

Lost Mountain Middle School

Cobb County School District

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Principal



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our spring Georgia Milestones Assessment System testing window opens soon, and we are making final preparations for testing. Our End of Grade (EOG) testing window begins April 10, 2018, and closes on April 20, 2018. As we finalize our plans for this spring's Milestones Assessment, we wanted to share some information with you about online test administration.

For a number of years, the GaDOE has offered online test administrations as part of the state's student assessment program. The Georgia Milestones Assessment System will continue and expand upon the availability of online testing.

We are writing to share with you that Lost Mountain Middle School will be testing students online during our upcoming spring administration of the Georgia Milestones Assessment. The information provided below to assist you and your student in becoming familiar with the features of online testing.

- *Experience Online Testing Georgia* is a digital resource created to provide an opportunity for students to become familiar with the online testing platform. The website can be accessed through the following link <http://www.gaexperienceonline.com>. This practice site does not require a log-in and is available 7 days a week. Importantly, this practice site is not designed as a practice test to measure a student's knowledge of course content and scores will not be generated. It is intended to allow students to familiarize themselves with the online platform prior to testing.
- Practice sessions will also be set up during the school day to provide students a similar opportunity to acquaint themselves with the online system.

If you have questions about the upcoming spring administration of the Georgia Milestones Assessment please contact Shannon Kiger at Lost Mountain Middle School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Candace Wilkes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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LMMS- Frequently Asked Questions for Georgia Milestones Assessment

Q: What does the Georgia Milestones Assessment measure?

A: The assessment measures how well students have mastered the state-adopted content standards.

Q: Who will take the Georgia Milestones Assessment EOG?

A: Sixth and seventh grade students will be assessed in math and ELA/reading. The eighth grade students will be assessed in math, ELA/reading, social studies, and science.

Q: What is the test format?

A: The majority of each assessment will include selected response items (multiple choice); however, constructed response and extended response questions will be included in the ELA/reading and math sections.

Q: Will students taking the online test have practice?

A: On Wednesday, March 28, students taking the test online will participate in a practice online assessment so they will be able to familiarize themselves with the tools and resources available, including an online calculator.

Q: Will the students be on the same schedule as in past years?

A: The testing schedule for the spring 2018 administration is on the Lost Mountain website. It varies by grade level.

Q: Can students bring a calculator to use on the test?

A: Students may use a calculator on certain portions of the math assessment. Students are encouraged to bring their own calculator from home to use on the Georgia Milestone Assessment. The list of allowable calculators is posted on the Lost Mountain website.