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HIGHLIGHTS

This month's *Assessment Update* focuses on several of Georgia's assessment programs and provides System Test Coordinators (STCs) with specific information and guidance.

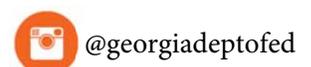
- ✓ **ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 and Alt ACCESS** – WIDA Secure Portal information. Assessment window opens 1/16/2019!
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- ✓ **NAEP** – Assessment preparation activities review. Assessment window opens 1/28/2019!
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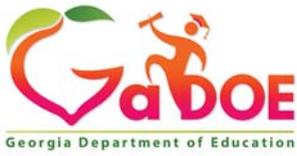
We wish all of you a wonderful holiday season filled with memories and fun times with friends and family!

Allison, Paula, Jan, Sandy, Joni, Connie, Mary, Bobbie, Taiesha, Joe, Robert, Kelli, Missy, Tianna, August, Kris, Lacey, Nicholas, Jonathan, Qi, Niveen, Elena, Lisa, Adrienne, and Nijia!



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ACCESS FOR ELLS 2.0

With the ACCESS 2.0 and Alt ACCESS test administration windows opening on January 16, 2019, this is a great opportunity to share a few reminders and helpful resources with STCs.

WIDA SECURE PORTAL

Please remember that Test Administrators must contact their School Test Coordinator to obtain a WIDA Secure Portal account. If staff forget their WIDA Secure Portal account password, they can simply click “Forgot password” on the login page to create a new one. The [WIDA Accounts for Georgia Flyer](#) also identifies how users can resolve their WIDA access issues.

PLACING ADDITIONAL ORDERS

The additional test materials ordering window in WIDA AMS extends from January 7 to March 3, 2019. Because only one additional order can be placed, STCs will have work with School Test Coordinators to ensure the one district order includes all needed material before it is submitted.

STCs **must place an additional materials order** for those students in grades 4-12 who will use handwriting to complete the Writing test.

TECHNOLOGY

Last month, DRC released Secure Browser 9.1 for all users running MacOS to resolve the MacOS 10.14 issue. Additional information about this release is available in the Tech Bulletin — DRC Insight Secure Browser MacOS 9.1.0 located on the Technology Coordinator tile in the WIDA Secure Portal.

PREPARATION AND TRAINING

- ✓ **Quick Start Guides:** WIDA’s new [Preparing and Administering ACCESS for ELLs QuickStart Guide](#) and [Preparing Students QuickStart Guide](#). These guides are designed to help educators ensure students have a positive testing experience.

- ✓ **Training Completion:** Please confirm training participation by completing the ACCESS Verification of District Training Form.
- ✓ **Technology Readiness:** Confirm preparedness by using Technology-related resources, such as the Tech Readiness Checklist and the Technology User Guide are available in the Technology Coordinators tile in WIDA Secure Portal and in the General Information Documents under All Applications in WIDA AMS.

Questions may be directed to Mary Nesbit-McBride, Ph.D., Assessment Specialist, at mnesbit@doe.k12.ga.us or 404-232-1207.

GEORGIA ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT 2.0

Last month at the Georgia Test Director’s Meeting, STCs had the opportunity to ask Assessment staff key questions about the GAA 2.0. You may find the responses to these questions informative.

For students who require the eye gaze accommodation, can the answer choices be arranged from left to right?

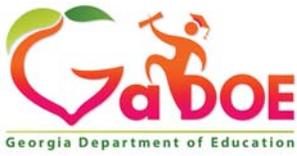
Examiners may cut student response options from the *Student Test Booklet* if the student has a disability-based need to do so. Examiners may arrange responses from left to right on the student’s work surface, beginning with response choice “A,” followed by choice “B” then “C.”

What resources are available for parents?

[The GAA 2.0 Parent Flyer](#) answers general questions about the assessment and identifies unique test features.

Who can administer the GAA 2.0?

