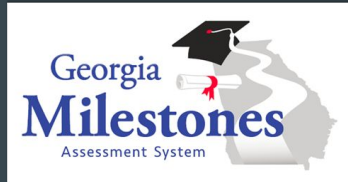


Georgia Milestones Assessment



A Guide for Parents



Woodstation Elementary School Title I Program



Welcome to our WES Title I Understanding Georgia Milestones: A Virtual Meeting for Parents

The purpose of this meeting is to allow parents the opportunity to better understand the Georgia Milestone Assessment at a time and place that is most convenient for them.

[Meeting Agenda](#)

[Title I Handout Links](#)



What is the Georgia Milestones Assessment?

The Georgia Milestones Assessment System (Georgia Milestones) is a comprehensive assessment program spanning grades 3 through high school.

Georgia Milestones measures how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards in language arts, math, science, and social studies.

Students in grades 3-8 will take an End-of-Grade (EOG) assessment in English Language Arts and Mathematics, while 5th & 8th will also take tests in Science and Social Studies.



What is the purpose of Georgia Milestones?

Georgia Milestones is designed to provide information about how well our students are mastering the state-adopted standards in the core content areas - English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

More importantly, Georgia Milestones is designed to provide students with information about their own achievement and readiness for their next level of learning.



What are the benefits of Georgia Milestones?

- The assessment allows students to show their work and explain their reasoning so teachers can better understand what they know and where there are gaps in learning that need to be addressed.
 - Rather than focusing on what a child has memorized through multiple choice questions, the tests ask students to apply skills like thinking, reasoning and justifying answers— showing what they know and can do.
 - The tests do not lend themselves to “teaching to the test.” Since they focus on applying skills, it is the daily practice of these skills in the classroom that will serve as the best preparation for the tests.
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When will our students take Georgia Milestones?

April 22 - April 25, 2024

April 22 - English Language Arts 1

April 23 - English Language Arts 2

April 24 - Mathematics

April 25 - Science (5th grade only)

April 25 - Social Studies (5th grade only)



What types of questions will our students see on the Georgia Milestones assessment?

- Open - ended (constructed-response) items in English Language Arts and Mathematics
- A writing component (in response to passages read) in the English Language Arts assessment
- Multiple-choice items

The assessment will be administered online.

Special accommodations can be made for students who cannot interact with a computer or device due to their disability.



How is Georgia Milestones Assessment scored?

Interpreting your child's score

Georgia Milestones measures how well a student has acquired the knowledge and skills outlined in the standards for their grade level.

Students are not compared to each other but are measured on how well they are meeting the standards.

Student achievement in each content area is classified into four performance levels called Achievement Levels.

Scores are scaled so that they are comparable and carry the same meaning to all stakeholders (Georgia, school systems, schools, teachers, parents, etc.)

A range of scaled scores will fall into one for four Achievement Levels.

THIS IS NOT A PASS/FAIL TEST!



Defining Achievement Levels

Achievement Level Score	Achievement Level Category	Achievement Level Description
1	Beginning Learner	not yet demonstrating proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level and content area of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students need substantial academic support to be prepared for the next grade level and to be on track for college and career readiness.
2	Developing Learner	demonstrating partial proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level and content area of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students need additional academic support to ensure success in the next grade level and to be on track for college and career readiness.
3	Proficient Learner	demonstrating proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level and content area of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students are prepared for the next grade level and are on track for college and career readiness.
4	Distinguished Learner	demonstrating advanced proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level and content area of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students are well prepared for the next grade level and are well prepared for college and career readiness.



Achievement Level Scaled Score Ranges

		Achievement Level 1: Beginning Learner	Achievement Level 2: Developing Learner	Achievement Level 3: Proficient Learner	Achievement Level 4: Distinguished Learner
Content Area	Grade Level	Scaled Score	Scaled Score	Scaled Score	Scaled Score
ELA	3rd	180 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 580	581 to 830
	4th	210 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 573	574 to 775
	5th	210 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 586	587 to 760
Math	3rd	290 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 579	580 to 705
	4th	270 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 584	585 to 715
	5th	265 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 579	580 to 725
Science	5th	160 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 554	555 to 780
Social Studies	5th	290 to 474	475 to 524	525 to 554	555 to 665



Additional Resources for Understanding Your Child Score

Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) Achievement Level Descriptors for Parents

- [3rd Grade](#)
- [4th Grade](#)
- [5th Grade](#)

How to Read the Individual Student Report

- [A Parent's Guide to Reading Individual Student Report](#)

Georgia Milestone Parents Q&A Brochure

Georgia Milestone End of Grade Frequently Asked Questions

Muchos de estos folletos se ofrecen en español. Visite el sitio web del [DOE](#) para obtener copias traducidas.



What are our GES School Goals for Student Learning on the GA Milestones?

School Goals for 2023-2024

- By May 2024 the percentage of students in 4th grade performing at a level 3 or 4 in Math will increase from 41% (3rd-grade score) to 45% (4th-grade score) on the Georgia Milestones test.
- By May 2024 the percentage of students in 5th grade performing at a level 3 or 4 in Math will increase from 61% (4th-grade score) to 65% (on 5th-grade score) on the Georgia Milestones Assessment.

We establish our school goals for student learning each year at Woodstation. Our students and staff work hard all year to achieve these goals! Our goals are included in our Parent & Family Engagement Policy and our School-wide Improvement Plan.

How can parents help our students prepare?

Students who are prepared, calm, and rested perform better on tests!

- **Encourage** your child to do their best and to use good test-taking skills, such as following directions carefully, avoiding careless errors, and reviewing their answers.
 - **Explain** to your child that the purpose of this test is to show what they have learned in school. Point out that some items may be more difficult than others, but that they should not get discouraged.
 - **Provide** your child opportunities to get plenty of sleep and have a healthy breakfast and lunch.
 - **Arrive** at school on time. Arriving on time ensures that your child is not rushed
 - **Appreciate** your child's hard work. Remember to ask your child about the test at the end of each day.
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Student Study Guides and Practice Test

Study Guides

[3rd Grade](#)

[4th Grade](#)

[5th Grade](#)

Practice Test

<http://www.gaexperienceonline.com/>



Need more information about Georgia Milestones?

We are here to help! Talk to your student's teacher, school principal, or parent involvement coordinator.

You may email questions to Mitzi Mew, Family Engagement Coordinator at mmew.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us .

Additional resources are also available on the Georgia Department of Education's website at <http://testing.gadoe.org> .

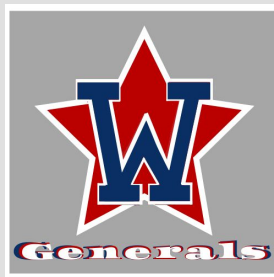


Thank you for attending the Woodstation Elementary Title I Understanding the GA Milestones: A Virtual Meeting for Parents

We hope this virtual meeting was informative and helpful to you in understanding the Georgia Milestones Assessment and your role in helping your child prepare.

Please take a moment to sign-in and complete the evaluation linked below:

[WES Title I GA Milestones Virtual Meeting Sign In and Evaluation](#)



Thank you!

