



Student Learning Objectives (SLOs), are designed to measure student growth and academic achievement. Introduced this fall in all Fulton County schools as mandated by the Georgia Department of Education, the purpose of SLOs is to improve student achievement at the classroom level. Data from the assessments will help educators plan for student success by ensuring that every minute of instruction is moving students, teachers, and schools toward the common vision of exemplary instruction and high levels of student academic growth.

Which students are affected by SLOs?

SLOs are the means by which teachers in non-state tested subject areas will demonstrate student growth. State tested areas include End of Course Tests (EOCTs), CRCTs, and Georgia Milestones (beginning this year). Any subject without an EOCT or Georgia Milestone assessment will now use SLOs as the growth measure.

How will teachers gather data to measure student growth and academic achievement?

Students are assessed through pre and post-testing which allows a comparison of a student's performance to his/her specific performance.

What is included within pre and post testing?

Students are assessed with SLOs aligned to the course's required curriculum. The pre-test allows teachers to assess where students are and thereafter measure growth during the post-test.

When does testing begin?

Mid-August through mid-September.

Should parents do anything to prepare students for the pre-test?

No. Students will receive guidance from their teachers prior to taking the assessment.

Which courses and grades are affected by SLOs?

Every teacher without a Georgia Milestone or EOCT will have at least one SLO. Approximately 350 courses in Fulton County Schools will need SLOs.

How were SLOs developed?

Content teams consisting of school and central office staff have worked together to create SLOs for identified subjects.

Were teachers involved in the process?

Teachers were invited to provide feedback and give input on assessment design for SLOs.

How will SLOs be administered?

SLOs will be administered either online or with paper/pencil administrations. Each school has a contact person to assist teachers with training and testing.

Each school has a designated staff member who serves as their building representative. For more information, contact your school's front office.