Preferably, the special education teacher who provides daily instruction to the student should administer the test. All GAA 2.0 examiners must hold a valid GaPSC certificate and complete test administration and security training.



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Can an examiner return to a previous test item to obtain a student response after the student has answered a subsequent item?

No, test examiners must follow the script and proceed to the next test item. Test examiners should be certain to give students the appropriate amount of response time to indicate their answer.

How much time will examiners be given to review the test booklet prior to administration?

School Test Coordinators may sign out secure test materials to test examiners. During this time, examiners should identify what manipulative(s) will be needed for individual students to respond to tasks and prepare test materials. Only manipulatives used during daily instruction may be used on the test. Examiners must return secure test materials to the School Test Coordinator prior to leaving school. At no time may secure test materials be taken home or left in a classroom at the end of a day.

What will constitute an Irregularity on GAA 2.0?

Examiners must report all testing irregularities to their School Test Coordinator. Testing irregularities include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ Failure to follow the *Test Examiner Booklet* directions and script.
- ✓ Administering the GAA 2.0 to an ineligible student.
- ✓ Failure to enter student responses into Nextera in the presence of another certified educator.
- ✓ After reviewing GAA 2.0 tests, providing instruction related to test content prior to testing.
- ✓ Administering the test in a manner that cues the correct answer for the student.
- ✓ Discussing test content with anyone at any time.

Will School Test Coordinators have to assign examiners permissions necessary to enter student responses into Nextera?

Yes, School Test Coordinators will have to assign the appropriate permissions to examiners. To learn more

about Nextera, please attend the Nextera Test Set Up webinars on January 16 and 23, 2019.

How will School Test Coordinators keep track of material removed from test booklets?

All tasks and answer choices are sequentially coded, and test booklet pages are numbered to facilitate the timely collection and return of all secure test material.

What materials will examiners receive?

Examiners will receive one *Test Examiner Booklet* and one *Student Test Booklet* per student and content area. However, examiners will receive a single Student Response Document for each student that containing response fields for all content areas. Each *Student Test Booklet* will be accompanied with a plastic bag to store test material after testing.

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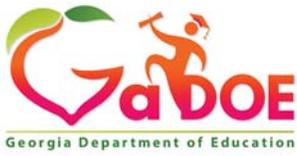
GEORGIA MILESTONES ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

GEORGIA ASSESSMENT AND TRAINING CALENDAR UPDATE

The Georgia Assessment and Training Calendar has been updated to include administration tasks for the Georgia Milestones assessments. These include the enrollment count, test set-up, and additional materials ordering windows. Please note these administration tasks will continue to be noted in the Assessment Update under [Key Assessment Tasks and Reminders](#).

PRACTICE OPTIONS FOR NEW GEORGIA MILESTONES TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED ITEM TYPES

Online testing has provided the ability to introduce innovative test items to the Georgia Milestones Assessments. These item types are referred to as Technology-Enhanced (TE) items because scoring logic can be programmed, and hand-scoring of student responses is not needed. For the Spring 2019 Milestones administration, additional TE item types will be field-tested. Practice opportunities are now available through



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[Experience Online Testing Georgia](#) and the Secure Practice Test without Response Transmission.

We recommend all students be given the opportunity to practice with these new item types prior to Georgia Milestones administration so they are familiar with how to respond to them.

[Experience Online Testing Georgia](#) has two options available for student practice and educator review. One is an update of the Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and High School practice tests; the other is a standalone demonstration of examples of new TE items spanning all EOG grade levels and EOC subjects. For the grade band practice tests, only new TE items relative to EOG or EOC content are included; the standalone practice test application includes an example of all TE items across grade bands. As with earlier versions of **Experience Online Testing Georgia**, these test practice applications are public-facing and generic logins are provided on the INSIGHT login page. The URL for **Experience Online Testing Georgia** — <http://www.gaexperienceonline.com/> — has not changed.

