

Assessment News 2014-2015

The face of assessment is changing in the state of Georgia. No longer will we be giving the CRCT and EOCT tests as we know them. The new assessments are not redesigned versions of CRCT and EOCT. Rather, they are completely new assessments. Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment, and high school students enrolled in the following eight courses will take the Georgia Milestones End of Course Assessment: (1) Ninth Grade Literature and Composition, (2) Coordinate Algebra, (3) Analytic Geometry, (4) Economics, (5) American Literature and Composition, (6) Physical Science, (7) Biology, (8) U.S. History. End of Course Tests will continue to count 20% of the student's final grade for the course. Further, eleventh grade students will continue to take the Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test as it remains a graduation requirement for the 2014-2015 school year.

The new state assessments will be balanced assessments meaning that the assessments will have a variety of assessment items including open-ended, response items. In the creation of the new assessment, a great deal of emphasis has been placed upon rigor.

Also, the assessments are blended. While the CRCT was a pure Criterion-Referenced Assessment, the new Georgia Milestone Assessments will also include norm-referenced items so that comparisons may be made among counter parts across the country. Thus, the Georgia Milestones End of Grade and End of Course Tests are both norm- and criterion-referenced.

Student Growth Percentiles

SGP's

Because there has been an emphasis regarding improving student achievement, Georgia recognizes student growth percentiles. These scores measure a student's growth in regards to performance on assessment relative to his or her peers across the state of Georgia. To more fully begin to understand this new concept, please take a minute to view the short video that the Georgia Department of Education created to explain this measure of growth.