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2018-2019 Student Assessment Handbook and Accommodations Manual Updates

The 2018-2019 versions of the *Student Assessment Handbook* (SAH) and *Accommodations Manual* have been posted to the [For Educators](#) link on the Testing/Assessment webpage as of 8/3/2018. Due to the full transition to 100% online testing, there have been several allowable flexibility options in test administration addressed in the SAH that are intended to provide districts and charter systems greater ability to meet and overcome technology issues. Additionally, best practices for online testing have been incorporated into guidance across assessment programs. A Table of Changes has been posted to identify where changes have been made.

As part of the annual System Test Coordinator Fall Conferences, Part 1 will provide an overview of each assessment program and outline key points necessary for understanding how and for whom an assessment should be administered. This will also be an opportunity to hear specific highlights, updates, and changes from the SAH and *Accommodations Manual*. Live Webinar sessions will be held on August 7 from 9 am–12 noon and August 9 from 1–4 pm.

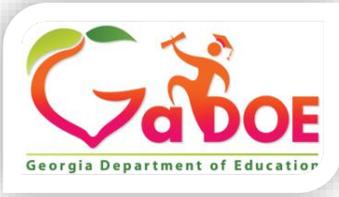
Fall Conference Part 1 Highlights –

- Scheduling flexibility for Georgia Milestones
- ACCESS for ELs 2.0 updates
- GAA 2.0 Test Design and Key Information
- Keenville updates

These highlights as well as other information will help to provide a foundation of understanding for new System Test Coordinators (STCs) as well as a refresher for veterans.



[Online Georgia Assessment and Training Calendar](#)



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ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

To have a successful ACCESS 2.0 test administration, System Test Coordinators should remember to do the following:

- ✓ Participate in WIDA trainings identified on the [Georgia Training and Testing Calendar](#)
- ✓ Prepare to make data corrections within data validation windows to avoid data correction charges
- ✓ Order Braille forms for those students who use Unified English Braille during classroom instruction.
- ✓ Create online test sessions for students in grades 4 and 5 in all ACCESS 2.0 domains
- ✓ Review periodic communications from WIDA
- ✓ Make requests login credentials for WIDA Screener must be sent to Jacqueline Ellis at jellis@doe.k12.ga.us

It is important to note that WIDA technology-related training will be combined, in part, with Georgia Milestones technology training due to the use of Central Office Services (COS) for both programs.

ACCESS questions may be directed to Mary Nesbit-McBride, Assessment Specialist at email: mnesbit@doe.k12.ga.us or 404-232-1207.

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Due to the implementation of 100% of students testing online for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year, we are happy to announce the additional scheduling flexibility allowed to districts and charter schools. This flexibility is available for End-of-Grade and End-of-Course assessments during the published state assessment windows for the Georgia Milestones assessments.

This flexibility initiative is intended to provide districts and charter systems the ability to schedule students for assessments in a way that meets the

needs of their students as well as maximizes resources so that instruction may continue where appropriate. In doing so, local assessment schedules may then flow as part of the instructional process rather than an all-encompassing event. Additional information regarding this as well as other important details related to the Georgia Milestones may be found in the *Student Assessment Handbook*.

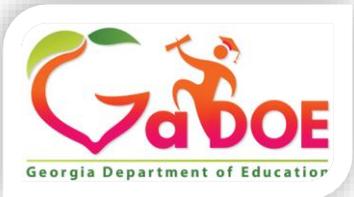
Scheduling Flexibility Changes

- ✓ Local testing calendars may encompass the entire state testing window
- ✓ Local districts and charter systems may set the order of administration for EOG grade level content
- ✓ Local testing windows may be scheduled around spring break
- ✓ Individual grade-level content assessment must maintain the same testing dates across all schools within the district
- ✓ All sections must be completed on the same day or on consecutive days during the same week

Recently, information regarding the enhancement of Central Office Services as well as other issues related to the Fall Mid-Month EOC and Enrollment Counts was presented in July. If interested, a link to the PowerPoint presentation is found on the [Georgia Milestones Presentations](#) webpage. As a reminder, all devices intended to be used for testing by districts and schools must transition to Central Office Services for the 2018 EOC August Mid-Month and future administrations.

