



Dr. John D. Barge, State School Superintendent

April 2, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: System Test Coordinators
System Curriculum Coordinators

FROM: Tony Eitel
Director, Assessment Administration

SUBJECT: Nominations of Educators for Georgia End-of-Course Tests (EOCT) Data Review

The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) is seeking recommendations for highly qualified educators to participate in the upcoming Georgia End-of-Course Tests (EOCT) Data Review event. This meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 10 – Thursday, July 12, 2012**. The sessions will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at a hotel in the Atlanta area. Participants should be available to attend all three (3) days of the event. The sessions will consist of reviewing data from items that have been field tested for possible inclusion on future EOCT assessments. This is a vitally important process to ensure the validity and reliability of Georgia's End-Of-Course Tests. We need your best educators.

To ensure that an adequate representation of educators from around Georgia are selected, System Test Coordinators and/or System Curriculum Coordinators should submit the names of qualified teachers in Ninth Grade Literature and Composition, American Literature and Composition, Biology, Physical Science, Economics/Business/Free Enterprise, US History, Mathematics I, Mathematics II, GPS Algebra and GPS Geometry. We are also seeking highly qualified educators in special education and ESOL. Please submit up to three (3) nominations per system. Please consider educators from your system who:

- 1) Demonstrate depth of knowledge in their content area
- 2) Demonstrate instructional expertise
- 3) Increase student achievement through the use of proven research-based practices
- 4) Participate in ongoing professional learning including CCGPS/GPS training
- 5) Provide leadership among their colleagues
- 6) Represent the ethnic and regional diversity of your system
- 7) Teach diverse and/or exceptional student populations, including vision and hearing impaired students
- 8) Receive recognition for their contributions to teaching and learning
- 9) Bring a fresh perspective to the EOCT development process

To ensure a balanced, representative committee, not all nominees will be selected. Those nominees not selected for the meeting will be included in a pool from which the Assessment Administration Division staff may select individuals for participation in other future events related to the EOCT. Systems are encouraged to nominate first time participants. All nominees should be approved by a School Administrator and the System Testing Coordinator before registering for the workshop.

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Please submit nominations between **April 2 – April 27, 2012**. To nominate educators, go to the online registration site CVENT by following the link:

[Georgia Nominations; EOCT Data Review](#)

Participants will be notified the week of May 7, 2012 if they are selected to participate in this event. Once selected, participants will be contacted with hotel and registration information. Nominees not selected to participate will also be notified once the participation list is finalized. Until such time, they are alternates for participation.

Reimbursements for substitute teachers or honoraria for participants, mileage at the rate of \$0.51 per mile, accommodations, and per diem expenses will be provided for qualifying participants. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to participants. The dinner reimbursement cost is capped at \$20.00.

Thank you for your help with this important part of the EOCT program.

If you have any questions regarding nominations or the meetings, please contact Melissa Faux at mfaux@doe.k12.ga.us or (404) 656-5975.

If you have questions regarding the use of the registration site, CVENT, please contact Robin Jindrich-Cecil at robin.jindrich-cecil@pearson.com or (888) 705-9414 ext 216973.

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