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"Building A Better Tomorrow, Today!"

Milestones Made Easy: A Parent's Guide to Student Success

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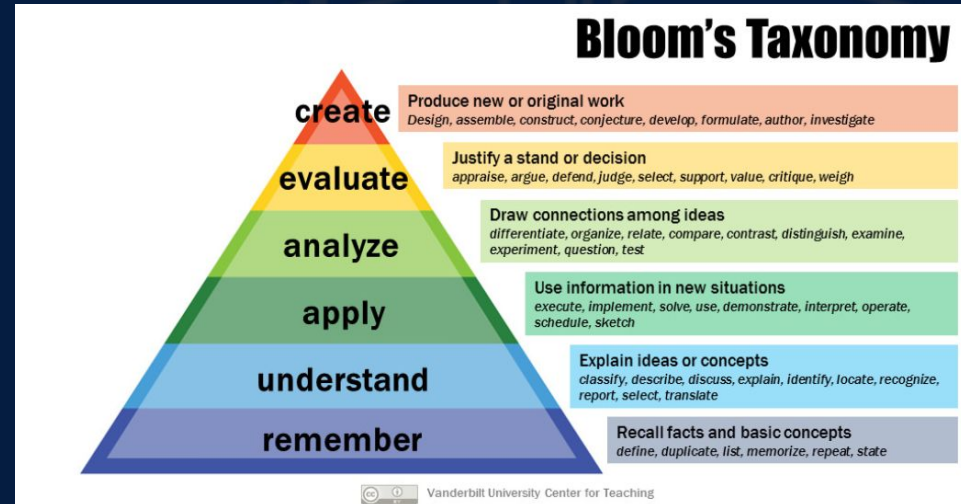
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Agenda

1. Effective ways to prepare your scholar for the test
2. Navigating the testing tool
3. Q&A segment for parents and community members



“Students have to Maslow, before they can Bloom”






Georgia Milestones Tested Grades and Subjects

Georgia Milestones	English/ Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
End-of-Grade (EOG)	Grades 3-8	Grades 3-8	Grades 5 & 8 High School Physical Science (Grade 8 Only)	Grade 8
End-of-Course (EOC)	American Literature and Composition	Algebra Concepts & Connections	Biology	U.S. History

Provide a Supportive Learning Environment

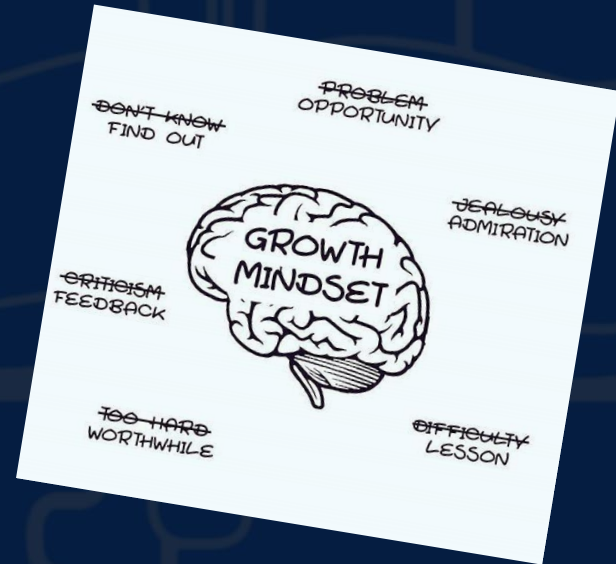
Create a supportive environment at home that encourages learning and academic success. This includes providing quiet study space, limiting distractions, and offering encouragement and positive feedback.



Positive Mind.
Positive Vibes.
Positive Life.

Encourage a Growth Mindset

Emphasize the importance of effort, perseverance, and resilience. Encourage your child to view mistakes as opportunities to learn and grow.



Communicate with Teachers

Talk to your child's teacher to get a better understanding of how your child is progressing in class and what areas they may need extra help with. Teachers can also provide tips for studying and test-taking.



Create a Study Plan

Work with your student to develop a plan that works for both you and the student. Be sure to set goals and create a daily schedule that includes how much time your student will study and what subjects will be studied.



