students are mastering the state-adopted content standards in the core content areas of ELA, Math, Sc, and SS
- 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 (i.e.-college or career)

# Types of Questions Students Will See

- Open-ended (constructed response) items in ELA & Math (all grades/courses)
- Writing component (response to passages read by students) at every grade level and course within the ELA assessments
- Nationally norm-referenced items in all content areas and courses to complement the Georgia criterion-referenced information and to provide a national comparison
- Multiple-choice items in all content areas and courses

# Assessment will evolve....

- Over time the GMA will transition to online testing. Online is considered the primary mode of testing BUT paper- and -pencil will be used as backup until the transition is complete.
- At Dodgen, we will utilize on-line testing for some of our students with disabilities to assist in meeting their individual needs.

# Testing Window and Dates

- Testing window is April 15-24 (this includes days allowed for make-ups)
- As time draws near, the county office will dictate the day that a specific test will be given.
- Example: **\*\*this is only a sample 😊**

Date	Content Area	Minimum Time	Maximum Time
Wed., April 15	ELA Part 1 & 2	60 minutes	70 minutes
Thurs., April 16	ELA Part 3	70 minutes	90 minutes
Fri., April 17	Mathematics Part 1 & 2	60 minutes	80 minutes
Mon., April 20	Science Part 1 & 2	50 minutes	70 minutes
Tues., April 21	Social Studies Part 1 & 2	50 minutes	70 minutes

# Particulars

- Timing-the minimum time per section is required-just as before, the test section cannot be stopped until that amount of time has passed. (ex.-if some students are still working on the Science section at 50 minutes (minimum time) the teacher would then allow 60 minutes. If 1 student is still working at 60 minutes, then she may allow up to BUT no more than 70 minutes (maximum).

# Particulars-continued

- No class may have more than 29 students unless a proctor is used-this is why you may see some movement of students from their homeroom class.
- Makeups are usually done on the afternoons of regular testing days-can be tiring for students.
- This year only ELA and Math will have constructed responses but is under consideration to add other subject areas in future.

# How Can I Help My Student Prepare?

- Please, please-don't stress your student about this-a calm, prepared, and rested student will always perform better on tests!!
- Encourage your child to employ good study and test-taking skills. LISTEN, LISTEN, to their teachers directions, avoid careless errors, and reviewing their work over the course of the year. **Teachers will work to prepare students in all areas.**
- Plenty of sleep, healthy breakfast, and a good lunch (if they bring it)
- Get them up early and make sure they are on time! Rushing and worrying about being late could affect performance on the tests.
- Talk with your student about the testing at the end of each day.

# Where Can I Find More Information?

- Georgia Department of Education
- <http://testing.gadoe.org>
- <http://learnoas.ctb.com/GA>

The second link will give your student an opportunity to experience online testing- though many of them have already done that here at Dodgen!!