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Policy Update

2022-2023 Georgia Milestones Scores Released

The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) [publicly released](#) 2022-2023 Georgia Milestones results on Friday, July 28. Georgia students continued to show overall improvement following the COVID-19 pandemic, with results increasing or holding steady on 13 of 21 assessments. Most gains occurred in ELA and mathematics and at the elementary and middle school levels. Most declines occurred in science and social studies and at the high school level. While results have not yet reached pre-pandemic levels, they show that academic recovery is continuing in Georgia's public schools.

For a deeper dive into 2022-2023 Georgia Milestones results, review the new [Georgia Milestones dashboard](#) and [summary of results](#).

State Board Adopts Amendment to Statewide Passing Score Rule

At their July meeting, the State Board of Education (SBOE) approved an amendment to SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.13 Statewide Passing Score that changes the percentage requirement of the numeric score on the Georgia Milestones EOC assessment on a student's final numeric grade in the course assessed by the EOC to at least 10% from the current percentage requirement of 20%.

State Board Approves for Public Comment on Amendment to Testing Rule

At their July meeting, the SBOE approved to post for 30 days for public comment a proposed amendment to SBOE Rule 160-3-1-.07 Testing Programs – Student Assessment that would 1) adopt the mathematics (Algebra: Concepts and Connections) and ELA (Literature and Composition II) courses that will be assessed with the EOC and GAA 2.0 in alignment with the new mathematics and ELA content standards; 2) adopt dyslexia and universal reading screening requirements for students in K-3 as specified in state law, as well as provide an exemption from the GKIDS ELA domain for students being administered a screener; and 3) adopt general rule clean up. Additional information on proposed rulemakings and public review is [posted](#). The SBOE is expected to vote on adoption of this amendment at their August meeting.

DRC BEACON Expansion and Field Test Opportunity

DRC BEACON is being expanded to grades K-2 and high school! Beginning Monday, October 30, BEACON will be available as a field test in grades K-2 English language arts and mathematics, with a more complete roll-out planned

for fall 2024. By fall 2024, BEACON will also align with the requirements of the Georgia Early Literacy Act to allow for universal screening, progress monitoring, and curriculum supports as required by HB 538 (2023). By fall 2025, BEACON will align with the requirements of SB 48 (2019) to allow for dyslexia screening.

While the initial roll-out of the BEACON expansion is focused on grades K-2, a high school expansion in all four content areas is also coming soon. Interim assessments will be available in high school Algebra (late January 2024) and ELA (fall 2025), followed by Biology and U.S. History potentially as early as 2025.

The DRC BEACON Expansion Overview meeting held Monday, July 24 was recorded and may be found in the [GaDOE PL Events](#) page along with the associated presentation.

Interested districts are encouraged to complete the participation survey found [here](#).



More details on the DRC BEACON expansion can be found [here](#). Please contact Sandy Greene, Director, Assessment Administration, for additional information regarding the DRC BEACON Expansion Project.

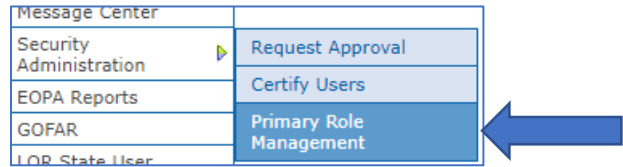
Contact: Allison Timberlake, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent for Assessment & Accountability, atimberlake@doe.k12.ga.us, 470-579-6353.

Assessment Update

Primary Role Management within the MyGaDOE Portal

When districts have a change in personnel for the district's STC/Assessment Director role, use the following protocol to ensure the most current information is in the MyGaDOE Portal so new STCs receive all communication, emails, and training required.

The Primary Role Management application within the MyGaDOE Portal allows District and State Charter School Security Officers to identify one primary and one secondary (backup) user role as **Assessment Director**. This secure role assignment is required.



In addition to the role of Assessment Director, the local Security Officer must ensure any individual with the STC designation in the Primary Role Management application also has rights to the following forms:

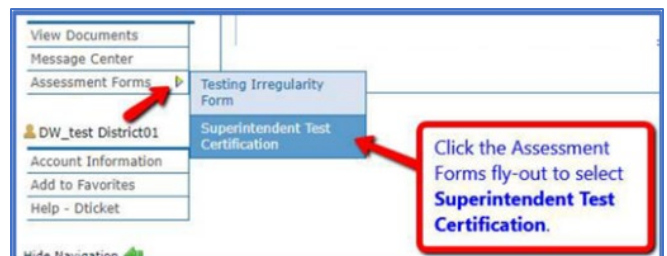
- Testing Irregularity Form
- Rescore Request
- Special Accommodations Request
- Superintendent Test Certification (Edit)

Superintendent's Test Certification

The Superintendent's Test Certification completion deadline was Monday, **July 31** for all assessments, including GKIDS 2.0, WIDA ACCESS, WIDA Alternate ACCESS, GAA 2.0, and Georgia Milestones. System Test Coordinators (STCs) must complete the Superintendent's Test Certification form in the MyGaDOE Portal.

