

Quick Links:

- [Policy Update](#)
- [Assessment Updates](#)
- [Test Development](#)

Summative Assessments

- [ACCESS for ELLs 2.0](#)
- [Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0](#)
- [Georgia Milestones Assessment System](#)
- [NAEP/NCES](#)

Early Learning Formative Assessments

- [GKIDS 2.0 and GKIDS Readiness Check](#)
- [Keenville](#)

Formative Assessment Resources

- [Formative Instructional Practices \(FIP\)](#)

Accountability

- [Accountability Update](#)

[Key Training Dates for April-June 2020](#)

[Key Assessment Tasks and Reminders](#)

[For Educators](#)

[Online Georgia Assessment and Training Calendar](#)



[Online Georgia Assessment and Training Calendar](#)

Policy Update

Georgia Assessments Cancelled for Spring 2020

Following Superintendent Woods' [suspension](#) of state testing and accountability requirements and the U.S. Department of Education's [approval](#) to begin implementing the provisions of a [waiver](#) of federal testing and accountability requirements, **all state-required assessments for Spring 2020 are cancelled.**

The Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) 2.0 and Georgia Milestones EOG and EOC will not be administered. Any remaining administration and reporting requirements for GKIDS 2.0 are no longer required (though the platform will remain open for educator use). Keenville continues to be available for all 1st and 2nd grade students through SLDS.

On March 26, 2020 the State Board of Education approved several [waivers](#) of SBOE rules, including three waivers related to testing: Promotion and Retention, Statewide Passing Score, and Student Assessments. These waivers ensure that there are no negative impacts to students from the cancellation of spring testing.

Additional details regarding the cancellation of testing and related waivers can be found in these [Frequently Asked Questions](#). In addition, an Assessment and Accountability Update has been scheduled for Thursday, April 2 beginning at 11 a.m. A link to this session is found [here](#). Please reach out to me or the Assessment Administration team with any additional questions or concerns.

It is our hope that the cancellation of testing and accountability requirements for this spring alleviates some stress and allows you to focus on the safety and well-being of students and staff, as well as focus on the continuation of learning through virtual and other methods. We are here to support you in any way we can. Thank you for all your efforts to support your communities during this unprecedented time!

Contact: Allison Timberlake, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent for Assessment & Accountability, atimberlake@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-463-6666.

Assessment Updates

Return of Secure Test Materials

We have received many questions regarding the return of secure test materials. At this time, any secure test materials delivered and received at the district should remain in a secure location at the district and not be returned to the vendor at this time. All vendors have been made aware of this and will follow directives from this office regarding the return of materials.

While maintaining test security is important, the priority is the safety and well-being of students and staff.

Additional guidance will be provided as it becomes available, including instructions for returning materials once it is determined by local authorities that System Test Coordinators (STCs) and other district and/or school level personnel are able to resume normal functions in buildings.

Contact: Sandy Greene, Ed.D., Director of Assessment Administration, sgreene@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-656-0478.

Test Development

Educator Meetings

Invitations for all test development meetings are currently on hold. While we do know that the rangefinding meeting for Georgia Milestones will be cancelled, all other meetings are still under consideration. Once more information is available, we will provide an update to all applicants.

- Georgia Milestones
 - Rangefinding: June 1-5 (CANCELLED)
 - Item & Data Review: July 13-17 (TBD)
 - Math Blueprint & Item Review: October (TBD)
- Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) 2.0
 - Content & Bias Review: June 22-23 (TBD)
 - Math Blueprint & Extended Content Standards Review: July 20-24 (TBD)

Contact: Jan Reyes, Ed.D., Director of Assessment Development, jreyes@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-463-6665.

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

Return of Materials

Please be mindful that secure test materials may remain secured in the district until the district is able to resume normal functions within buildings.

The close of the ACCESS 2.0 window on March 6 allowed for most districts to meet the deadline of returning secure test materials to WIDA DRC by Friday, March 13.

