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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA), Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG), and Georgia Milestones End of Course (EOC) state testing in Georgia have **not** been waived this year, and the Clayton County Public Schools District is required to offer the assessments to all students expected to test and to test as many students as possible. **The Georgia Milestones Assessments cannot be given remotely and must be given in a face-to-face environment.**

However, State Superintendent Woods announced in March that he wants to ensure that no virtual students are required to attend school solely to test if they do not feel comfortable due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. With that said, Clayton County Public Schools values the purpose of testing for the following reasons:

- The Milestones Assessment is a metric used to gauge learning.
- The Milestones Assessment helps to identify areas for improvement.
- The Milestones Assessment can help schools evaluate progress.
- The Milestones Assessment can help the school system plan for and provide resources.

Testing windows for Clayton County Public Schools are as follows:

- Georgia Alternate Assessments (GAA) are March 22, 2021-April 30, 2021.
- Georgia Milestone EOG Assessments for Elementary Grades 3-5 and Middle School Grades 6-8 are April 28, 2021 - May 21, 2021.
- Georgia Milestones EOC Assessments (Grades 9-12 and select 8th Grade students taking the high school courses above) are April 19, 2021 - April 30, 2021.

Your child is enrolled in one or more of the 4 core courses identified by the State Board of Education (SBOE) which requires your student to participate in the Georgia Milestones End of Course (EOC) assessment at the end of each course, in accordance with Georgia law (O.C.G.A §20-2-282 - §20-2-285) and (SBOE) Rule. The End of Course high school core courses are: **American Literature and Composition, Algebra I/Coordinate Algebra, Biology, and United States History.**

In December 2020, the State Board of Education (SBOE) voted to approve State School Superintendent Richard Woods' recommendation to change the weight of the EOC exam grade from 20% to .01% for the 2020-2021 school year. The goal is to significantly reduce the impact of high-stakes testing during the pandemic on students' Final Average. With this reduction in the EOC exam grade weight, students' scores on the End of Course exam will not have a negative impact on your child's final average.

If your child continues with *at-home remote learning*, but you want your child to participate in the Georgia Milestones Assessments, you will need to:

1. register to test using the registration link sent to you by your child's principal.
2. request transportation, **if needed**, on the registration link you receive from the school.
3. have your child report to the school site on his/her designated day(s) of testing per the schedule sent out from your child's school.

If you would like to decline testing for your child, please complete the form at the link below for your child's grade level by Friday, April 2, 2021. The EOC Final Exam grade is only visible in the Gradebook and on the student's Report Card. The EOC Final Exam grade of zero (0) will not display on the student's transcript.

• [GMAS 2020-21 High School EOC Acknowledgement to Decline Testing](#)

Spring Testing dates are below:

Day	Date	Subject	AM	PM
Day 1	Monday, April 19	American Lit Section Writing	X	N/A
Day 2	Tuesday, April 20	American Lit Section 2 and 3	X	Make-up
Day 3	Wednesday, April 21	Biology Section 1 and 2	X	Make-up
Day 4	Thursday, April 22	Algebra Section 1 and 2	X	Make-up
Day 5	Friday, April 23	US History Section 1 and 2	X	Make-up
Day 6	Monday, April 26	American Lit Section Writing	X	Make-up
Day 7	Tuesday, April 27	American Lit Section 1 and 2	X	Make-up
Day 8	Wednesday, April 28	Biology Section 1 and 2	X	Make-up
Day 9	Thursday, April 29	Algebra Section 1 and 2	X	Make-up
Day 10	Friday, April 30	US History Section 1 and 2	X	Make-up

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please reach out to your school's administration team for guidance and next steps.

Sincerely,

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