1. Open the Superintendent's Test Certification Form.
2. Click **Add New Record** to open and complete the form.
3. Click **Submit**. A notice will automatically be sent to the superintendent in the MyGaDOE Portal to **Approve** or **Reject** the submission.
4. Once the superintendent has approved the form, the process is complete.

The *Superintendent's Test Certification User Guide* is available in the top right-hand corner of the application in the MyGaDOE Portal.



Upcoming Training

STCs can see all upcoming assessment training on the 2023-2024 Assessment Training Memorandum found on the [For System Test Coordinators](#) page. Links for trainings for the next two months are found in the Assessment Updates. Links for all upcoming training for

the 2023-2024 school year can be found in the [PL Catalog](#). Find Assessment events by choosing the Assessment & Accountability drop-down then scrolling through the pages.

Georgia Learns Courses for the 2023-2024 school year include:

- Test Coordinator Training Course (available in October)
- Accessibility and Accommodations for State Assessments Training Course (available now)
- Georgia Milestones Test Examiner Training Course (available in October)
- GAA 2.0 Test Examiner Training Course (available now)

[How to Access Georgia Learns](#) contains information and screenshots to assist educators in accessing courses in Georgia Learns.

Contact: Sandy Greene, Ed.D., Director of Assessment Administration, sgreene@doe.k12.ga.us, 470-579-5395.

Test Development

Thank you to the 184 educators who participated in [test development](#) workshops this summer for Georgia Milestones and GAA 2.0. During Item & Data Review meetings, committees of educators reviewed over 1,400 test questions to ensure that the questions are appropriate measures of the content standards for each grade level and content area.

For Georgia Milestones, a Test Design & Expectations committee reviewed and revised drafts of achievement level descriptors (ALDs), test blueprints, and writing rubrics for new English Language Arts (ELA) assessments aligned to the newly adopted ELA content standards. A similar committee will convene this fall to review materials for the GAA 2.0.

Braille and Video Sign Language (VSL) meetings will also be held over the next several months to ensure that items are accessible for students who require a Braille or VSL accommodation.

Educators interested in participating in the test development process can submit a [Test Development Interest Form](#).

Contact: Jan Blose, Ed.D., Director of Assessment Development, jblose@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-275-5147.

DRC BEACON

DRC BEACON Opening for the 2023-2024 School Year



The DRC BEACON administration window opened Tuesday, August 1. District STCs can now set up their users, students, and roster files. To set up for BEACON, three data files must be uploaded directly to DRC through the INSIGHT platform in this order:

1. Batch User
2. Multiple Student Upload (MSU)
3. Student Groups/Roster

The Tuesday, August 1 BEACON training session included details regarding the file upload process. Additionally, we reviewed these details and additional information for student setup, test management, test monitoring, reports, and instruction reports during the Thursday, July 20 Technology Director session. Prior webinar recordings are available within [GaDOE Professional Learning Events](#).

New System Upgrades

The following features are now available:

- **Student Testing Interface** – updated to the DRC INSIGHT Enhanced Student Experience
- **Permissions** – “Student Groups – Upload” replaced with “Import Management” (current users have been updated)
- **Import Management** – user interface updated
- **Registration Management**
 - Default landing page updated
 - Sort function updated for participant count
 - Detail page button placement (“Edit,” “Cancel,” and “Done” aligned on the top right of the screen)
- **Ordering Page** – more options available (Lexiles/Quantiles reporting)
- **MSU (Multiple Student Upload)**
 - Grade levels KG, 01, 02 were added in preparation for K-2 testing (allowable grades are KG-08)
 - FRPL Eligibility added (free or reduced-price lunch)
 - All columns are now required to be populated with a valid value (refer to the MSU “File Layout” for requirements)
 - Unique Student Definition – is now District Code, GTID, Student First Name, Student Last Name, and Date of Birth
- **Export Detail** – DOB (date of birth) now included
- **Dates** – now a consistent format of MM-DD-YYYY
- **Test Monitoring** – more options available (accommodations, registration start)
- **COS** – more comprehensive list of COS Configuration/COS Service Device statuses

All DRC BEACON Professional Learning webinar registration links, webinar recordings, and associated presentation handouts for 2023-2024 will be available within [GaDOE Professional Learning Events](#).