Emphasize the Importance of Rest

Make sure your child gets enough rest and sleep leading up to the test. A well-rested student is more likely to perform well on the test.



Familiarize Yourself with the Test Format

Understand the types of questions, the structure of the test, and the time allotted for each section.



Item Types

English Language Arts

Selected-response items

Technology-enhanced items

Constructed-response items

Extended constructed-response items

Extended writing-response items

Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies

Selected-response items

Technology-enhanced items

Item Types	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
Selected Response/Multiple-Choice (1pt)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Constructed-Response¹				
Constructed-Response (2 pts)	✓			
Extended Constructed-Response (4 pts)	✓			
Extended Writing-Response (7 pts)	✓			
Technology-Enhanced (1 pt or 2 pts)				
Multiple-Select ²	✓	✓	✓	✓
Multiple-Part	✓	✓	✓	✓
Evidence-Based Selected-Response	✓			
Drag-and-Drop ³	✓	✓	✓	✓
Graphing		✓		
Drop-Down Menu/Input	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keypad-Input		✓		

Testing Times



Students are allowed up to the maximum testing time to complete the assessment.

Content Area	Section	Typical Testing Time	Maximum Testing Time
ELA	1	45-65	90
	2	40-60	80
	3	40-60	80
	ELA Total	125-185	250 minutes
Math	1	30-50	65
	2	30-50	65
	Math Total	60-100	130 minutes
Science	1	20-30	40
	2	20-30	40
	Science Total	40-60	80 minutes
Social Studies	1	15-25	35
	2	15-25	35
	Social Studies Total	30-50	70 minutes

Assessment Blueprints

The Assessment Blueprint shows the Reporting Categories and Content Standards. It includes the approximate number of points for each of the Content Standards and the approximate percentage of the test for each of the Content Standards.



Georgia Milestones Assessment System Grade 6 English Language Arts ASSESSMENT BLUEPRINT

Reporting Categories and Content Standards

Reporting Category/Domain	Content Standards Assessed	Approximate # of Points	Approximate % of Test
Reading and Vocabulary		32	53%
Key Ideas and Details	ELAGSE6.RL (1, 2, 3)	17	28%
	ELAGSE6.RI (1, 2, 3)		
Craft and Structure/Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	ELAGSE6.RL (5, 6, 9)	9	15%
	ELAGSE6.RI (5, 6, 7, 8, 9)		
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	ELAGSE6.RL4/RI4	6	10%
	ELAGSE6.L (4, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6)		
Writing and Language		28	47%
Writing	ELAGSE6.W (1, 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 2, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 3, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 4, 7, 8, 9, 9a, 9b)	16	27%
Language	ELAGSE6.L (1, 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 2, 2a, 2b, 3, 3a, 3b)	12	20%
Total		60	100%

Have Students Practice Regularly

Regularly practice the material using the state provided study guides, practice tests, and other online resources. This should also include effective test-taking strategies such as time management, reading and understanding instructions, and using the process of elimination to arrive at the correct answer.





Universal Tools



Universal Tools are online tools that are available to **ALL** students.

Pointer: Use the Pointer tool to choose an answer (has been updated in 2025 for color and size selection).

Cross-Off: Use the cross-off tool to mark answers that you believe are NOT correct.

Highlighter: Use the highlighter tool to highlight important information within a test question.

Notepad: Use the notepad to take notes within a test question an/or passage.

Magnifier: Use the magnifier tool to enlarge the information on the screen.

Line Guide: Use the line guide tool to help track a single line of text as you are reading.

Masking: Use the masking tool to block out areas of the text to focus your reading.



