

# Assessment Update

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## Fall Assessment Conference

In preparation for the 2018-2019 school year, the Assessment Division of the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) will again be conducting our annual System Test Coordinator Fall Conferences during the months of August and September 2018.

The purpose of these sessions is to provide important information necessary for the successful administration of the 2018-2019 Georgia student assessment program. All sessions will be held via webinar.

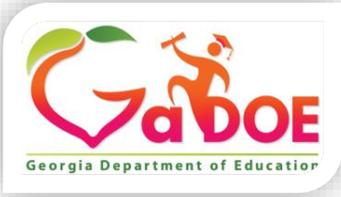
Fall Assessment Conference – Part 1 will provide an overview of each assessment program and outline key points necessary for understanding how and for whom it should be administered. Highlights from the *Student Assessment Handbook (SAH)* will be included to provide a foundation of understanding for new System Test Coordinators (STCs) as well as a refresher for veterans.

Fall Assessment Conference – Part 2 will provide important information regarding planning and preparation for a secure and successful test administration. Discussion will be had surrounding best practices for online testing, test security, as well as scheduling options and scenarios.

Fall Assessment Conference – Part 3 will focus on issues of accessibility and accommodations for special populations. A review of accommodations and tools in the online environment will be included as well as a discussion of the accommodations tables in the SAH.



[Online Georgia Assessment and Training Calendar](#)



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## ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

### WIDA Secure Portal and WIDA AMS

News from WIDA includes the launching of their new public website on August 15, 2018. The new website may be found at: [wida.wisc.edu](http://wida.wisc.edu).

The WIDA Secure Portal is unchanged, but ACCESS-related materials/training will be in the WIDA Secure Portal ONLY.

All STCs and Technology Directors need WIDA Secure Portal accounts as well as WIDA AMS accounts. The requirement for the secure portal account is new for 2018-2019 and provides access to secure training and materials that were previously in public view. These materials include Test Administrator and Coordinators' manuals as well as the technology user guide and the full 2018-2019 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Webinar Schedule.

Please make sure the Assessment Director role has been assigned in the MyGaDOE portal by local security officers for new STCs. Those personnel no longer servicing as the Assessment Director should be removed from that role.

GaDOE will provide updated STC and site data to WIDA DRC by August 13, 2018. New STCs on the submitted update will be able to receive logins through WIDA Client Services Center (855-787-9615). All others must receive approval through the GaDOE.

If you do not currently have either of these accounts, contact the WIDA Client Services Center as soon as possible by telephone: 855-787-9615 or email: [WIDA@datarecognitioncorp.com](mailto:WIDA@datarecognitioncorp.com).

Logins and permissions for **Test Examiners/Administrators** should be set up by **STCs**.

### Screener/Kindergarten W-APT

ESOL Coordinators or others requiring permissions for the Screener/Kindergarten W-APT must contact Jacqueline Ellis at email: [jellis@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:jellis@doe.k12.ga.us), or telephone: 404-463-1858. The WIDA Helpdesk may not assign permissions for the screeners.

### Certification and Training for ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

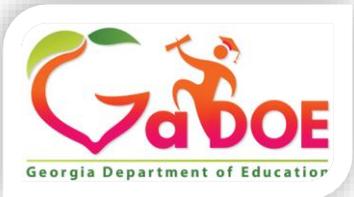
As a reminder, all examiners must recertify for all components (i.e., kindergarten, Alt ACCESS, ACCESS 2.0) using the WIDA online training courses found on the secure portal.

### New Training Plan for 2018-2019

GaDOE will now include the WIDA set of webinar trainings for ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 as the bulk of the training for administration and understanding before, during, and after testing with ACCESS for ELLs 2.0. The training schedule is posted to the Georgia Assessment and Training calendar found on the [gadoe.org/assessment](http://gadoe.org/assessment) page.

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.

WIDA will periodically supply additional communications. It will be important to review that communication along with those produced by the GaDOE and this office. Additional questions may be directed to Mary Nesbit-McBride, Assessment Specialist at email: [mnesbit@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:mnesbit@doe.k12.ga.us) or 404-232-7651.



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## Georgia Milestones

As we move into the new 2018-2019 assessment year, the Assessment Administration Division would like to provide several updates related to the 2017-2018 Spring End of Grade and End of Course administrations.

With the expectation of 100% of students testing online for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year, we are happy to report that districts assessed approximately 88% of students online this past Spring. There was a significant increase in EOG testers from 73% in Spring 2017 to 82% in Spring 2018. EOC remained the same at 99% over both 2017 and 2018.

The transition to 100% online testing began five years ago, and now has allowed for several benefits to the Georgia Milestones Assessment System.

