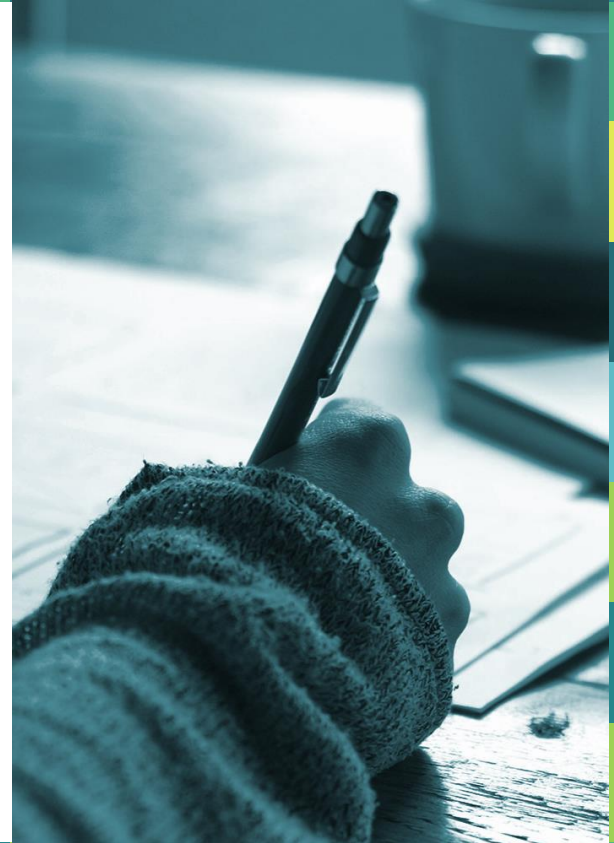




Parent Information

What is the Georgia Milestone Assessment?



Purpose of the Georgia Milestones Assessment

To inform teachers, parents, students, and stakeholders about student achievement and mastery of state standards.



Information Provided by GaDOE

The Georgia Milestones Assessment

- Is an official measure of individualized student accomplishment of achieving the learning expectations for his/her grade level
- Provides information on students' readiness for the next grade
- Is a measure of how much progress is made from one grade level to the next
- Provides information on teacher effectiveness
- Provides information on school, district, and state accountability: is what students know, and are able to do, in line with the expectation of what needs to be taught (Georgia Standards of Excellence)

Georgia Milestones Assessments End of Course (EOC)

The Georgia Milestones Assessments are a yearly End-of-Grade measure of student achievement taking place in grades 9th-12th

- American Literature (ELA)
- Algebra I (Math)
- Biology (Science)
- U.S. History (Social Studies)

All students must participate in the assessments with the exception of students who qualify for GAA.

Assessment Parameters



General Test Parameters

- American Literature will consist of 3 sections
- Algebra I will consist of 2 sections
- Biology will consist of 2 sections
- U.S. History will consist of 2 sections

Testing Times

Georgia Milestones

SAH pp. 96, 101 Testing Times – EOG and EOC

Content Area	Section	Typical Testing Time	Maximum Testing Time
ELA	1	45-65	90
	2	40-60	80
	3	40-60	80
ELA Total		125-185	250 minutes
Math	1	30-50	65
	2	30-50	65
Math Total		60-100	130 minutes
Science	1	20-30	40
	2	20-30	40
Science Total		40-60	80 minutes
Social Studies	1	15-25	35
	2	15-25	35
Social Studies Total		30-50	70 minutes

Georgia Milestones Testing Dates

Wednesday-- May 3: American Lit. Section 1

Thursday-- May 4: American Lit. Sections 2 & 3

Monday--May 8: Algebra I Sections 1 & 2

Tuesday--May 9: Biology Sections 1 & 2

Wednesday--May 10: US. History Sections 1 & 2

Item Types- American Lit.

- Selected Response (multiple choice)
- Constructed Response- short writing
- Extended Constructed Response (narrative)
- Extended Writing Response (informational or opinion writing)
- Drag and Drop
- Drop-Down List

Item Types- Algebra I & Biology

- Selected Response (multiple choice)
- Multi-Part
- Multi-Select
- Drag and Drop
- Drop-Down List
- Keypad Input (math only)

Georgia Milestones Questions Open Ended

- Constructed-Response-- American Lit.
 - *requires the student to type a response instead of selecting a response
- Extended-Response--American Lit.
 - *requires more elaborate answers and explanations of reasoning
 - * requires students base their answer on the text provided to support their response



Assessment Results

Georgia Milestones and Lexiles

GaDOE issues Lexile measures

Students receive a Lexile measure along with their regular score for a Georgia Milestones End-of-Course (EOC).