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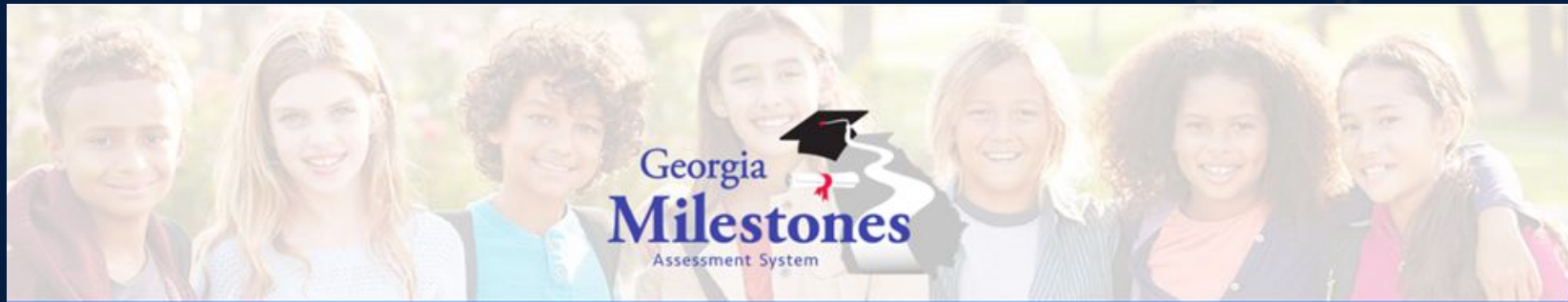
The tools below are only available for designated math items:

Measurement Tools: Use the ruler and protractor to measure within a test question.

Calculator: Use the Scientific Calculator to assist with calculations necessary to answer questions on the test.

Graphing Tool: Use the graphing tool to perform calculations and produce graphs within a test question.

Let's Practice!



Welcome to Experience Online Testing Georgia!

This practice site is a chance for students to learn more about the structure and content of the Georgia Milestones Assessments, experience online testing, and practice using online tools. Parents and educators are also welcome to explore this site along with the Georgia Department of Education website which provides further information.

The Test Practice & Online Guides icon links to online study guides, online assessment guides, and demonstration tests. The online study and assessment guides have content instruction as well as practice items for specific grades or courses. The items on the demonstration tests are general and are organized by grade or course in the content areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The guides and demonstration tests are not graded, so have fun!



Documentation



Tutorial



Test Practice & Online Guides

Practice Tests

Parent Resources



Study/Resource Guide for Students and Parents English Language Arts Grade 3

Study/Resource Guide



Georgia Milestones Achievement Level Descriptors for Parents

Grade 3 English Language Arts – Understanding Your Child's Performance: Below is a summary of skills and knowledge students must demonstrate to achieve each performance level. A student should demonstrate mastery of knowledge and skills within the student's achievement level as well as all content and skills that precede it. For example, a Proficient Learner should also possess the knowledge and skills of a Developing Learner and a Beginning Learner.

Beginning Learner	Developing Learner	Proficient Learner	Distinguished Learner
<p>In general, your child can</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> read texts below grade level. write simple narrative, opinion, or informative/explanatory pieces. conduct simple, short research projects. 	<p>In general, your child can</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> read and explain texts near grade level. write loosely organized narrative, opinion, or informative/explanatory pieces with limited details or reasons. conduct simple, short research projects, building limited knowledge about topics. 	<p>In general, your child can</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> read and explain complex texts at grade level. write narrative, opinion, or informative/explanatory pieces with supporting details or reasons and clear organization that links information together. conduct short research projects, building knowledge about topics. 	<p>In general, your child can</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> read and analyze complex texts at grade level or above. write multi-paragraph narrative, opinion, or informative/explanatory pieces using effective details or reasons. conduct complex research projects, building extensive knowledge about topics.



Georgia Milestones Assessment System Grade 6 English Language Arts ASSESSMENT BLUEPRINT

Reporting Categories and Content Standards

Reporting Category/Domain	Content Standards Assessed	Approximate # of Points	Approximate % of Test
Reading and Vocabulary		32	53%
Key Ideas and Details	ELACSE6.RL (1, 2, 3) ELACSE6.RI (1, 2, 3) ELACSE6.RL (5, 6, 9) ELACSE6.RI (5, 6, 7, 8, 9)	17	28%
Craft and Structure/Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	ELACSE6.RL (5, 6, 9) ELACSE6.RI (5, 6, 7, 8, 9)	9	15%
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	ELACSE6.RL (4, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6) ELACSE6.L (5, 6, 7, 8, 9)	6	10%
Writing and Language		28	47%
Writing	ELACSE6.W (1, 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 2, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 3, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 4, 7, 8, 9, 9a, 9b)	16	27%
Language	ELACSE6.L (1, 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 2, 2a, 2b, 3, 3a, 3b)	12	20%
Total		60	100%

