



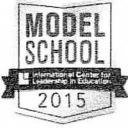
# Simpson Middle School

Cobb County School District  
*One Team, One Goal: Student Success*

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April 10, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In compliance with the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and Georgia HB244, students in grades six through eight will be assessed with End of Grade (EOG) assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics, and students in grade eight will also be assessed in Science and Social Studies. These End of Grade assessments are part of the Georgia Milestones Assessment System, which serves as a component of the state's accountability system, College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI).

The purpose of these assessments is to measure how well students have mastered the state-adopted content standards. The majority of each assessment will still include selected response items (multiple choice); however, constructed response and extended response questions will be included in the English Language Arts and Mathematics sections.

English Language Arts and Mathematics scores for students in grade eight will be received in late May. Parents will be notified by the school if their child will need to participate in the EOG retest. Individual student reports for all students and content areas are expected to arrive during the summer.

Cobb County teachers have been working all year to ensure that students are prepared to take these new assessments. Preparations have included teaching students to answer more complex questions and to provide supporting evidence.

### End of Grade Assessment Schedule

Test Date	Content Area	Format
Wednesday, April 19	ELA Section 1	Online and Paper/Pencil
Thursday, April 20	ELA Sections 2 and 3	Online and Paper/Pencil
Friday, April 21	Social Studies – grade 8	Online and Paper/Pencil
Monday, April 24	Math Section 1	Online and Paper/Pencil
Tuesday, April 25	Math Section 2	Online and Paper/Pencil
Wednesday, April 26	Science – grade 8	Online and Paper/Pencil
Thursday, April 27	Makeups – all content areas	Online and Paper/Pencil

Students will take these new assessments following the schedule above. Please ensure that your student arrives promptly by 9:10 AM, has a good night's sleep, and eats a healthy breakfast. Also, please make appointments on testing days after 12:30 p.m. so that your student is able to complete the testing session each day without being rushed.

Sincerely,

Ansley K. Daniel, Ph.D.