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2018-2019 ALLOWABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND ENGLISH LEARNERS CHARTS

The [2018-2019 Allowable Accommodations for Students with Disabilities and English Learners Charts](#) have been posted to the Testing/Assessment webpage.

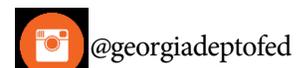
The Allowable Accommodations Chart for Students with Disabilities identifies the accommodations that are allowable for Georgia's newest assessment, GAA 2.0, and reflects Georgia's transition from paper-based test administration mode to an online mode for Georgia Milestones assessments. System Test Coordinators should work with Special Education Directors to ensure that educators within their districts are aware of these changes.

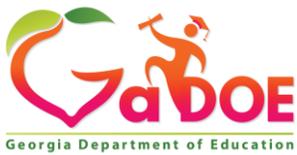
Additionally, the *Student Assessment Handbook* has been updated to include the 2018-2019 Allowable Accommodations for Students with Disabilities and English Learners Charts. System Test Coordinators may review the change in the *Student Assessment Handbook* found on the For Educators Quick Link.

More detailed information regarding accommodations and accessibility will be shared during the Fall Assessment Conference Part 3.



[Online Georgia Assessment and Training Calendar](#)





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ACCESS FOR ELLS 2.0

Veteran System Test Coordinators will recognize that the WIDA website has been restructured. WIDA published the Secure Portal User Guide to help you quickly navigate to the most frequently used resources. This document is also available in the Download Library. New System Test Coordinators can use the information contained in the WIDA Account Creation Flyer to obtain a WIDA Secure account and a WIDA AMS account.

WIDA will also post webinar recordings approximately a week after the live sessions. You can use the following steps to quickly access the WIDA training schedule and recordings on the updated website:

1. Go to portal.wida.us.
2. Login with your WIDA Secure Portal account.
3. On the My Account & Secure Portal page, click on the gray tile labeled 'Download Library'.
4. Scroll down a little bit and the link for the webinar schedule is in the middle column under the header ACCESS Webinars.
5. The recordings are right below those. Currently none of the new recordings have been posted on the WIDA site.

This year, tiers on ACCESS for ELLs Paper will be consolidated from Tiers A, B, and C to Tiers A and B/C. This consolidation of Tiers B and C will affect the Listening and Reading domains. To help teachers with this change and help them place students in the correct tier for the upcoming year, WIDA has developed [tier placement guidance](#) to reflect these updates. Additionally, all training materials will be updated to reflect this change for the coming year. Please note that ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Online is not impacted by the consolidation.

GEORGIA MILESTONES AND ACCESS FOR ELLS 2.0 TECHNOLOGY UPDATES AND RESOURCES

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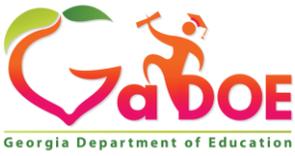
Resources for the implementation of Central Office Services include:

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- DRC Supported System Requirements:
http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Documents/Milestones/Technology/DRC_INSIGHT_System_Requirements_2018_Q2.pdf

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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 COS for both programs.

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



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GEORGIA ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT 2.0

GAA 2.0 TEST DESIGN

The GAA 2.0 Test Blueprints were developed through a series of educator meetings and communicate the structure of the assessment. These documents outline the claims that describe what students should know and be able to do by grade and content area, including the relative proportional weighting of each claim. The blueprints also provide targets that describe specific skills in the prioritized content standards.

Educators' input, best practices, and Georgia's test development experience informed the overall structure of and key features of this assessment, including the following:

Structure

- Discrete tasks developed for each grade and content area.
- Tasks written to three (3) levels of complexity, starting with the least complex part and increasing in complexity. Most students should be able to engage with and respond to at least one part of each task.
- A scenario or passage is provided at the beginning of each task and serves as an introduction.

Features

- Use of scenarios to engage student interest and activate background knowledge
- Large, simple graphics
- Accessible font size
- Short, simple sentences
- Avoids extraneous wording
- Use of common proper nouns (names)
- Directive questions

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](#).