As in the past, the **Secure Practice Test without Response Transmission** is accessed by logging in to the INSIGHT testing client with generic, reusable logins available in the Documents section of eDIRECT. These practice opportunities are EOG grade- and EOC subject-specific and will include only examples of new TE items that the student may encounter when taking a Milestones assessment.

Score Descriptions for New TE Item Examples, Spring 2019 are posted on the [Georgia Milestones Training Videos](#) website as well as in the Documents section of eDIRECT and should be used to supplement planning for the guided practice session. This resource contains screenshots of new TE items in the order they appear in the standalone TE Items test practice in **Experience Online Testing Georgia** with screenshots of correct responses. There is also a table included providing item

positions in the **Experience Online Testing Georgia** grade band practice test and in the **Secure Practice Testing without Response Transmission**. Additional guidance and resources for introducing students to the new TE item types will be provided in future training sessions and assessment updates.

GEORGIA MILESTONES TRAINING VIDEOS AND GUIDES

A variety of Quick Start training videos and guides are available that give a quick overview of a training topic and can be shared with test coordinators and examiners. The videos offer step-by-step instructions on a single task, so learners can quickly receive just enough support for a topic. The guides allow learners to have a review document right at their desks as an aid as they do their work. These resources can be found at the following link. <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Georgia-Milestones-Presentations.aspx>

Videos and Guides are available for the following topics:

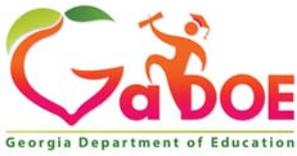
- ✓ eDIRECT: Accommodations
- ✓ eDIRECT: Monitor Student Progress
- ✓ eDIRECT: Report Delivery
- ✓ eDIRECT: Student Setup
- ✓ eDIRECT: Test Sessions
- ✓ Multiple Student Upload
- ✓ Student Test Tutorial
- ✓ Test Examiner Training
- ✓ Test Irregularity Form
- ✓ Testing Irregularities

STUDENT ANSWER DOCUMENT TRANSCRIPTION GUIDANCE

It is highly recommended that STCs review Scribing Procedures found in the [Student Assessment Handbook](#) beginning on page 86.

All responses for students requiring a paper answer document must be transcribed by GaPSC-certified and trained personnel into an online form.

The *Validation Form for Transcription of Answer Documents* must be completed and signed for each



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transcribed *Student Answer Document*. These documents should be filed and maintained locally. A revised version of the form may be found in the *Student Assessment Handbook*.

Questions may be directed to the Georgia Milestones Assessment Specialist team:

- Taiesha Adams, Ed.D., Assessment Specialist, at taadams@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-656-5975
- Joe Blessing, Assessment Specialist, at jblessing@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-232-1208
- Robert McLeod, Ed.D., Assessment Specialist, at rmcleod@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-656-2589

NAEP/NCES

All 2019 sample schools should have received their list of selected students on Monday, December 3. School Coordinators will need to update the lunch status variable for all students as this information was not available when the state file was submitted in November. There is a letter from the U.S. Department of Education on the school's MyNAEP page which authorizes the release of this information for NAEP. In addition, School Coordinators will now work mainly with their field staff representative to plan the assessment logistics, including the amount of space needed for student test environments.

Questions may be directed to Bobbie Bable, Assessment Specialist, at bbable@doe.k12.ga.us or 404-657-6168.

GKIDS AND GKIDS READINESS CHECK

System and School Test Coordinators should work with school-level kindergarten teachers in loading performance data for all kindergarten students. A mid-year datafile will be available in mid-January. The mid-year checkpoint is noted as January 14, 2019 on the [Georgia Assessment and Training Calendar](#).

Questions may be directed to Bobbie Bable, Assessment Specialist, at bbable@doe.k12.ga.us or 404-657-6168.

KEENVILLE

More new games will become available in spring 2019. Stay tuned!

Questions may be directed to Jan Reyes, Ed.D., Director, Assessment Development, at jreyes@doe.k12.ga.us or 404-463-6665.