Benefits of Central Office Services

- ✓ Replaces the content caching feature currently found in the Testing Site Manager (TSM) software
- ✓ Requires download of only the content appropriate for a specific testing site
- ✓ Allows download of content once for use by multiple COS Service Devices



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- ✓ Supports up to 950 testing devices per service device without manipulating settings on the machine
- ✓ Manages Georgia Milestones and WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 on the same device

STCs and Technology Directors should not hesitate to reach out to GaDOE Assessment Specialists early to request support in planning and review of technology and other scheduling needs.

As a reminder, the enrollment count window for EOC 2018 Winter Main administration opens August 13 and closes August 24, 2018. Specific assessment dates for each EOC must be entered. Date ranges are no longer acceptable. DRC is also requesting the number of printed Online TEMs that are needed for each school to avoid shipping unneeded documents.

Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0 (GAA 2.0)

GAA 2.0 Features

Georgia's second-generation alternate assessment, Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) 2.0, represents a dramatic shift from the state's use of a portfolio-based assessment system that measures student progress to a standardized assessment that measures student achievement. This change provides multiple benefits to students, teachers, and families such as the introduction of an online platform for uploading student responses; reducing teachers' burden related to selecting or developing tasks; and a more standard assessment format in keeping with national trends in the assessment of students with significant cognitive disabilities.

Standardized Scores

The GAA 2.0 is designed to give students with significant cognitive disabilities a meaningful and challenging way to participate in Georgia's assessment program. Results from the assessment

will help inform classroom instruction by providing information related to an individual student's areas of strength and improvement. Like the Georgia Milestones Assessment System, the GAA 2.0 is a standardized assessment that will provide scores that reflect each test participant's level of academic achievement.

Access Points

Georgia educators developed access points that coincide with the Extended Standards for students with significant cognitive disabilities. The GAA 2.0 will measure student achievement aligned with access points in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Of note, there will be only one Spring testing window which has been scheduled for March 25 – May 3, 2019.

Eligibility Criteria for the Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0 has been posted to the [GAA 2.0 webpage](#).

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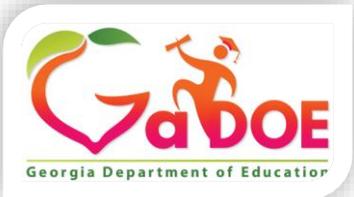
GKIDS and GKIDS Readiness Check

GKIDS 1.0 and Readiness Check will both be addressed in the pre-administration training for STCs. No changes have been made for GKIDS 1.0 and Readiness Check administrations for 2018-2019.

Final pre-administration training is scheduled for August 6 from 2–4 pm. Links to this training are found on the Key Training Dates page of this Update.

Teachers should be directed to complete the teacher training for the Readiness Check:

Returning and **NEW** teachers should view the



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Readiness Check webinar through the registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5203985626972158977>

NEW teachers should also complete the suite of training modules housed in the SLDS and print their module completion certificates.

Keenville

Keenville is nearing the final stages of review prior to the operational launch. A change has been made to the training dates and is found on the Key Training Dates page of this Update. The dates for Keenville Pre-Administration Training are August 14 from 10 am–12 noon and August 16 from 2–4 pm. For those who had already registered, updates have been sent via GoToWebinar. You will need to download the update to your calendar to ensure you have the correct training date on your local calendar.

Prior to the Keenville launch:

- Attend one of our Keenville pre-administration webinars
- Reserve time within your system’s calendar for educator training
- Notify your SIS coordinator regarding adding the assessment platform to the SLDS tab.

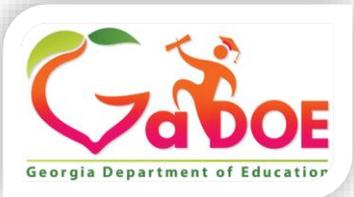
Accountability Reminders

There are five CCRPI applications in the MyGaDOE portal that must be completed by districts in August. All of the applications provide critical information that is utilized for the 2018 CCRPI. The applications and the associated deadlines follow.

