



A Parent's Guide to Spring Testing

Terrell High School

March 21, 2024

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Terrell High School Library
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Agenda

- ▶ What is GA Milestones?
- ▶ What is the purpose of GA Milestones?
- ▶ Who will take the GA Milestones?
- ▶ When will the GA Milestones be administered?
- ▶ How will the test be given?
- ▶ What is the school doing to prepare students?
- ▶ What kind of questions are on it?
- ▶ What can parent(s)/guardian(s) do to help students at home?

GA Milestones

- ▶ The Georgia Milestones Assessment System (Georgia Milestones) is a comprehensive summative 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, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Purpose of the Georgia Milestones



Provide information on how well students are mastering state adopted content standards



Provide students information about their own learning and readiness



Provide Parents information about their child's learning and progress



Provide information that will assist in improving school and program effectiveness

GMAS: 4 Levels of Performance



Designation	Progression of Learning
Beginning	Learners do not yet demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in GA's content standards. The students need substantial academic support to be prepared for the next grade level/course or to be on track for college and career readiness.
Developing	Learners demonstrate partial proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified by GA's content standards. Students need additional academic support to ensure success in the next grade level/course and to be on track for college and career readiness.
Proficient	Learners demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in GA's content standards. The students are prepared for the next grade level/course and are on track for college and career readiness.
Distinguished	Learners demonstrate advanced proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course as specified by GA's content standards. The students are well prepared for the next grade level/course and are well prepared for college and career readiness.

Reading

- ▶ Lexile: A measure that provides information about either an individual's reading ability or the difficulty of a text, like a book or magazine article.
- ▶ Score: The Lexile measure is shown as a number with an "L" after it — 880L is 880 Lexile.

Lexile Targets for 2023-2024

Grade	MetaMetrics Lexile Grade Level "Stretch" Bands
1	190L to 530L
2	420L to 650L
3	520L to 820L
4	740L to 940L
5	830L to 1010L
6	925L to 1070L
7	970L to 1120L
8	1010L to 1185L
9	1050L to 1260L
10	1080L to 1335L
11 and 12	1185L to 1385L

Who Will Take the GA Milestones EOC?

- ▶ Students enrolled in the following courses will take the EOC Milestones:
 - ▶ Algebra 1 (9th Grade)
 - ▶ American Literature (10th Grade)
 - ▶ Biology (10th Grade)
 - ▶ U.S. History (10th Grade)

When will this happen?

EOCT Test Date	TEST
May 6, 2024	ELA (Writing) (10th Grade)
May 7, 2024	ELA (Lit) (10th Grade)
May 8, 2024	Algebra I (9th Grade)
May 9, 2024	Biology (10th Grade)
May 10, 2024	US History (10th Grade)

How will the test be given?

- ▶ All assessments will be administered online.
 - ▶ Mandated by GA DOE
- ▶ Will my student feel comfortable taking it on the computer?
 - ▶ Technology investment by school
 - ▶ Technology integration in instruction
 - ▶ Students exposed to testing online and various progress monitoring and Benchmarks

Possible Types of Questions

- ★ Technology-Enhanced: graphing, drag-and-drop, drop-down, and keypad input
- ★ Constructed Responses: an assessment task that requires students to write and apply their knowledge and critical thinking skills to real-world problems.
- ★ Extended Writing Response: Each paragraph will require a linking statement that summarises the argument for the paragraph as well as connect the paragraph to the question. It should tie everything you have said in the paragraph together to each other and the overall argument.

Preparation:

What is Terrell High doing for your student?

- ▶ Overall Teaching Strategies
 - ▶ Research-based Instructional Strategies
 - ▶ Standards Based Classrooms
 - ▶ Teaching “Bell to Bell”
 - ▶ Technology Integration
 - ▶ Supporting the whole child

**WHAT SHOULD I
BE DOING TO
HELP MY CHILD
PREPARE FOR
THE EOC?**

Parent(s)/Guardians

- ▶ Place a high priority on attendance. Avoid unnecessary tardies and early “sign outs.”
- ▶ Communicate often and clearly with your child’s teacher. Attend all meetings and conferences.
- ▶ Don’t be afraid to ask questions!

Parent(s)/Guardians what to do at home?

- ▶ Establish a homework space, time and homework routine for your child.



Parent(s)/Guardians

- ▶ Take advantage of unique learning opportunities to reinforce skills and make learning fun.
- ▶ More exposure=more learning



Parent(s)/Guardians

- ▶ Ask your child every day what they did in school!
- ▶ Listen to your child read!!!!
- ▶ Spend time with them as they do HW!



Use the resources that are already free and available!

- ▶ Need details on the GA Milestones Assessment System?
 - ▶ <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Georgia-Milestones-Assessment-System.aspx>
- ▶ Want to see what the test will look like?
 - ▶ <http://www.gaexperienceonline.com/>
- ▶ Where can I find this PPT?
 - ▶ Visit the Terrell High School Website at:
http://terrell_hs.campuscontact.com/

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