



Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0

ELA Grade 8

Assessment Blueprint

Claim/Target	Standards Assessed	Weight
Students comprehend text in increasingly complex ways.		50%
Target 1: Analyze and draw inferences from the text, citing textual evidence as support.	ELAGSE8.RL.1	10%
	ELAGSE8.RI.1	10%
Target 2: Determine a theme or central idea of a text, analyze its development over the course of the text, and summarize the text.	ELAGSE8.RL.2	10%
	ELAGSE8.RI.2	10%
Target 3: Analyze how dialogue or events in a story/drama propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision.	ELAGSE8.RL.3	10%
Students produce writing for a range of purposes and audiences.		20%
Target 1: Write informative/explanatory texts.	ELAGSE8.W.2	10%
Target 2: Write narratives about experiences or events.	ELAGSE8.W.3	10%
Students demonstrate an understanding of the function and meaning of language.		30%
Target 1: Use context to determine the meaning of words and phrases.	ELAGSE8.L.4a	10%
Target 2: Use reference materials to determine a word's pronunciation, meaning, and/or part of speech.	ELGSE8.L.4c	10%
Target 3: Demonstrate an understanding of words by using word relationships (e.g., antonym/synonym, analogy, cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).	ELAGSE8.L.5b	10%



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Claim/Target	Standards Assessed	Weight
Students demonstrate increasingly complex understanding of number sense.		20%
Target 1: Understand that there are numbers that are not rational, and approximate them by rational numbers.	MGSE8.NS.1	10%
	MGSE8.NS.2	10%
Students demonstrate increasingly complex spatial reasoning and understanding of geometric principles.		20%
Target 1: Understand congruence and similarity of two-dimensional figures through transformations in the coordinate plane.	MGSE8.G.1	10%
	MGSE8.G.2	10%
Students demonstrate increasingly complex understanding of measurement, data, and analytic procedures.		20%
Target 1: Represent, interpret, summarize, or draw inferences from data displays.	MGSE8.SP.1	10%
	MGSE8.SP.2	10%
Students solve increasingly complex mathematical problems using algebraic thinking.		40%
Target 1: Work with radicals and solve linear equations.	MGSE8.EE.2	10%
	MGSE8.EE.7b	10%
Target 2: Understand and interpret functions.	MGSE8.F.1	10%
	MGSE8.F.3	10%



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Science Grade 8

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Students identify and describe the structure and properties of matter.		20%
Target 1: Develop and use a model to describe each state of matter.	S8P1b	10%
Target 2: Identify physical and chemical properties of matter and investigate their changes.	S8P1c	10%
Students describe energy transformations within a system.		20%
Target 1: Describe the factors that affect potential and kinetic energy, and investigate transformations between them within a system.	S8P2b	10%
Target 2: Investigate the effects of heat transfer.	S8P2d	10%
Students show an understanding of the relationships between force, mass, and motion of objects.		20%
Target 1: Identify the relationship between distance and speed and velocity and acceleration.	S8P3a	10%
Target 2: Use Newton's Laws to describe the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces on the motion of an object.	S8P3b	10%
Students explain why and how light waves behave differently than sound waves.		20%
Target 1: Describe the difference between a light and a sound wave and use a model to demonstrate the behavior of light and sound.	S8P4a	10%
Target 2: Develop and use a model to describe the relationship between wave properties and energy.	S8P4f	10%
Students use evidence to communicate information about gravity, electricity, and magnetism as major forces acting in nature.		20%
Target 1: Use evidence to support the claim that magnetic and electric fields exist between objects and exert forces on each other.	S8P5a	20%
Target 2: Use evidence to support the claim that gravitational fields exist between objects and exert forces on each other.		



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Social Studies Grade 8

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Students understand the connections between significant people, places, events, and government policies in the history of Georgia.		30%
Target 1: Explain the importance of key issues and events that led to the Civil War.	SS8H5a	10%
Target 2: Describe events leading to U.S. involvement in World War II.	SS8H9a	10%
Target 3: Describe the role of individuals, groups, and events in the Civil Rights Movement.	SS8H11b	10%
Students understand the geographic and economic characteristics of Georgia and its five regions.		20%
Target 1: Identify Georgia's location in the world.	SS8G1a	10%
Target 2: Distinguish among Georgia's five geographic regions.	SS8G1b	10%
Students understand civic responsibilities and processes that maintain the Georgia state government.		20%
Target 1: Examine the rights and responsibilities of Georgia citizens.	SS8CG1c	10%
Target 2: Explain the rights of juveniles in the justice system.	SS8CG5b	10%
Students understand the interaction of economic concepts.		30%
Target 1: Explain the reasons for a household budget.	SS8E3b	10%
Target 2: Explain the role of income in personal finance, the reasons for savings, and the benefits of savings.	SS8E3a	10%
	SS8E3c	
Target 3: Describe the uses of debt and associated risks.	SS8E3d	10%