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

GKIDS AND GKIDS READINESS CHECK

Pre-administration training for GKIDS and the GKIDS Readiness Check was completed in August. The sessions were recorded, and registration links remain active for those who were unable to attend. Registration links can be found in the Key Training Dates section of the July and August newsletters.

Kindergarten teachers should 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.

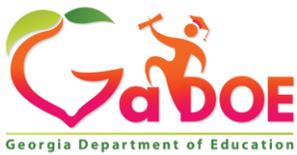
Districts who have elected to use the Roster Upload Option for uploading their student lists should use the End of Grade (EOG)/End of Course (EOC) file layout that is located on the GKIDS platform under Roster Upload. Teachers must select the students for their class rosters once the district upload is completed. The GKIDS Readiness Check is required and must be completed by the end of the first 30 days of your district's school year. Teachers will not be able to access the Readiness Check menu beyond the 30-day window.

COMING SOON!! GKIDS 2.0 will be launched statewide for the 2019-2020 school year. Training for district and school leaders will begin in winter 2019, followed by training for kindergarten teachers in spring 2019. Watch this newsletter for updates!

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

KEENVILLE

Are you ready to meet the Keens? Keenville, a game-based formative assessment for first and second grade, will be available for statewide use in mid-September. Teachers and students will access Keenville via the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS). In Keenville,



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students will engage in challenges aligned to the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) for English language arts and mathematics.

The following resources can be found under the Keenville Resources link at keenville.gadoe.org:

- *Keenville User Guide*
- Pre-recorded *Introduction to Keenville* webinar for teachers
- Presentation file and link to recorded *Introduction to Keenville/Fall 2018 Lexile & Quantile Linking Study* webinar for System Test Coordinators
 - Note: A sample of schools were selected for the Lexile & Quantile Linking Study; however, Keenville is available for all districts.

A second phase of Keenville games will be piloted this fall, for release in Spring 2019. Stay tuned for updates!

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

GEORGIA MILESTONES ASSESSMENTS

GEORGIA MILESTONES SCHEDULING FLEXIBILITY REVIEW

Due to the implementation of 100% of students testing online for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year, additional scheduling flexibility is 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 schools 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 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 schools 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 of a test must be completed on the same day or on consecutive days during the same week

Important: Due to the offering of scheduling flexibility for the Georgia Milestones assessments, a survey will be sent to System Test Coordinators on September 17, 2018 requesting district and charter system expectations for specific testing dates and projected student test-takers for the Spring EOG and EOC administrations.

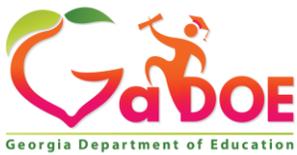
This information will be used to determine appropriate and reasonable scoring and reporting timelines. The dates entered should be as close to final testing dates as possible. Should a change be necessary, the regularly scheduled Spring EOC/EOG Enrollment Count Window (1/8-19/2019) will allow for adjustments to be made in dates for the window. Please remember that date ranges are no longer acceptable and specific expected testing dates should be entered into the survey as well as when making adjustments during the enrollment count window.

UPDATED GEORGIA MILESTONES RESOURCES

The following Georgia Milestones resources for English language arts and mathematics have been updated for the 2018-2019 school year:

Assessment Guides are provided to acquaint Georgia educators and other stakeholders with the structure of and content assessed on the Georgia Milestones assessments.

Study/Resource Guides are intended to serve as a resource for parents and students. They contain practice questions and learning activities for each content area. The standards identified in the Study/Resource Guides address a sampling of the state-mandated content standards.



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Item and Scoring Samplers provide examples of the types of constructed-response items that appear on the Georgia Milestones English language arts and mathematics assessments.

- Additional annotated student responses have been added to existing sample items to better depict the range of student responses that align to each score point.
- A new Reading & Evidence-Based Writing (REBW) section has been added. This section includes a full set of passages and items, with rubrics and annotated student responses, from a previous Georgia Milestones administration.
 - An Item and Scoring Sampler Supplement is also provided to accompany each sampler. The supplement includes only the passage and items sets from the REBW section, allowing teachers to easily print the sets for classroom use.

