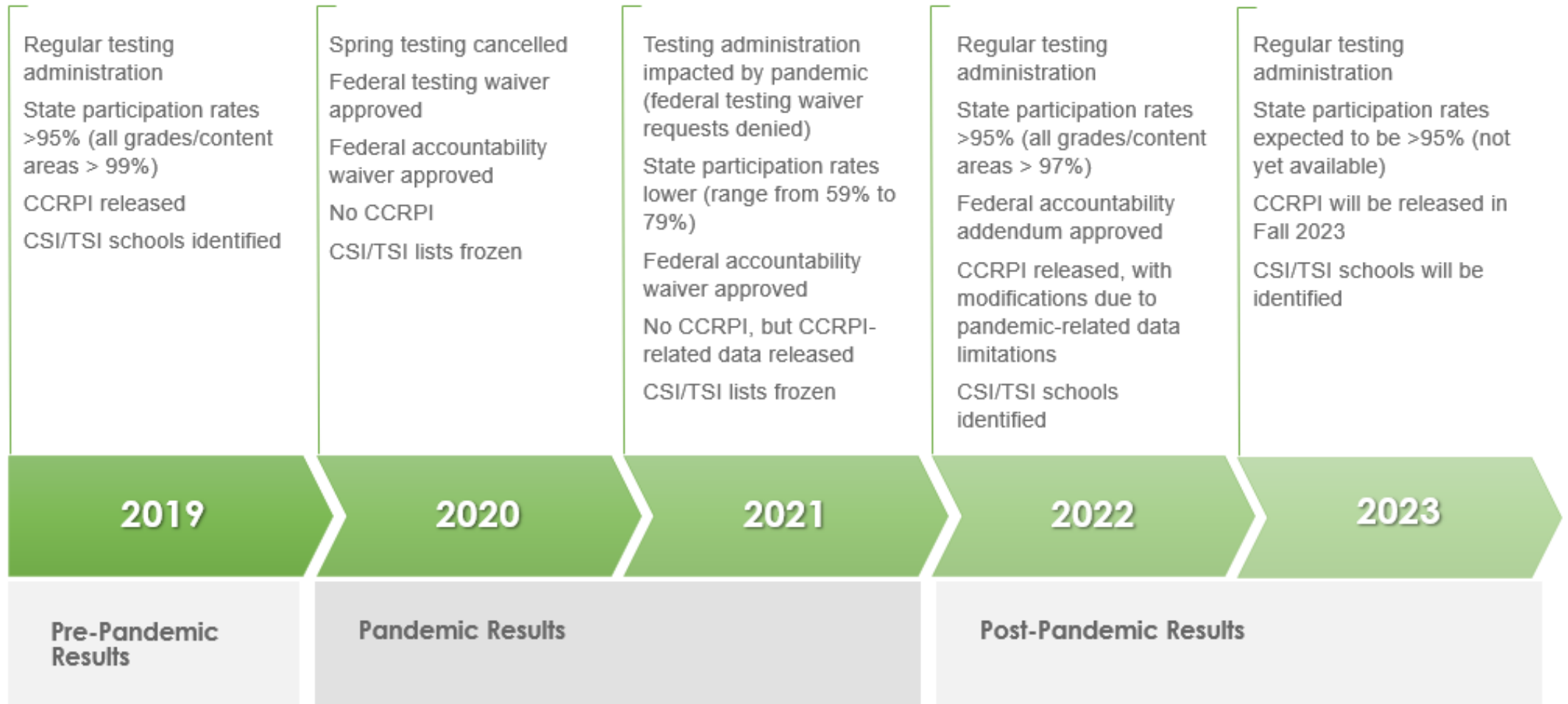


Overview of the 2022-2023 Georgia Milestones Public Release

Summary Testing and the Pandemic



Summary of 2022-2023 Results

- Georgia students continued to show overall improvement on the Georgia Milestones assessments following the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Results increased or held steady on 13 of 21 assessments.
 - Most gains occurred in ELA and mathematics and at the elementary and middle school levels.
 - Most declines occurred in science and social studies and at the high school level.
- While results have not yet reached pre-pandemic levels, they show that academic recovery is continuing in Georgia's public schools.

Focus on Early Literacy

- Knowing the foundational importance of early literacy and “reading to learn” by third grade, school districts have made strong investments in early literacy.
- In 2022-2023, Grade 3 Reading Status (Lexile measure) increased 2 percentage points while overall ELA scores increased 3 percentage points.
- Remember – these students’ entire academic careers have been impacted by the pandemic.

Early Literacy Investments

Example: Marietta City Schools’ \$7M investment in literacy

Example: Fulton County Schools’ Every Child Reads

Literacy is the most frequent focus area for ESSER-funded professional learning across the state.