GOFAR/TESTPAD UPDATE

Questions regarding GOFAR training and content may be directed to Joe Blessing, Assessment Specialist at jblessing@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-232-1208.

Questions regarding technical setup of TestPad can be directed to SLDS Support at slds@doe.k12.ga.us.

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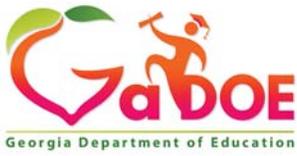
GAA PARTICIPATION APPLICATION

The annual GAA survey has been replaced by the GAA Participation Application. The application will be available in December and will be found within the CCRPI flyout menu in the MyGaDOE portal. District assessment directors, with support from special education directors, need to complete the application by **4 p.m. on January 17, 2019**.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) places a 1.0 percent statewide cap on student participation in alternate assessments. ESSA requires that the GaDOE:

- determine whether the state has exceeded the cap,
- identify which districts exceeded 1.0 percent,
- to make district justifications for exceeding 1.0 percent available publicly, and
- provide technical assistance and supports to districts that exceed 1.0 percent.

District completion of the GAA Participation Application provides the GaDOE the necessary data and information to meet these requirements.



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All districts are required to complete the application. Since the application is new, be sure to read the user guide in its entirety. Please share this information with your district's accountability point of contact if you do

not also serve in that capacity. If you have questions about how to complete the application, contact the [accountability specialist](#) assigned to work with your district.

KEY TRAINING DATES FOR DECEMBER 2018/JANUARY 2019

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

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Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
1/11/2019	Assessment Lunch and Learn	12 – 1 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1979830506422006274

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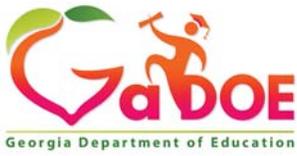
Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
12/5/2018	WIDA Webinar: Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Administration	2 – 3 p.m. ET	https://www.wida.us
12/6/2018	WIDA Webinar: Managing Test Sessions (Online)	12 – 1 p.m. ET	https://www.wida.us
12/11/2018	WIDA Webinar: Managing Students (Paper)	3 – 4 p.m. ET	https://www.wida.us
1/23/2019	WIDA Webinar: During Testing- Managing Test Materials (Paper)	3 – 4 p.m. ET	https://www.wida.us
1/31/2019	WIDA Webinar: Post-Testing – Returning materials (Paper) REVISED BY WIDA	3 – 4 p.m. ET	https://www.wida.us

GAA 2.0

Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
1/16/2019	GAA 2.0 Nextera Platform Training	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5461539632601737473
1/23/2019	GAA 2.0 Nextera Platform Training – Live Repeat	1 – 3 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9062699698312369153

Georgia Milestones

Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
1/8/2019	eDIRECT Enrollment Count Training	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4461503017103521026
1/10/2019	eDIRECT Enrollment Count Training – Live Repeat	1 – 3 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7003979620312293890



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KEY ASSESSMENT TASKS AND REMINDERS

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
12/6/2018	WIDA AMS Test Setup Available for Test Sessions
1/7/2019	Districts Receive Test Materials
1/7/2019	Additional Test Material Ordering Window Opens in AMS
1/16/2019 – 3/8/2019	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Administration Window

GAA 2.0

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
1/2018	Additional Material Order Window
3/25/2019 – 5/3/2019	Spring 2019 Test Administration Window

Georgia Milestones

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
1/2/2019 – 3/28/2019	EOC Spring Mid-Month eDIRECT Test Setup
1/7/2019 – 1/18/2019	eDIRECT Enrollment Window Spring 2019 EOC and EOG
1/14/2019 – 1/25/2019	End of Course Mid-Month Administration

NAEP

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
12/3/2018	Sampled schools will receive its list of students selected for testing.
Must be completed prior to Winter Break	Tasks completed through the MyNAEP platform. See NAEP article.
1/28/2019 – 3/8/2019	NAEP Test Administration Window