



GHSGT Update Bulletin

August 19, 2014

2014 – 2015 Calendar

Pre-Administration Webinars:

Aug. 19, 2014

Aug. 22, 2014

Materials Arrive:

Fall: Aug. 19-22, 2014

Winter: Oct. 20-24, 2014

Spring: March 2-6, 2015

Testing Windows:

Fall: Sept. 8-12, 2014

Winter: Nov. 3-14, 2014

Spring: March 16-27, 2015

Final Day for GCA to Receive Answer Documents:

Fall: Sept. 17, 2014

Winter:

Week 1 – Nov. 12, 2014

Week 2 – Nov. 19, 2014

Spring:

Week 1 – March 25, 2015

Week 2 – April 1, 2015

Final Day for GCA to Receive Test Booklets:

Fall: Sept. 24, 2014

Winter: Nov. 26, 2014

Spring: April 8, 2015

Results Arrive in Systems:

Fall: Oct. 7-14, 2014

Winter: Dec. 8-12, 2014

Spring: May 4-8, 2015

Given the implementation of the secondary transition plan, the 2014-2015 GHSGT should be administered to the following categories of students:

- Individuals, who are subject to the GHSGT requirement, and who exited high school with a Certificate of Performance or Special Education diploma and returned to retest.
- Students currently in high school (entered grade nine for the first time prior to July 1, 2008) who have taken but not passed one or more of the GHSGTs.
- Students currently in high school (who entered grade nine for the first time between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2011) who have taken but not passed the GHSGT and who have not achieved a passing score on one of the corresponding content area Georgia EOCTs.
- Students who entered grade nine for the first time prior to July 1, 2011, who are enrolled in grade eleven, and who have not yet taken the GHSGT. These students shall test for the first time during the spring administration. These students are only required to test in the GHSGT content area in which they have not achieved a passing score on one of the corresponding content area Georgia EOCTs and they enrolled in grade nine for the first time between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2011.
- Students who enroll in grade twelve (e.g. a move-in from out of state) who have not yet taken the GHSGT and who are subject to the GHSGT requirement. These students may test for the first time at their first opportunity. These students (if enrolled in grade nine for the first time between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2011) are only required to test in the GHSGT content area in which they have not achieved a passing score on one of the corresponding content area Georgia EOCTs.

Please consult State Board Rule 160-3-1-.07 (Testing Programs – Student Assessment) for further information regarding students who may have matriculated in a non-traditional manner and/or who exited school without earning a diploma. The Rule can be located on the GaDOE website at: <http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/State-Board-of-Education/Pages/PEABoardRules.aspx>.

All students who entered grade nine for the first time after July 1, 1991, through June 30, 2011, must pass the GHSGT in order to earn a high school diploma. School systems are responsible for notifying students and parents of the requirements for obtaining a high school diploma.

The GHSGT must be administered during the weeks indicated by the GaDOE as the state's test administration window. All tests, including make-ups, must be administered during a local window that consists of five consecutive days of testing. Testing may not extend across two weeks. Local school systems may choose the order in which tests are given and the time of day; however, the same content area test must be given on the same day throughout a school system.

The estimated administration times in the [Examiner's Manual](#) are for planning purposes only. All students must be given up to 3 hours to complete the tests if needed. The [Accommodations Manual](#) provides information about extended time for students with special needs or EL students. Only state approved accommodations found in the [Student Assessment Handbook](#) may be used on the GHSGT. Conditional Administration is the term for a non-standard administration. Fill in the circle with the letter Y if an administration is Conditional. Use of conditional accommodations must be pre-approved by the Assessment Division. Requests should be submitted to the Assessment and Accountability Division by calling the main number at (404) 656-2668 or submitting the form found in the Student Assessment Handbook by fax at (404) 656-5976. **Please allow a minimum of six weeks to review and respond to the request.**

For more information on the Georgia High School Graduation Test, visit the Assessment Web site at:

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/GHSGT.aspx>

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Elimination of the ELA, Science and Social Studies QCC forms

Effective with the Fall 2011 administration, QCC forms were discontinued in the areas of English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. Students who originally tested using the QCC forms in these areas should be tested using the GPS/QCC transitional form of the GHSGT (Form T).

Please note that QCC forms will continue to be available for the Mathematics GHSGT for those students who received Mathematics instruction based on the QCC.

Test Booklets for 2014-2015

English Language Arts: Form 101 (GPS)	English Language Arts: Form T (GPS/QCC)
Mathematics: Form 301 (*)	Mathematics: Form Q (QCC) (**)
Science: Form 501 (GPS)	Science: Form T (GPS/QCC)
Social Studies: Form 701 (GPS)	Social Studies: Form T (GPS/QCC)

(*) Students must re-test on the form used during their first test administration. For example, a student who tested for the first time using the GPS form in March 2011 must be administered the GPS form on all future administrations. (**) The possibility exists that some students who entered prior to Fall 2008 were first-time test takers in Spring 2011 (i.e., they were retained in previous years and remained on a QCC mathematics pathway). They should have tested on the QCC version in March 2011 and should retest on that same form during all future retest administration.

How to Determine Which Version of a Content Area Test a Student Should Take (Q, T, and GPS).

You can determine which version of the GHSGT content areas a student should be administered by finding the year in which the student first entered grade nine.

Dates are based on when students entered grade 9 for the first time:	BST	QCC/ Transitional	GPS
English Language Arts	July 1, 1981 – June 30, 1991	July 1, 1991 – June 30, 2005 (Transitional)	July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2011
Mathematics	July 1, 1981 – June 30, 1991	July 1, 1991 – June 30, 2008 (QCC)	July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2011
Science	NA	July 1, 1994 – June 30, 2005 (Transitional)	July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2011
Social Studies	NA	July 1, 1993 – June 30, 2007 (Transitional)	July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2011

REMINDERS

Testing materials will arrive in systems Aug. 19-22, 2014, for the fall administration, Oct. 20-24, 2014 for the winter administration and March 2-6, 2015 for the spring administration. Orders for additional materials may be placed on GCA's [TestTime](#) after the initial materials have been inventoried.

Directions for completing answer documents are located in the [Examiner's Manual](#).

Answer documents must arrive at GCA no later than Sept. 17, 2014 for the fall administration. For the winter administration, week 1 answer documents should arrive no later than Nov. 12, 2014 and week 2 no later than Nov. 19, 2014. For the spring administration, week 1 answer documents should arrive no later than March 25, 2015 and week 2 no later than April 1, 2015. See the [Coordinator's Manual](#) for instructions.

Results will be available to school systems Oct. 7-14, 2014 for the fall administration, Dec. 8-12, 2014 for the winter administration and May 4-8, 2015 for the spring administration.

Please note that late return of answer documents can impact scoring of the system and potentially other systems. If one system sends in their answer documents late, it could delay results for the entire state.