Continued Investments in Academic Recovery

- **Launching GaTutor Program** – Working with 100 Georgia teachers to provide online, one-on-one tutoring sessions for high school students.
- **AmeriCorps Tutoring Program** – Partnering with AmeriCorps Math Corps and Reading Corps programs to provide tutoring for up to 5,000 students.
- **Expanding BEACON formative assessments** to Grades K-2 and high school.

English Language Arts

Percent of Students at Proficient Learner or Above

	2019	2020	2021*	2022	2023	Change from 2022 to 2023
Grade 3	42%	--	36%	36%	39%	+3
Grade 4	42%	--	37%	38%	36%	-2
Grade 5	45%	--	39%	41%	42%	+1
Grade 6	46%	--	42%	39%	39%	0
Grade 7	39%	--	39%	36%	39%	+3
Grade 8	47%	--	41%	41%	42%	+1
American Literature and Composition	47%	--	30%	42%	39%	-3

EOC results include Fall, Winter, and Spring test takers.

*Use caution in making comparisons to 2021 results, due to reduced test participation and pandemic-related impacts on students' learning environments.



Reading Status

Percent of Students at Grade Level or Above

	2019	2020	2021*	2022	2023	Change from 2022 to 2023
Grade 3	73%	--	62%	64%	66%	+2
Grade 4	64%	--	59%	56%	57%	+1
Grade 5	73%	--	68%	70%	69%	-1
Grade 6	61%	--	58%	55%	56%	+1
Grade 7	75%	--	67%	67%	69%	+2
Grade 8	74%	--	68%	70%	71%	+1
American Literature and Composition	74%	--	58%	69%	67%	-2

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Mathematics

Percent of Students at Proficient Learner or Above

	2019	2020	2021*	2022	2023	Change from 2022 to 2023
Grade 3	52%	--	38%	43%	46%	+3
Grade 4	49%	--	43%	44%	46%	+2
Grade 5	41%	--	35%	37%	37%	0
Grade 6	40%	--	30%	31%	33%	+2
Grade 7	43%	--	36%	35%	35%	0
Grade 8	35%	--	32%	36%	36%	0
Algebra I	40%	--	30%	37%	36%	-1
Coordinate Algebra**	34%	--	29%	28%	26%	-2

EOC results include Fall, Winter, and Spring test takers.

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**Students participate in either Algebra I or Coordinate Algebra. In 2023, 9% of students participated in Coordinate Algebra.

Science

Percent of Students at Proficient Learner or Above

	2019	2020	2021*	2022	2023	Change from 2022 to 2023
Grade 5	43%	--	38%	39%	40%	+1
Grade 8	32%	--	27%	29%	26%	-3
HS Physical Science (Grade 8)**	--	--	53%	53%	52%	-1
Biology	48%	--	41%	46%	46%	0

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**Grade 8 students participate in either Grade 8 Science or HS Physical Science based on their course enrollment. In 2023, 29% of Grade 8 students participated in HS Physical Science.

Social Studies

Percent of Students at Proficient Learner or Above

	2019	2020	2021*	2022	2023	Change from 2022 to 2023
Grade 8	41%	--	35%	37%	36%	-1
U.S. History**	47%	--	30%	39%	37%	-2

EOC results include Fall, Winter, and Spring test takers.

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**Students enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Dual Enrollment (DE) U.S. History are exempt from participating in the EOC, per State Board of Education (SBOE) Rule. Approximately 20% of students are enrolled in AP/IB/DE U.S. History and are exempt from participating in the EOC.

Summary

Change in the Percent of Students at Proficient Learner or Above from 2022 to 2023

	ELA	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
Grade 3	+3	+3		
Grade 4	-2	+2		
Grade 5	+1	0	+1	
Grade 6	0	+2		
Grade 7	+3	0		
Grade 8	+1	0	-3/-1	-1
EOC	-3	-1/-2	0	-2

Summary

Comparison of 2022 to 2023		EOG	EOC	Combined
Proficient Learner or Above	Increased	8	0	8
	Same	4	1	5
	Decreased	4	4	8
Developing Learner or Above	Increased	6	1	7
	Same	3	1	4
	Decreased	7	3	10

Results increased or held steady on 13 of 21 assessments for Proficient Learner or Above.

Results increased or held steady on 11 of 21 assessments for Developing Learner or Above.

Resources



The GaDOE Assessment and Accountability website contains helpful assessment resources.

- [Georgia Milestones website](#)
- [Achievement level descriptors](#)
- [Test blueprints](#)
- [Technical documents](#)
- [Test development process](#)
- [How Georgia's Assessments work](#)

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