### Benefits of Online Testing

- ✓ Innovative item types
- ✓ Standardized accommodations (read aloud, video sign language, etc.)
- ✓ Features available to all students (large print, masking tool, highlighter, etc.)
- ✓ Increased test security
- ✓ More efficient administration
- ✓ Faster score returns
- ✓ Increased flexibility in scheduling

To further improve the online experience for students, Technology Directors and STCs will continue to be trained and be provided information on the Central Office Services enhancement from DRC which upgrades the Testing Site Manager (TSM) software. 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

- ✓ Download only the content appropriate for a specific testing site
- ✓ Download content once for use by multiple COS Service Devices
- ✓ More testing devices supported per service device
- ✓ All configuration and management of COS Service Devices completed in the COS-DTK page in eDIRECT

To support districts and state charters in preparing for online testing, the secure practice test with response transmission window will open August 6, 2018 and remain open through April 30, 2019.

Guidance will be provided in the July 24 and 26 scheduled webinar trainings. This **new** training will be an important one for both STCs and Technology Directors to view as detailed information will be provided. Topics for this training will include:

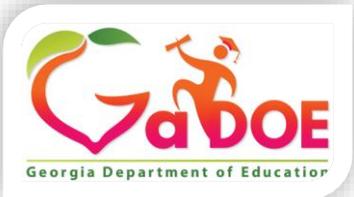
- Fall 2018 EOC Mid-Month Online Test Set-Up
- Central Office Services (COS)
- eDIRECT Enrollment Count Training
- Secure Practice Test with Response Transmission

STCs and Technology Directors should not hesitate to reach out to GaDOE Assessment Specialists early to request support in planning for and implementing the transition to 100% online test administration.

### Upcoming Training and Administration Tasks

The training calendar with links may be found at the end of this document. These sessions are designed to assist STCs, Technology Directors, and other appropriate personnel. In most instances, the presentations will be recorded and/or posted on the [Georgia Milestones\Presentations](#) webpage.

As a reminder, the enrollment count window for EOC 2018 Winter Main administration opens



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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)

The GAA is being redeveloped to ensure that students with the most significant cognitive disabilities are provided access to the state academic content standards and given the opportunity to demonstrate achievement of the knowledge, concepts, and skills inherent in the standards.

The GAA 2.0 will be comprised of standardized performance tasks with multiple access points. The intent is to reduce teachers' burden related to selecting or developing tasks; bring greater standardization to the administration; improve scoring reliability; and introduce an online task submission system. This assessment will be evaluated for student achievement and not progress.

Educators across the state have been involved in the early stages of development as well as a pilot which was administered in May of 2018. Additional information will be provided beginning late summer or early fall. There will be only one Spring testing window which has been scheduled for March 25 – May 3, 2019. Questions may be directed to Mary Nesbit-McBride, Assessment Specialist at email: [mnesbit@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:mnesbit@doe.k12.ga.us) or 404-232-7651.

## GKIDS, GKIDS Readiness Check, and Keenville

### What is new?

The only new change to GKIDS 1.0 and Readiness Check will be in the pre-administration training for STCs. BOTH will be included in the same pre-administration webinar in an effort to streamline the assessments and training. GKIDS 1.0 and Readiness Check administration will continue for 2018-2019 just as they did last year.

### What do I need to know regarding the combined pre-administration training?

Since the GKIDS 1.0 and Readiness Check pre-administration training for STCs will be combined, the webinar dates are earlier than they typically have been for GKIDS 1.0. Communication was sent to all STCs with this information and the registration links on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

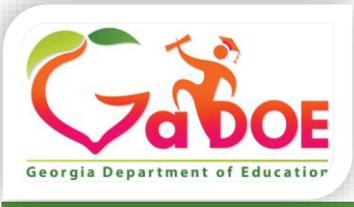
**Returning** and **NEW** teachers should view the Readiness Check webinar through the registration link:

<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.

### What other pertinent information do I need to know before school begins?

The GKIDS platform will be open on July 9, 2018. Systems electing to use the roster upload option for GKIDS 1.0 and the Readiness Check may begin the process as soon as July 9<sup>th</sup>. All GKIDS 1.0 and Readiness Check resources and materials will be



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posted on the platform and the assessment website on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

All new Kindergarten teachers should view the Readiness Check webinar training and complete the full suite of modules before the first day of school. The Readiness Check window will be the first six weeks of school.

## What is the status of the GKIDS redesign?

GKIDS 2.0 is currently entering its year 2 pilot of the performance tasks and the newly designed platform. GKIDS 2.0 will be operationalized statewide in 2019-2020 with educator training beginning in the spring of 2019. Exciting things to come!