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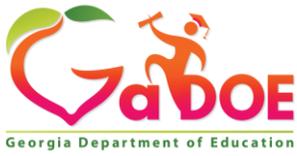
Questions may be directed to the Georgia Milestones team:

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- Robert McLeod, Ed.D., Assessment Specialist
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NAEP – SAMPLED SCHOOLS ONLY

Participation notifications and assessment dates have been sent to the principals of the schools that are part of the 2019 sample. School coordinators have received their school registration ID and instructions to register at www.mynaep.com where they will receive all updates related to the 2019 assessment and complete the required tasks. The first deliverable is to complete the Provide School Information form by September 14.

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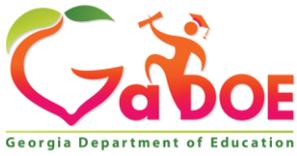
KEY TRAINING DATES FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

Fall Assessment Conferences

Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
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
10/12/2018	Assessment Lunch and Learn	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/472802485996790530

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
9/18/2018	WIDA Webinar: Welcome Back: What's New This Year?	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET	https://wida.wisc.edu/
9/19/2018	Welcome Back: New WIDA Website Walkthrough	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm ET	https://wida.wisc.edu/
9/19/2018	Georgia-Specific Guidance for ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 and Alternate ACCESS	10:00 am – 12:00 pm ET	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1821573400071245314
9/25/2018	WIDA Webinar: Pre-Testing: Training	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm ET	https://wida.wisc.edu/
9/27/2018	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Pre-Administration	9:00 am – 10:30 am ET	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4763778556486263043



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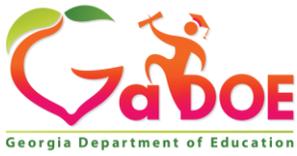
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10/4/2018	Alt ACCESS Pre-Administration	10:00 am – 11:30 am ET	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/631767679837915395
10/17/2018	WIDA Webinar: Pre-Testing – ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 for New District Test Coordinators	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET	https://wida.wisc.edu/
10/18/2018	WIDA Webinar: Pre-Testing – Scheduling	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm ET	https://wida.wisc.edu/

Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0

Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
10/22/2018	GAA 2.0 – Orientation to the New Assessment; Nextera Online Platform	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/38239207147255811
10/24/2018	GAA 2.0 – Orientation to the new assessment; Nextera online platform – <i>LIVE Repeat</i>	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8065496524609641731

Georgia Milestones

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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://register.gotowebinar.com/register/979773003912609794
10/16/2018	End of Course Winter 2018/Spring 2019 Mid-Month Pre-Administration	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9173692094890938882
10/18/2018	End of Course Winter 2018/Spring 2019 Mid-Month Pre-Administration – <i>LIVE Repeat</i>	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/494319928552775170
10/23/2018	End of Course Winter 2018/Spring 2019 Mid-Month Online Test Set-Up	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7949176990153120002



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10/25/2018	End of Course Winter 2018/Spring 2019 Mid-Month Online Test Set-Up – <i>LIVE Repeat</i>	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5201184071526995970

NAEP – Sampled Schools Only

Date	Title	Time	Meeting Link
10/2/2018	NAEP Pre-Administration Training	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6419059225544156418
10/4/2018	NAEP Pre-Administration Training – <i>LIVE Repeat</i>	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2667741055851531266

KEY ASSESSMENT TASKS AND REMINDERS

Georgia Milestones

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
9/10-21/2018	EOC September Mid-Month Administration Window
10/1-31/2018	Secure Practice Test with Response Transmission (COS Checkpoint)
10/9-19/2018	End of Course Mid-Month Administration (including Retests)
10/31/2018	End of Course winter Online Test Set-Up Available

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

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

NAEP – Sampled Schools Only

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
9/14/2018	School Information Form Due