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Dear Parent or Guardian:

This Spring, your child will take part in the Georgia Milestones Assessments – the comprehensive assessment program for grades three through high school. These assessments cover English language arts/literacy, mathematics in grades three through eight, and science and social studies will be tested only in grades five and eight. Additionally, in the eighth grade, there will be End of Course (EOC) tests for high school level courses. These exams are part of Georgia’s Milestones Assessment System, designed to provide information about how well students are mastering the state-adopted content standards.

The tests include a wide variety of questions such as multiple choice, technology enhanced and constructed response that require students to explain how they solve problems, think critically, and write analytically. These skills take time and effort to master, but our students will need them to succeed in the future.

In Fulton County Schools, we see these tests as an academic checkup. Like class assignments and report cards, they are one gauge of student progress – one way to provide you and your child’s teachers with information about your child’s work toward the high goals we have set for our students.

When you receive your student’s score report next fall, it will show your child’s achievement from the Spring 2019 administration. You will then be able to notice that along with an overall score for each subject, there will also be information about how your child performed in different skill areas associated with English language arts/literacy and mathematics, science and social studies (for grades five and eight). These results will help to set learning goals for students next year as well as keep you better informed. In order to support you in helping your child best prepare for the Milestones, please peruse the list of resources and the testing calendar attached, and feel free to contact your child’s teachers with any questions.

- Study guides and Resources for EOG: <https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/EOG-Study-Resource-Guides.aspx>
- Study guides and Resources for EOC: <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/EOC-Study-Resource-Guides.aspx>
- All About the Assessments in GA: <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Georgia-Milestones-Assessment-System.aspx>
- Experience Georgia Online Testing: <http://www.gaexperienceonline.com/>
- Georgia Standards: <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Pages/default.aspx>

Below is our anticipated test schedule. Student attendance each day is a priority as is a hearty breakfast, a good night’s rest, and a 100% charged iPad.

<b>April 15</b>	EOG Reading and Evidence Based Writing - Grade 8
<b>April 16-17</b>	EOG ELA - Grades 8
<b>April 18-19</b>	EOG Math - Grades 8
<b>April 22</b>	EOG Science- Grade 8
<b>April 23</b>	EOG Social Studies (8)
<b>April 24, 25, 26</b>	EOC ELA (3 sections)
<b>April 29, 30</b>	EOC MATH
<b>May 1</b>	(TBD) RESERVED EOC
<b>May 2 &amp; 3</b>	EOC SCIENCE
<b>April 23</b>	EOG Social Studies
<b>April 24-25</b>	EOG Make-up Days - Grade 8 (We will also have Daily MAKE-UPS)
<b>May 6</b>	EOG Reading and Evidence Based Writing - Grades 6, 7
<b>May 7-8</b>	EOG ELA - Grades 6, 7
<b>May 9-10</b>	EOG Math - Grades 6, 7
<b>May 13-14</b>	EOG Make-up Days - Grades 4, 6, 7 (We will also have Daily MAKE-UPS)

Sincerely,

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