## What is Keenville?

Keenville is a game-based formative assessment in literacy and mathematics for first and second grade students. This engaging game-based assessment will provide educators an alternative to their traditional assessment routines while at the same time provide an assessment platform that students will enjoy! Educators will also receive real-time feedback as students interact with the games.

During game play, students will encounter the Keens, the fun-loving avatars, and their whimsical pets, the Peachlings, who all live and play in the world of Keenville. The Keens and Peachlings will encourage Georgia's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students to navigate through challenging math and reading tasks as well as provide engaging, motivational feedback to students as they progress through the games within the Keenville world.

## What do I need to know regarding the operational launch of Keenville?

Prior to the Keenville launch:

- Attend one of our Keenville pre-administration webinars

- Reserve time within your system's calendar for educator training
- Direct teachers to view the suite of mini-webinar recordings on the following topics:
  - What does Keenville measure?
  - How is the content measured?
  - What are Lexile and Quantile scores?
  - How do I interpret the Keenville dashboard results?
- Notify your SIS coordinator regarding adding the assessment platform to the SLDS tab.

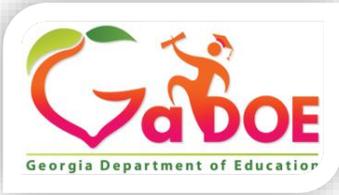
Remember, all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers and students will need access to SLDS and the Keenville tab within the student information system (SIS). Most importantly, your system will need to designate the path for student access and create their student logins prior to operational launch.

## How does Keenville support instruction?

After providing time for student gameplay, educators will be able to log in to the dashboard to review student results that are aligned to the most critical reading and math standards. While it may be appropriate for some students to have more time to engage in Keenville games, there will be others who only need access once or twice a month to populate necessary instructional data. Keenville is a resource for teachers to gather valuable formative assessment results after instruction has taken place and provides the teacher with information to differentiate instruction for all students.

## How do I get my educators involved in the next pilot phase?

If you would like to nominate educators for the next pilot phase of Keenville, you will have an opportunity to do so in July.



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## Key Training Dates for July/August 2018

### Fall Assessment Conferences

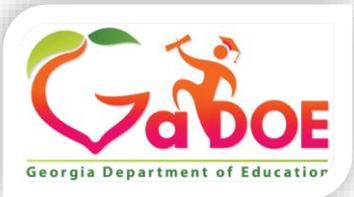
Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
8/7/2018	Fall Assessment Conference – Part 1	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9007425046048920322">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9007425046048920322</a>
8/9/2018	Fall Assessment Conference – Part 1 – <i>LIVE Repeat</i>	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8161987465707852290">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8161987465707852290</a>

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Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
7/11/2018	GKIDS Pre-Administration Training	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8425874654420283650">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8425874654420283650</a>
7/25/2018	GKIDS Pre-Administration Training – <i>LIVE Repeat</i>	9:00 am – 10:30 am	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7614885872889012226">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7614885872889012226</a>
8/16/2018 (Revised)	Keenville Pre-Administration Training	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2630997576273478658">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2630997576273478658</a>
8/6/2018	GKIDS Pre-Administration Training – <i>LIVE Repeat</i>	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2574183611443116546">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2574183611443116546</a>
8/8/2018	Keenville Pre-Administration Training – <i>LIVE Repeat</i>	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1175955565121422594">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1175955565121422594</a>

### 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 participation guidelines	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/104003196627409667">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/104003196627409667</a>
8/23/2018	GAA 2.0 Test Design Features: Requirements for student work samples, documentation, materials, key dates, and participation guidelines – <i>LIVE Repeat</i>	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4587726952302693891">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4587726952302693891</a>



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Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
7/24/2018	Fall 2018 EOC Mid-Month Online Test Set-Up, Central Office Services, & eDIRECT Enrollment Count Training	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1270911588319173122">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1270911588319173122</a>
7/26/2018	Fall 2018 EOC Mid-Month Online Test Set-Up, Central Office Services, & eDIRECT Enrollment Count Training – <i>LIVE Repeat</i>	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6484012874955380994">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6484012874955380994</a>
8/14/2018	GOFAR Overview	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/820543929001008130">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/820543929001008130</a>
8/16/2018	GOFAR Overview – <i>LIVE Repeat</i>	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3664258131200101890">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3664258131200101890</a>

## 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	<a href="https://www.wida.us">https://www.wida.us</a>

# Key Assessment Tasks and Reminders

## Georgia Milestones

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
6/18/2018	DRC Updated iPad App
7/20/2018	DRC Updated INSIGHT software
7/23/2018	Test Set-up opens in eDIRECT for Fall Mid-Month Administrations
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)

## ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
6/26/2018	LEAs provide STC and/or site changes to GaDOE
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