Any remaining materials currently in the district must remain in a secure location at the district at this time. WIDA DRC has notified the GaDOE that they are not able to receive materials as of 3/27/2020. Additional guidance will be provided when available.

Data Validation Windows

The Pre-Reporting Data Validation Window extends from April 6 to April 17. If able to resume normal functions at the district, STCs are encouraged to review and correct any relevant student data during this window. The next available window for data validation will be the Post-Reporting Data Validation Window from May 11 to May 22.

STCs are provided information in the [Data Validation tutorial](#), located in the ACCESS for ELLs for Grades 1-12 training courses, and the [WIDA AMS User Guide Supplement for Data Validation](#), which has been posted to the WIDA Secure Portal Download Library.

Contact: Mary Nesbit-McBride, Ph.D., Assessment Specialist, mnesbit@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-232-1207.

Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0

Return of Materials

Please be mindful that secure test materials may remain secured in the district until the district is able to resume normal functions within buildings.

Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0 materials currently in districts may be returned any time over the coming weeks. It is understood that many boxes may have already been inventoried and delivered to schools; however, it is not necessary to open any materials boxes

received and still sealed with the exception of the materials box marked “**Box 1**”. This box contains the return kits and labels.

Contact: Mary Nesbit-McBride, Ph.D., Assessment Specialist, mnesbit@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-232-1207.

Georgia Milestones Assessment System

Return of Materials

Please be mindful that secure test materials may remain secured in the district until the district is able to resume normal functions within buildings.

Very few districts received End of Grade (EOG) materials due to early local testing. When it is feasible to do so, secure test materials may be returned to DRC.

Of note, TAMS should not be returned – only secure materials. EOG TAMS may be recycled and/or destroyed at the district. *End of Course (EOC) TAMS should be held in districts for use during the EOC Summer Main administration and Fall Mid-Month 2020 administrations.*

End-of-Course Summer Main

At this time, the EOC Summer Main Administration has not been suspended and is on the state assessment calendar for June 15 through July 17. Additional guidance will be provided should plans for this administration window change.

The Test Set-up Window and Additional Materials Window will both open Monday, May 18 and continue through Thursday, July 16. This time may be used to order any TAMs required for administration during the Summer 2020 Main and retained for use during the Fall Mid-Month 2020 administrations.

End-of-Grade Retest

The EOG retest window has been cancelled. Districts must determine local promotion, retention, and placement policies without these scores.

Contacts:

Taiesha Adams, Ed.D., Assessment Specialist, taadams@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-656-5975.

Joe Blessing, Program Manager, jblessing@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-232-1208.

NAEP/NCES

Contact: Bobbie Bable, Assessment Specialist, bbable@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-657-6168.

GKIDS 2.0 and GKIDS Readiness Check

The spring assessment window and administration of the Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS 2.0) is cancelled. No additional student assessment or reporting activities are required. Districts may choose to enter any data previously collected and use locally for progress reports or report cards. The platform will remain open for educator use.

Platform questions: Intercom Live Chat Feature or GCA, 888-392-8977

Contact: Bobbie Bable, Assessment Specialist, bbable@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-657-6168.

Keenville

Return of Materials

Please be mindful that Keenville Linking Study secure test materials may remain secured in the district until the district is able to resume normal functions within buildings. Additional guidance will be provided when available to those districts that participated in the study.

Update

The Keens are healthy, happy, and available to visit with your 1st and 2nd grade students! Keenville is available to all Georgia districts and state charter schools through the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS).

Visit the [Keenville Resources](#) webpage for information on how to access training modules.



Contact: Lisa Hardman, Assessment Specialist, lhardman@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-651-9405.

Formative Instructional Practices (FIP)

Where to Access FIP

FIP has been removed from Professional Learning Opportunities (PLO) tab within SLDS. Immediately, educators need to access FIP Online Professional Learning courses using the GaDOE FIP web page login found at [Georgia FIP: The Keys to Student Success](#).



Using this access provides the revised FIP courses and an easy user experience. First time users need to obtain their school unique FIP access code from the district's STC to create an individual online learning account with their work email address to enroll in courses. Information at this link can assist the STC in locating FIP access codes in the MyGaDOE Portal Account.

