



Dr. John D. Barge, State School Superintendent

June 6, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: System Test Coordinators

FROM: Tony Eitel
Director for Assessment Administration

SUBJECT: **2014-2015 Assessment Webinar Schedule (August – December 2014)**

The Assessment Division of the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) will be hosting various on-line workshops over the course of the 2014 – 2015 school year. Due to substantial changes in the assessment program, a full year schedule of webinars is not available at this time. However, we will post a schedule for January – June 2015 as soon as possible. Please refer to the table below for the period August – December 2014.

You will note two new program names in the table below:

- Georgia Milestones Assessment System (Georgia Milestones)
 - Georgia's new assessment program in grades 3-8 and high school
- Georgia Online Formative Assessment Resource (GOFAR)
 - Georgia's new online repository for our various formative assessment resources replacing the Online Assessment System (OAS)

Date	Description	Program	Time
August 1, 2014	Fall Assessment Conference: Test Administration/General Session	All Programs	9:00 am -12:00 pm
August 5, 2014	Fall Assessment Conference: Test Administration/General Session *	All Programs	9:00 am -12:00 pm
August 11, 2014	Introduction to Georgia Online Formative Assessment Resource (GOFAR) - <i>Tentative</i>	GOFAR	10:00 am -12:00 pm
August 13, 2014	Introduction to Georgia Online Formative Assessment Resource (GOFAR) - <i>Tentative</i>	GOFAR	10:00 am -12:00 pm

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August 13, 2014	Fall Trainings & Pre-Administration	GAA	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
August 14, 2014	Fall Trainings & Pre-Administration	GAA	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
August 18, 2014	Fall Assessment Conference: Assessment Program Updates 2014-2015	Georgia Milestones	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
August 19, 2014	Pre-Administration	GHSGT	1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
August 21, 2014	Fall Trainings & Pre-Administration	GAA	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
August 22, 2014	Pre-Administration *	GHSGT	9:00 am - 10:30 am
August 25, 2014	Fall Assessment Conference: Assessment Program Updates 2014-2015 *	Georgia Milestones	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
August 26, 2014	Fall Assessment Conference: Student Assessment Handbook Overview	All Programs	9:00 am -12:00 pm
August 27, 2014	Fall Trainings & Pre-Administration	GAA	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
August 29, 2014	Pre-Administration	GKIDS	9:00 am -11:00 am
September 3, 2014	Pre-Administration	GHSWT	1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
September 4, 2014	Pre-Administration *	GHSWT	10:00 am - 11:30 am
September 4, 2014	Pre-Administration *	GKIDS	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
September 17, 2014	Introduction to Georgia Online Formative Assessment Resource (GOFAR) - <i>Tentative</i>	GOFAR	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
September 18, 2014	Pre-Administration (NAEP Sample Systems & Schools)	NAEP	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
September 18, 2014	Introduction to Georgia Online Formative Assessment Resource (GOFAR) - <i>Tentative</i>	GOFAR	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
September 23, 2014	Pre-Administration (NAEP Sample Systems & Schools) *	NAEP	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
October 28, 2014	Pre-Administration - <i>Tentative</i>	Georgia Milestones (EOC)	10:00 am - 12:30 pm
October 29, 2014	Pre-Administration - <i>Tentative</i>	Georgia Milestones (EOC)	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
October 30, 2014	Pre-Administration - <i>Tentative</i>	Georgia Milestones (EOC)	10:00 am -12:30 pm
November 12, 2014	Pre-Administration	ACCESS for ELLs	9:00 am -12:00 pm

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November 13, 2014	Pre-Administration *	ACCESS for ELLs	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
December 11, 2014	Spring Test Administration Updates/Enrollment - <i>Tentative</i>	Georgia Milestones	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
December 12, 2014	Spring Test Administration Updates/Enrollment - <i>Tentative</i>	Georgia Milestones	10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Please note that sessions marked with an asterisk are anticipated as live redeliveries of a session of the same name that occurred on a previous date. **Additionally, please be aware that sessions in addition to those listed above should be anticipated and that the schedule above is subject to change.**

The majority of these webinars are designed to provide System Test Coordinators with updates and important information to be redelivered at the local level throughout the year. In addition, there are sessions designed to assist System Test Coordinators with the ordering of materials and other critical tasks. Representatives from the Georgia Department of Education, and the various contractors, will conduct the workshops. Any additional sessions will be announced by email to System Test Coordinators.

Access to each webinar session (both the live sessions and recordings) will require a unique URL address. These unique URLs will be provided in advance of each session through email communication and a periodic compilation of all webinar URLs in spreadsheet format for your records.

All System Test Coordinators are expected to attend one of the pre-administration and mid/post administration webinars for each assessment program. Each webinar will be recorded and available for participants who are unable to attend. The PowerPoint presentations will be posted in advance on the GaDOE webpage for each specific assessment program.

If you have any questions, please contact Connie Caldwell at ccaldwel@doe.k12.ga.us or (404) 656-2668.

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