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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.

Important Note:

The 2019-2020 State Assessment Window for Georgia Milestones assessments has been posted to the [Online Georgia Assessment and Training Calendar](#).

Start Date	End Date	Administration
8/5/2019	8/23/2019	EOC August Mid-Month
9/9/2019	9/20/2019	EOC September Mid-Month
10/7/2019	10/18/2019	EOC October Mid-Month
11/4/2019	11/15/2019	EOC November Mid-Month
11/18/2019	1/8/2020	EOC Winter Main
1/13/2020	1/24/2020	EOC January Mid-Month
2/10/2020	2/21/2020	EOC February Mid-Month
3/9/2020	3/20/2020	EOC March Mid-Month
4/6/2020	5/15/2020	EOG Spring Main
4/20/2020	5/29/2020	EOC Spring Main
5/11/2020	7/17/2020	EOG Summer Retest
6/15/2020	7/17/2020	EOC Summer Admin

Remaining assessment windows for other state-mandated assessments will be posted in the Online Georgia Assessment and Training Calendar as those dates are approved.



[Online Georgia Assessment and Training Calendar](#)



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Test Development

Thank you again to all districts who nominated educators for the upcoming Georgia Milestones and GAA 2.0 test development meetings. All nominees were recently asked to submit an application for participation. GaDOE is in the process of reviewing these applications and selecting participants.

Meeting invitations will be sent on a rolling basis, throughout March and April, and specific meeting details will be provided at that time. Invited educators must confirm acceptance of the invitation and will be provided instructions to do so. In the event an educator declines an invitation, does not respond, or cancels prior to the meeting, an alternate will be selected from the applicant pool. **Please note** that invitations will be sent from the meeting planning platform (CVENT). Educators may need to check their Clutter, Junk, and/or Spam folders, as these emails will occasionally be received in those folders.

Meeting Dates:

- Georgia Milestones
 - Rangefinding: June 3-7
 - Item & Data Review: July 15-19
- Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) 2.0
 - Content & Bias Review: June 10-13
 - Standard Setting: July 8-12

Should you have questions about test development, please contact Jan Reyes, Ed.D., Director of Assessment Development, at jreyes@doe.k12.ga.us or 404-463-6665.

ACCESS For ELLs 2.0

STCs must ensure that accurate and complete information is bubbled on student's booklets. The use of inaccurate or incorrect information on student booklets can result in late reporting or no student results. All secure test material must be shipped to DRC by March 15. Remember, as soon as most of your students have completed their tests, you may return them to DRC. You only need to keep a package of secure materials needed to use for any new students or makeup administrations that might occur before the close of your window.

Verification Steps

For District/School Labels Only: Verify that the District, School, First Name, GTID, Birth Date, and Grade match the data in WIDA AMS.

For Pre-ID Labels: If the information on a Pre-ID label is incorrect, you may still use the label; however, you must update the student's information in WIDA AMS Student Management.

Do Not Process Label: Apply this label when a test booklet should not be processed. Place this label over the District/School label.

Documenting Missing Materials

System and School Test Coordinators must verify that every secure document is being returned to DRC. Please use the appropriate school or district Security Checklist inventory for all secure documents and verify that they are being returned; used or unused.

If there are any missing materials, the district or school, the STC must complete the Accountability Form. To locate this form, go to **Materials > Accountability Form**, and select the school where the material discrepancy was identified. Below the list of materials, enter the secure barcode of the missing material and explain the discrepancy.

Data Validation

The Pre-Reporting Data Validation Window extends from April 8-19.

During Data Validation, it is imperative that any students assigned to **the District-Level Additional Orders Only Site** be reassigned to their home school. The **District-Level Additional Orders Only Site** was added to WIDA AMS to allow additional materials to be ordered at the district-level. In some cases, administrators may have added and tested students at this site in WIDA AMS.

In WIDA AMS Data Validation, please follow this process to determine if students need to be reassigned to the home school.

Within WIDA AMS Student Management, Data Validation:

1. Select the administration, district, and the school:
 - _District-Level Additional Orders Only Site.

2. Leave the grade set to All and click Show Students. No records should display.
3. If records do display, the students need to be moved to their home school.
4. Click on the action icon, adjust the school using the drop-down, and click Save.

The Data Validation process is designed to identify student demographic, accommodation, and test result records that could potentially contain errors, as well as provide the opportunity for corrective action before reporting.

