

Cobb County School District Student Learning Objectives Frequently Asked Questions

What is an SLO?

SLO stands for Student Learning Objectives. It is a district-developed subject assessment given to students at the beginning and end of a course.

What is the purpose of Student Learning Objectives (SLOs)?

The primary purpose of SLOs is to improve student achievement at the classroom level. Equally important is to provide evidence of each teacher's instructional impact on student learning. This process requires teachers to use assessments to determine student growth over the length of the course.

Which courses have SLOs?

Generally speaking, courses that do not have state-mandated Georgia Milestones assessments utilize SLOs.

Will SLO scores be calculated in my student's grade?

It depends. The fall, 2015 scores will only be used in calculating a student's grade if the score will increase the student's final grade. If the student's SLO score will lower the final grade, the SLO score will not be counted.

Will the SLOs be administered for spring, 2016?

Yes. SLO administration is planned for spring semester. As test data becomes available, the district will provide guidance regarding the scores.

What is the difference between the Assessment Department and the Accountability Division?

For questions regarding SLO test development and administration, contact Gretchen Walton, Director of Assessment & Personalized Learning at Gretchen.walton@cobbk12.org.

For questions regarding test scores, test analysis and student growth contact Dr. Ehsan Kattoula, Executive Director of Accountability, Research & Grants at Ehsan.kattoula@cobbk12.org.