Text Type Reporting Categories and Content Standards

Each reading and vocabulary question connects to one of the Reading and Vocabulary domains as well as one of the Text Type domains. While each item is categorized into two different domains, performance on each item counts only one time in determining the student's total score.

Reporting Category/Domain	Content Standards Assessed	Approximate # of Reading and Vocabulary Points	Approximate % of Reading and Vocabulary Points
Text Type		32	100%
Reading Literary Text	ELACSE6.RL (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9) ELACSE6.L (4, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6)	16	50%
Reading Informational Text	ELACSE6.RI (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9) ELACSE6.L (4, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6)	16	50%

The Study/Resource Guides are intended to serve as a resource for parents and students. They contain practice questions for English Language Arts. The standards identified in the Study/Resource Guides address a sampling of the state-mandated content standards.

For the purposes of day-to-day classroom instruction, teachers should consult the wide array of resources that can be found at www.georgiastandards.org.

Grade 3 Resources

English Language Arts

[Test Blueprint](#)

[Study /Resource Guide](#)

[Achievement Level Descriptors](#)

[Writer's Checklists](#)

[Lexile Framework for Reading](#)

Mathematics

[Test Blueprint](#)

[Online Study /Resource Guide](#)

[Achievement Level Descriptors](#)

Grade 4 Resources

English Language Arts

[Test Blueprint](#)

[Study /Resource Guide](#)

[Achievement Level Descriptors](#)

[Writer's Checklists](#)

[Lexile Framework for Reading](#)

Mathematics

[Test Blueprint](#)

[Online Study /Resource Guide](#)

[Achievement Level Descriptors](#)

Grade 5 Resources

English Language Arts

[Test Blueprint](#)

[Study /Resource Guide](#)

[Achievement Level](#)

[Writer's Checklist](#)

[Descriptors](#)

[Lexile Framework for](#)

[Reading](#)

Science

[Test Blueprint](#)

[Online](#)

[Achievement Level](#)

[Study /Resource Guide](#)

[Descriptors](#)

Mathematics

[Test Blueprint](#)

[Online Study / Resource](#)

[Achievement Level](#)

[Guide](#)

[Descriptors](#)

Grade 6 Resources

English Language Arts

[Test Blueprint](#)

[Study /Resource Guide](#)

[Achievement Level Descriptors](#)

[Writer's Checklists](#)

[Lexile Framework for Reading](#)

Mathematics

[Test Blueprint](#)

[Online Study /Resource Guide](#)

[Achievement Level Descriptors](#)

[Formula Sheet](#)

[Desmos Testing Calculator](#)

Grade 7 Resources

English Language Arts

[Test Blueprint](#)

[Study /Resource Guide](#)

[Achievement Level Descriptors](#)

[Writer's Checklists](#)

[Lexile Framework for Reading](#)

Mathematics

[Test Blueprint](#)

[Online Study /Resource Guide](#)

[Achievement Level Descriptors](#)

[Formula Sheet](#)

[Desmos Testing Calculator](#)

Grade 8 Resources

English Language Arts

[Test Blueprint](#)

[Study /Resource](#)

[Achievement Level](#)

[Guide](#)

[Descriptors](#)

[Writer's Checklist](#)

[Lexile Framework for Reading](#)

Science

[Test Blueprint](#)

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[Periodic Table](#)

Mathematics

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Social Studies

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Grade 8 Resources

High School Physical Science

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[Reference Sheet](#)

Note: The Physical Science EOC is administered only to grade 8 students enrolled in the high school Physical Science course.

High School Resources

American Literature

[Test Blueprint](#)

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Algebra: Concepts and Connections

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Biology

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United States History

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