Reports are generated following the close of the Data Validation Window. **After the close of your Data Validation Window, districts and schools WILL NOT have another opportunity to edit student data prior to reports being printed or posted to WIDA AMS.**

STCs should review the Data Validation Tutorial and WIDA AMS User Guide Supplement for Data Validation posted in the ACCESS for ELLs Training Course in WIDA AMS. These resources identify the tasks that STCs must complete during this reporting phase.

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

During the recent webinar training sessions of the GAA 2.0 Pre-Administration and Nextera Test Setup webinars on February 25 and 27, educators learned more about the roles and responsibilities of STCs, School Test Coordinators, and examiners before, during, and after testing.

Training

STCs must ensure all personnel interacting with GAA 2.0 materials have been trained in the proper test administration and security procedures as communicated by the GaDOE. It is essential that questions regarding key components of this assessment program be directed to Mary Nesbit-McBride, Assessment Specialist.

Secure Material

GAA 2.0 Examiners must hold a valid GaPSC certificate and complete the proper assessment trainings before handling secure test materials. Examiners are expected to follow the script found in the **Test Examiner Booklet**.

Examiners can preview test material in order to prepare for individual test sessions. However, the following activities are prohibited:

- Revealing information from passages, tasks, or script.
- Copying information from passages, tasks, or script.
- Interpreting test items for students.
- Changing or interfering with student responses.

Examiners must return all secure test materials to the School Test Coordinator. School Test Coordinators must place these documents in a secure, locked location following preview opportunities and test administration sessions. Test materials may not remain outside of the designated area overnight.

During test administration, examiners must record the student's answers to test questions on the **Student Response Document**. Examiners must input the student's responses into the Nextera online platform in front of another GaPSC-certified educator. The Test Examiner and the witness must sign the *Validation Form for Transcription of Answer Documents*. The Validation Form for Transcription of Answer Documents can be found in the *GaDOE Student Assessment Handbook*.

Accessibility

The GAA 2.0 administration procedures are designed to facilitate a student's ability access assessment tasks. For example, students may use the manipulatives they use during daily instruction if these objects do not compromise the integrity of the assessment or cue an answer.

The provision of accommodations must be based on what students use during daily instruction. Test examiners should become familiar with test materials and consider the unique needs of their students when preparing for test administration. A complete list of allowable accommodations is provided in the *Accommodations Manual* and *Student Assessment Handbook*.

Scheduling

Districts may use the entire window to complete their test administrations and enter student information to Nextera. Examiners may choose the order in which they administer content area tests to students. However, tasks must be administered sequentially. This is an untimed assessment.

The Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0 (GAA 2.0) window opens on March 25.

Training Opportunities

GAA 2.0 FAQ: SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER TRAINING

Target Audience: STCs, School Test Coordinators, Special Education Directors, and examiners. Portions of this training may be redelivered locally to test examiners.

Purpose: This session will review informational responses to questions regarding the GAA 2.0 and are intended to help clarify some administration processes.

Dates: March 4 and 6.

Questions regarding GAA 2.0 may be directed to Mary Nesbit-McBride, Ph.D., Assessment Specialist, at mnesbit@doe.k12.ga.us or 404-232-1207.

Georgia Milestones Assessment System

System Test Requirements

Updated System Technical Requirements have been posted to the Downloads tab within eDIRECT. This version is effective through June 2019. A PDF copy is also available on the Documents tab, replacing the previous document.

These requirements are intended to support your technical decisions when planning for the 2019-2020 online testing cycle. Please remember that the current requirements (10/1/2018) will be supported through the remainder of the 2018-2019 testing cycle.

Spring Pre-Administration Training Resources

As STCs plan for spring test administration in your districts, we offer several resources for redelivery of the pre-administration training. All of these resources can be found on the Quick Start Guides and Videos page.

http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Milestones_Training.aspx

SCHOOL TEST COORDINATOR

Quick Start Guides and Videos

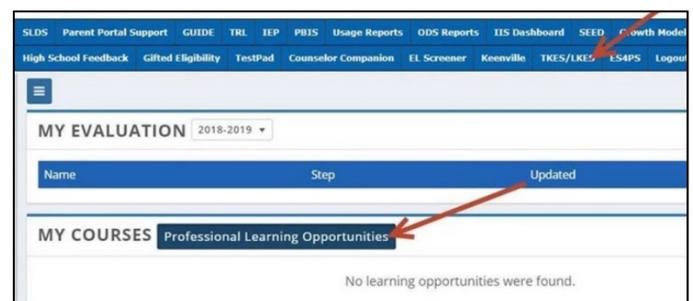
Numerous resources including videos, Quick Start Guides and PowerPoint slide shows are available to give test coordinators resources for learning the necessary requirements for Georgia Milestones testing. These resources are designed to give focused learning about a specific subject and simplify redelivery of assessment training.