Educators

- Locate FIP Access Codes
- FIP to TKES Crosswalk
- FIP to LKES Crosswalk

Educators will be able to download and archive certificates for course completion and transcripts from the web based FIP Online Learning Platform. Please see all available course offerings listed in the center of the FIP web page.

If educators took a FIP course using the PLO in the SLDS and could not complete the course due to technical issues or access their course completion certificate, the course time spent in the PLO will not transfer to the web-based version of FIP. The educator will need to enroll in the course again using the web-based platform. We sincerely apologize for this inconvenience.

FIP Supports the Georgia School Performance Standards

Instruction Standard 3 of The Georgia School Performance Standards (GSPS) states: *Establishes and communicates clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to curriculum standards.* What does this statement really mean? It means that this standard includes the use of formative assessment and we know this because of the words; *success criteria*. Also, embedded in this standard is the underlying assumption that leaders have the knowledge and skills to recognize when they see or do not see this GSPS standard in action in classrooms. Finally, it assumes that teachers have the appropriate professional learning experiences coupled with adequate coaching and practice to use Instruction Standard 3 with students. In this standard, *establishes* and *communicates* are teacher behaviors. The direct object of the verb *communicates* are the students who are the recipients of the teacher behaviors.

So, the real question is, *to what extent are leaders able to recognize and the teaching staff able to demonstrate this standard?* If the answer to this question suggests that there is a need to learn more, FIP online professional learning is your go-to resource for support. FIP online learning has a total of eight courses that directly relate to clear learning targets. Included are courses on: 1) Creating and Using Clear Learning Targets, 2) Creating Clear Learning Targets for ELA in the Elementary School, 3) Creating Clear Learning Targets for ELA in the Middle School, 4) Creating Clear Learning Targets for ELA in the High School, 5) Creating Clear Learning Targets for Math in the Elementary School, 6) Creating Clear Learning Targets for Math in the Middle School, 7) Creating Clear Learning Targets for Math in the High School, and 8) Non-Core: Creating Clear Learning Targets in Physical Education.

Contact: Kelli Harris-Wright, Assessment Specialist,
kharris-wright@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-463-5047.

Accountability Update

If you have questions about the CCRPI, please contact the [accountability specialist](#) at the GaDOE assigned to work with your district or consult the [accountability](#) and the [CCRPI Resources for Educators](#) webpages.

Key Training Dates for April-June 2020

*Please note: for all GoToWebinar meeting links below, if the meeting date has passed, the meeting link will take you to the recording. Meeting links are embedded within the title.

General Assessment

Date	Title	Time
4/2/2020	Assessment Update: FAQs about Canceling of State Assessments *New	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

ACCESS for ELLs **WIDA Webinars indicate Central Time. Note Eastern Times below.**

Date	Title	Time
5/15/2020	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Post-Administration Training	9 – 10 a.m. ET
5/15/2020	Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Post-Administration Training	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

GKIDS 2.0

Date	Title	Time
Currently Available	GKIDS 2.0 Version 2 Training Modules Available via SLDS; information found on the GKIDS 2.0, Resources webpage	24/7

Georgia Milestones

Date	Title	Time
5/26/2020	EOG/EOC Post-Assessment Training *Topic to be determined	10 – 11:30 a.m.

Key Assessment Tasks and Reminders

ACCESS for ELs

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
4/6/2020 – 4/17/2020	Pre-Reporting Data Validation Window
5/11/2020 – 5/22/2020	Post-Reporting Data Validation Window

GKIDS 2.0

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
7/8/2019 – 5/18/2020	GKIDS Administration Window – may continue to enter data. Year-end reports are not required.

Georgia Milestones

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
5/18/2020 – 7/16/2020	EOC Summer 2020 Administration Test Set-up *Date Change
5/18/2020 – 7/16/2020	Additional Materials Window *Date Change
6/15/2020 – 7/17/2020	EOC Summer 2020 Administration