Application	Start	End
Assessment Matching #1	February	August 16
Assessment Matching #2	August 20	August 30 NEW EXTENDED DEADLINE
Non-Participation	July 17	August 30 NEW EXTENDED DEADLINE
Summer Graduate Collection	July 10	August 30
Cohort Withdrawal Update	July 10	August 30

Districts should have a plan including staff assignments and internal deadlines for completing these applications. Superintendent sign-off for all applications must be completed by 4 pm on the day the application closes.

Please contact the accountability specialist assigned to your district if you have questions or concerns regarding the CCRPI applications. Consult the **UPDATED Accountability Specialist List 08.01.18** on the [accountability webpage](#) for contact information.



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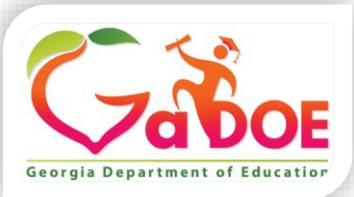
Key Training Dates for August/September 2018

Fall Assessment Conferences and GOFAR Training

Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
8/7/2018	Fall Assessment Conference – Part 1	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9007425046048920322
8/9/2018	Fall Assessment Conference – Part 1 – <i>LIVE Repeat</i>	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8161987465707852290
8/14/2018	GOFAR Overview	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/820543929001008130
8/16/2018	GOFAR Overview – <i>Live Repeat</i>	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3664258131200101890
9/4/2018	Fall Assessment Conference Webinar Part 2 (Chief Planning Considerations for the Assessment Calendar)	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7487594312230147330
9/6/2018	Fall Assessment Conference Webinar Part 2 (Chief Planning Considerations for the Assessment Calendar) – <i>LIVE Repeat</i>	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7298426635206218754
9/11/2018	Fall Assessment Conference Webinar Part 3 (Accessibility)	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2101040668267229954
9/13/2018	Fall Assessment Conference Webinar Part 3 (Accessibility) – <i>LIVE Repeat</i>	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6814984566612689154

GKIDS, GKIDS Readiness Check, and Keenville

Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
8/6/2018	GKIDS Pre-Administration Training – <i>LIVE Repeat</i>	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2574183611443116546
8/14/2018 (Revised)	Keenville Pre-Administration Training	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1175955565121422594
8/16/2018 (Revised)	Keenville Pre-Administration Training	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2630997576273478658



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Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0

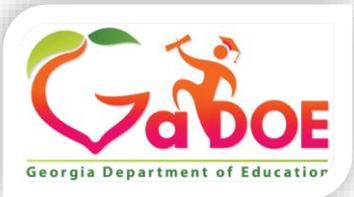
Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
8/21/2018	GAA 2.0 Test Design Features: Requirements for student work samples, documentation, materials, key dates, and eligibility guidelines	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/104003196627409667
8/23/2018	GAA 2.0 Test Design Features: Requirements for student work samples, documentation, materials, key dates, and eligibility guidelines – <i>LIVE Repeat</i>	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4587726952302693891

Georgia Milestones

Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
9/25/2018	INSIGHT/eDIRECT Training; COS Install/Q&A	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/342256370918720514
9/27/2018	INSIGHT/eDIRECT Training; COS Install/Q&A – <i>LIVE Repeat</i>	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/979773003912609794

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
8/21/2018	WIDA Webinar: Welcome Back: New WIDA Website Walkthrough	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm ET	https://www.wida.us
9/18/2018	WIDA Webinar: Welcome Back: What's New This Year?	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET	https://www.wida.us
9/19/2018	Georgia-Specific Guidance for ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 and Alternate ACCESS	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1821573400071245314
9/25/2018	WIDA Webinar: Pre-Testing: Training	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm ET	https://www.wida.us



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Key Assessment Tasks and Reminders

Georgia Milestones

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
8/6/2018	Secure Practice Test with Response Transmission Window opens
8/6-24/2018	EOC August Mid-Month Administration Window
8/13-24/2018	Enrollment Count Window (closes at 8:00 pm EDT)
9/10-21/2018	EOC September Mid-Month Administration Window

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Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
10/10/2018	Test Materials Ordering Available in AMS
10/10/2018	Load Pre-ID File into AMS
12/6/2018	WIDA AMS Test Setup Available for Test Sessions
1/7/2019	Districts Receive Test Materials