A student's Lexile measure is a score for teachers to use in targeting reading material for students and for parents to use in selecting reading material for their children.

Lexile Scores

Grade Band	“Stretch” Lexile Band
9th Grade	1050L to 1260L
10th Grade	1080L to 1335L
11th & 12th Grade	1185L to 1385L





Source: <https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Accountability/Documents/Resdesigned%20CCRP1%20Support%20Documents/Lexile%20Scores%20-%20Multiple%20Uses.pdf>

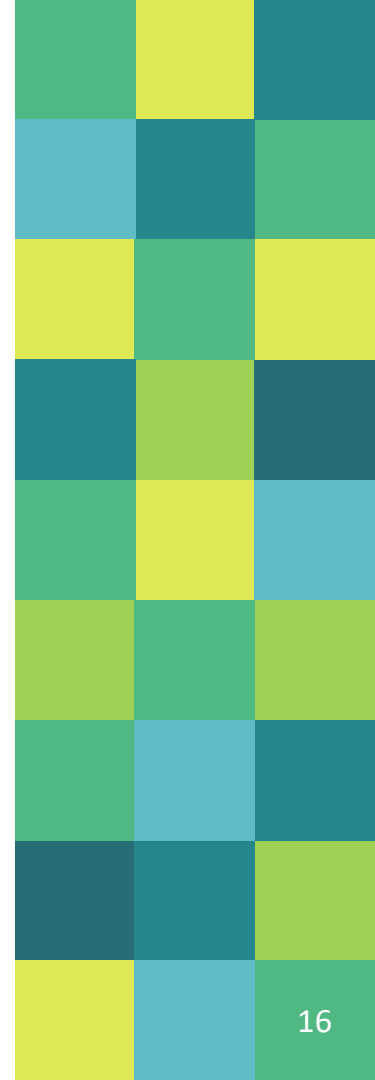
Required Lexile Score on grade level proficiency:

American Lit: 1285L



Individual Assessment Results

 <p>Beginning Learner Student does not yet demonstrate proficiency</p>	<p>Beginning Learner: These students need substantial academic support to be prepared for the next grade. (When these assessments are used to determine promotion, students in this level will not be promoted to the next grade.)</p>
 <p>Developing Learner Student demonstrates partial proficiency</p>	<p>Developing Learner: These students need additional academic support to ensure success in the next grade.</p>
 <p>Proficient Learner Student demonstrates proficiency</p>	<p>Proficient Learner: These students are prepared for the next grade level and are considered to be on track for college and career readiness.</p>
 <p>Distinguished Learner Student demonstrates advanced proficiency</p>	<p>Distinguished Learner: These students are well-prepared for the next grade level and are well-prepared for college and career readiness.</p>





Test Preparation/Study And Test Taking Strategies

What can I do to help my child?

1. Have him/her write, write, and write some more
2. Read, read, and read some more
3. Always ask “why” and expect complete sentence answers
4. Always prompt your child to explain his/her thinking with pictures, words, and numbers.
5. Keep in contact with your child’s teacher
6. [Practice on Experience Online Testing Georgia](#)

Topics

1. Test Anxiety
2. Study Strategies
3. Test Taking Strategies
4. Self-Care

Reducing Test Anxiety

- ❑ Mental Preparation
- ❑ Physical Preparation
- ❑ Relaxation Techniques

Mental Preparation

What to do before the exam:

Be prepared

Arrive on time for school

Eat breakfast

Get a good night's sleep

What to do during the exam:

Do your best

Take your time

What is (List School) doing to prepare your child?

- ❖ Evidence-based writing focus (across content areas)
- ❖ Using curriculum and planning resources provided by Whitfield County Schools and GA Department of Education
- ❖ Using sample items in instruction and assessments
- ❖ Modeling of and guided practice with extended constructed response prompts
- ❖ Implementing a “secure practice test” where students practice using the tools available on the Milestones Assessment

Helpful Resources

- <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Georgia-Milestones-Assessment-System.aspx>
- [Whitfield County Schools Assessment](#)
- <http://www.gaexperienceonline.com/>

Any questions?



**Thank you
for coming!**