School Test Coordinator Redelivery Training PowerPoint

A PowerPoint slide deck that includes content relevant to school test coordinators is available on the Quick Start Guides and Training Videos page. This presentation includes relevant slides from the STC pre-administration training and the Test Examiner training. Districts can add district-level slides to complete a presentation catered specifically for your schools.

School Test Coordinator Online Moodle Course

An online Moodle course is available that takes school test coordinators through requirements before, during and after Georgia Milestones testing. This course includes videos, manuals, and Quick Start guides that are needed to learn the procedures, guidelines, and technical knowledge needed to administer Georgia Milestones. There is a quiz at the end of the course to evaluate learning. Participants who receive a 100% on the quiz can print out a certificate of completion. The online course is found in the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) under Professional Learning Opportunities on the TKES tab. A Quick Start guide on how to access the course can be found on the Quick Start Guides and Training page.



TEST EXAMINER

School Test Examiner Training PowerPoint and Video

This presentation is designed to work with district training for school test examiners. Included is a PowerPoint slide deck with a script that school test coordinators can use as they redeliver training to their test examiners. Districts can add slides to include local requirements and guidance.

Also included is a video of the presentation. Districts can present the video as a part of training or ask examiners to watch before school-based training.

GNETS Program Administrations

Each program in the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) sets its own testing dates for Georgia Milestones assessments within the state test administration window. Because students' test results must report to the home school system, GNETS programs should coordinate with the systems they serve to develop procedures for setting up online test sessions and securely gaining access to student login information. Preparation for testing will also include installing Central Office Services to a network server and the INSIGHT testing client to student testing devices that are in the GNETS facility.

Thoughts to consider:

- The home System/School Test Coordinator adds students in eDIRECT and schedules the test sessions.
- The STC securely provides the GNETS Test Coordinator with student *Test Tickets* for the EOG and/or EOC assessments.

OR

- The STC creates a district-level account in eDIRECT for the GNETS Test Coordinator and assigns permission to View/Print *Test Tickets*. The GNETS Test Coordinator is then able to print *Test Tickets* on site. **This is done with the understanding that the GNETS Test Coordinator is then able to view and print *Test Tickets* for any student in any school in the system for which rights are granted.**
- Students take the EOG or EOC assessments at the GNETS testing site.
- Students results will be scored and then reported to the home system.

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

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

NAEP/NCES

The NAEP window ends March 8. There were 429 Georgia schools in the sample whose 4th, 8th, or 12th grade students were a part of the 2019 testing. State results for the 4th and 8th grades will be available later this year.

There are 21 Georgia schools whose 4th or 8th grade students will be tested as a part of the 2019 Trends in International mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS). TIMSS is a tablet-based assessment of 4th and 8th graders in more than 60 countries which assess knowledge and skills in mathematics and science. The assessment window is April 30th through May 31st, and results will be available in 2020.

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

GKIDS and GKIDS Readiness Check**GKIDS 1.0**

Teachers should be reminded that the end-of-year summary reports will reflect data entered through May 13th. Teachers should continue to update student performance as close to the end of the school year as possible to obtain an individual student report for all enrolled kindergarten students. The GKIDS 1.0 platform will close June 10th, and the GKIDS 2.0 platform will be available in July.

GKIDS 2.0

An **Overview of GKIDS 2.0** webinar was delivered in February for system and school leaders. Additional training opportunities are available, as described below. STCs must ensure that all kindergarten teachers have

received training prior to the administration of GKIDS 2.0.

GKIDS 2.0: TRAIN-THE-TRAINER SESSION

Target Audience: District or school leaders responsible for redelivery of training to kindergarten teachers

Purpose: This session will highlight key messages about GKIDS 2.0 and discuss options for the implementation of digital training modules for redelivery of training to kindergarten teachers.

Dates: March 7 and 12.

INTRODUCTION TO GKIDS 2.0 DATA COLLECTION PLATFORM

Target Audience: District and/or school leaders responsible for uploading student rosters or monitoring/accessing GKIDS 2.0 reports

Purpose: This session will provide a high-level overview of the functionality of the new GKIDS 2.0 platform. Key changes from the existing platform will be highlighted, along with a preview of resources available to aid in the transition to the new platform. Responsibilities of district level staff related to rosters, accounts, access, and support for schools and teachers will be discussed.

