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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessments (EOG) will be administered to all students in grades three through eight, the weeks of April 25 – May 11, 2023. Actual tests and dates are dependent on the grade level of the student(s).

The Georgia Milestones EOG is designed to measure student acquisition of the skills and knowledge described in the state's Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE). The assessments will yield information on academic achievement at the student, class, school, system, and state levels. This information will serve a dual purpose. One purpose is to diagnose individual student strengths and weaknesses in relation to the instruction of the GSE. Secondly, it will provide program evaluation data to gauge the quality of education throughout the state of Georgia.

The test will consist of questions in English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

You can help ensure that your child does his/her best during this testing period by:

- Making sure your child gets plenty of rest each night of testing;
- Providing nutritious dinners and breakfasts daily;
- Encouraging your child daily to listen carefully to the instructions;
- Making sure that your child gets to school on time each morning of testing;
- Ensuring your child has his/her prescribed eyewear (if needed).

Once testing has begun, classes cannot be interrupted, e.g., check-outs. Being late to school might prevent your child from receiving a complete score report once testing is completed. Only students who have unavoidable, unplanned absences are permitted to make up exams missed. Make-ups will be administered within the testing dates (4/25-5/11).

The Georgia Department of Education has prohibited students from bringing into the testing environment any electronic communication devices (cell phone, PDA, etc.) that could allow students access to information. Please share this information with your child to prevent any problems with testing.

The EOG is a very important test, but it is only one measure of your child's achievement. Therefore, we do not want students to be overly anxious. Please encourage students to relax and to do their very best.

If you have questions concerning testing, please feel free to contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

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