

# Bethune Scholars show what they know this spring.....

## 2018–19 Georgia Milestones Online

The Georgia Milestones Assessment is part of the Georgia Milestones assessment system, spanning 3rd grade to high school. This state assessment measures how well scholars have learned knowledge and skills in the core areas of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. This assessment provides information about student achievement and readiness to move on to the next level of learning.

For the spring 2019 administration of the Milestones assessment, all Georgia students will take the assessment online. New this year, students will answer technology-enhanced questions as part of the assessment. *(See the back of this flyer for more about the types of questions on the Milestones assessment.)* Here in the DeKalb County School District (DCSC), adjustments to the testing calendar and an increase in capacity for computers used for testing will ensure a smooth testing experience for students and allow for a normal instructional day for students who are not in testing.



## Milestone Test Dates

ELA Section 1	Tuesday	April 16, 2019
ELA Section 2	Wednesday	April 17, 2019
ELA Section 3	Thursday	April 18, 2019
Make-Up Day	Friday	April 19, 2019
Mathematics Section 1	Monday	April 22, 2019
Mathematics Section 2	Tuesday	April 23, 2019
Make-Up Day	Monday	April 24, 2019
Science Section 1 (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Thursday	April 25, 2019
Science Section 2 (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Friday	April 26, 2019
Social Studies Section 1 (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Monday	April 29, 2019
Social Studies Section 2 (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Tuesday	April 30, 2019

## Access to Computers for Testing

The technology-enhanced questions require higher technology specifications on computers used for testing. Your child's school will have enough computers with adequate capacity so that every student in a grade level will be able to take a Milestones exam on the designated day, using morning and afternoon sessions if needed. As much as possible, computers in the media center and productivity labs will not be used for testing so that students in other grades and subjects have continued access to these technology resources on testing days.



## And, what's the same?

**Milestones is not an "all day" event.** Times for each section range from 45 up to 85 minutes for most sections. Students have 70 to 90 minutes for the writing section. On most days, students will have about an hour of testing. Students will continue instruction and normal school activities the rest of the day. See the testing schedule for Bethune's scholars on the other side of the flyer.

**Your scholar will be ready!** DeKalb County's Schools Curriculum & the Georgia Standards of Excellent (GSE) includes all of the state standards, so the teaching and learning that goes on in the classroom every day prepares scholars for the rigorous assessments of Georgia Milestones. In addition, classwork, homework, quizzes, and tests throughout the school year prepare scholars for the assessment. Of course, regular school attendance and participation in the classroom is critical to a scholar's academic success as well.

**You can support your scholar.** Remind your child that the tests will cover material learned in class. Check the Georgia Department of Education website for tips on how you can support your scholar:

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/EOG-Study-Resource-Guides.aspx>



**Your scholar can practice.** Help your scholar become familiar with the online testing environment and the tools that will be used for testing. Visit GaExperienceOnline.com, select "Test Practice," and follow the prompts to see the types of questions and tools available.

***YOU MUST USE GOOGLE CHROME TO ACCESS PRACTICE TESTS***

## Types of Questions for the Milestone Tests

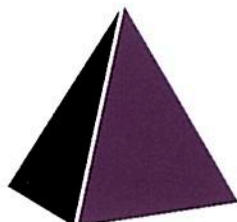
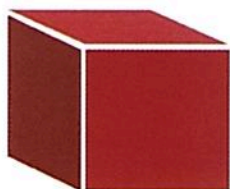
**Georgia Milestones includes four types of questions:**

**Selected Response:** These multiple-choice questions in the language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies assessments require scholars to select an answer from a set of options.

**Constructed Response:** Used for both the language arts and mathematics exams, these open-ended questions require scholars to generate a response that both answers the question and provides an explanation.

**Extended Response:** In the writing component of the language arts assessment, scholars answer questions with more in-depth answers and extensive explanation.

**Technology-Enhanced Response:** These items are more interactive, requiring scholars to use technology to answer the question. Examples include a "drag and drop" response, editing text, shading an object, graphing, or classifying items. These items are part of assessments in all subjects.



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