Dates: May 7 and 16

ONLINE MODULES FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS

The GaDOE will provide online training modules for use in redelivery of GKIDS 2.0 training to kindergarten teachers. The modules will be available **via the SLDS in early May**. Districts/schools will have the flexibility to determine the best approach for redelivery via the online modules. Considerations for redelivery will be discussed in the Train-the-Trainer session.

GKIDS 2.0 PRE-ADMINISTRATION WEBINAR

Target Audience: STC

Purpose: This session will provide general reminders related to the administration of GKIDS Readiness Check and GKIDS 2.0.

Dates: July 30 and August 15

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

Keenville

Questions may be directed to Lisa Hardman, Assessment Specialist, at lhardman@doe.k12.ga.us or 404-651-9405.

GOFAR/TestPad Update

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

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

Formative Instructional Practices (FIP)

Questions or assistance with FIP may be directed to Kelli Harris-Wright, Assessment Specialist, at kharris-wright@doe.k12.ga.us or 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 March-May 2019

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

Assessment Training

Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
3/8/2019	Assessment Lunch and Learn	12 – 1 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5597514032874802178

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
4/17/2019	WIDA Webinar: Post-Testing: Interpreting Score Reports	12 – 1 p.m. ET	https://www.wida.us
4/23/2019	WIDA Webinar: Post-Testing: Data Validation	12 – 1 p.m. ET	https://www.wida.us

GAA 2.0

Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
3/4/2019	GAA 2.0 FAQ Session: Supplemental Test Examiner Training	9 – 11 a.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2635608933457100811
3/6/2019	GAA 2.0 FAQ Session: Supplemental Test Examiner Training– Live Repeat	2:30 – 4 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7205156168750085634

GKIDS

Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
3/7/2019	GKIDS 2.0 Train the Trainer	9 – 10:30 a.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3283577522679865100
3/12/2019	GKIDS 2.0 Train the Trainer – Live Repeat	1 – 2:30 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2827387949292409356
5/7/2019	Introduction to GKIDS 2.0 Data Collection Platform	1 – 2:30 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/775483747583378956
5/16/2019	Introduction to GKIDS 2.0 Data Collection Platform – Live Repeat	9 – 10:30 a.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2779128184926191372

Georgia Milestones

Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
3/5/2019	Spring/Summer 2019 EOC & EOG Online Test Set-Up Training	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6369493241379414018
3/7/2019	Spring/Summer 2019 EOC & EOG Online Test Set-Up Training – Live Repeat	1 – 3 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1269746106010175746

Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
5/28/2019	EOG/EOC Post-Assessment Training	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1736136948280223490

Key Assessment Tasks and Reminders

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
3/8/2019	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Test Administration Window Closes
3/15/2019	All test materials must be returned to DRC
4/8/2019 – 4/19/2019	Pre-Reporting Data Validation Window
5/13/2019	Districts receive reports (online)
5/17/2019	Districts receive reports (printed)
5/13/2019 – 5/24/2019	Post Validation Window

GAA 2.0

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
2/11/2019	Receive District logins – Begin Nextera Installation
2/27/2019	Begin Nextera Test Set-Up
3/6/2019	Materials received in districts
3/6/2019	Additional Material Order Window Opens
3/25/2019 – 5/3/2019	GAA 2.0 Spring 2019 Test Administration Window

GKIDS

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
5/13/2019	GKIDS Window Closed/End of Year Data Due

Georgia Milestones

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
1/2/2019 – 3/28/2019	EOC Spring Mid-Month eDIRECT Test Setup
3/6/2019 – 5/24/2019	EOG Test Setup Window
3/6/2019 – 6/7/2019	EOC Test Setup Window
3/25/2019 – 5/16/2019	EOG Additional Materials Window
4/8/2019 – 5/30/2019	EOC Additional Materials Window
4/8/2019 – 4/19/2019	EOC Summer 2019 Enrollment Count Window
4/8/2019 – 5/17/2019	EOG Spring 2019 Administration Window
4/22/2019 – 7/18/2019	EOG Summer 2019 Retest Additional Materials Window
4/22/2019 – 7/19/2019	EOG Summer Retest Test Setup
4/22/2019 – 5/31/2019	EOC Spring 2019 Administration Window
5/13/2019 – 7/19/2019	EOG Summer Retest Administration (grade 3, 5, and 8)
5/20/2019 – 7/19/2019	EOC Summer 2019 Test Setup Window
6/3/2019 – 7/18/2019	EOC Summer Administration Additional Materials Window
6/17/2019 – 7/19/2019	EOC Summer 2019 Administration

NAEP

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
1/28/2019 – 3/8/2019	NAEP Test Administration Window
4/1/2019 – 5/31/2019	TIMSS Administration Window