DRC BEACON Expansion Project

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fall 2025, BEACON will align with the requirements of SB 48 (2019) to allow for dyslexia screening.

We need districts to participate in the upcoming field test and related test development activities! Maximizing the number of students and educators involved in the field test allows us to 1) collect adequate data, 2) expand Grades K-2 BEACON for fall 2024, and 3) ensure the test is valid, reliable, and meets the needs of Georgia students and educators.

The DRC BEACON Expansion Overview meeting held Monday, July 24 was recorded and may be found in the [GaDOE PL Events](#) page along with the associated presentation.

Interested districts are encouraged to complete the participation survey found [here](#).



More details on the DRC BEACON expansion can be found [here](#). Please contact Sandy Greene, Director, Assessment Administration, for additional information regarding the DRC BEACON Expansion Project.

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
8/1/2023 – 6/30/2024	2023-2024 DRC BEACON Administration Window

Contacts:

- Missy Shealy, Assessment Specialist, mshealy@doe.k12.ga.us, 470-579-5393.
- Joe Blessing, Program Manager, jblessing@doe.k12.ga.us, 470-579-6326.
- Brian Collier, Assessment Specialist, brian.collier@doe.k12.ga.us, 470-579-6355.

Formative Instructional Practices (FIP)

FIP Webinar Series



The webinar series *Formative Instructional Practices (FIP) and Beyond* will be offered during 2023-2024. Mark your calendars for these learning sessions. The series focuses on the key role that daily formative assessment plays in student learning and in the context of a Balanced Assessment System.

The webinars will be recorded and available in GaDOE Professional Learning Events. Share information about

the series with colleagues in Teaching and Learning, Professional Learning, District Improvement, and with leaders and coaches.

FIP and Beyond Webinar Series 2023-2024
(all webinars are from 10-11 a.m.)

Title	Date
Do Better by Students: FIP Professional Learning	Wed., 8/23
Using FIP for Instructional Improvement	Wed., 10/18
Design Formative Assessments for Lessons with FIP	Wed., 11/29
Leading FIP Professional Learning	Wed., 1/24/2024
Teaching Students to Rethink their Work	Wed., 2/21/2024
The Road to Student Ownership of Learning	Wed., 3/20/2024
More on Student Ownership of Learning	Wed., 4/17/2024

Contact: Kelli Harris-Wright, Assessment Specialist,
kharris-wright@doe.k12.ga.us, 470-579-6329.

GKIDS 2.0 and GKIDS Readiness Check

The GKIDS platform has opened for the new school year.



User accounts for STCs have been set up. Please contact us if you have not received your activation email.

All district calendars have been received and each district's Readiness Check window should be updated.

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
7/5/2023 – 10/20/2023	GKIDS 2.0 Readiness Check Window
7/5/2023 – 5/13/2024	GKIDS 2.0 Administration Window

Contact: Bobbie Bable, Assessment Specialist,
bbable@doe.k12.ga.us, 470-579-6324.

Keenville

The Keens have returned from summer vacation and the application became available on Monday, July 31.



All Keenville Math games are aligned with Georgia's K-12 Mathematics Standards. Additional updates include:

- **View Assigned Games or Unassign Games:** In this feature, teachers are able to view specific games that have been assigned to students or unassign a game for individual students in the dashboard.
- **Parent Guide Mathematics:** The guide provides details of the mathematics skills assessed at each level in each grade.
- **Parent Flyer:** The flyer provides information to parents on navigating Keenville.

Teachers and Leaders may access all resources on the [Keenville Resources](#) page.

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
7/31/2023 – 6/28/2024	2023-2024 Keenville Administration Window

For functionality and technical support, please contact keenvillesupport@doe.k12.ga.us.

For content or assessment questions, please contact Tiffani Taylor, Assessment Specialist,
tiffani.taylor@doe.k12.ga.us, 470-763-1081.

WIDA ACCESS

User Accounts



With the start of the new school year, ACCESS for ELLs STCs should ensure local user accounts in WIDA AMS and WIDA Secure Portal Accounts are current, including deactivating the accounts of individuals who are no longer involved in the administration of WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS. Remember to let new staff know that the WIDA Secure Portal houses the ACCESS training courses and WIDA AMS is the online platform for material and technology management.

Training

Georgia requires School Test Coordinators (SchTCs) and Test Administrators to complete training before test administration. All WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate

ACCESS courses are available and reflect the technical enhancements DRC made to WIDA AMS and DRC INSIGHT this summer. It is highly recommended that SchTCs complete training early in the school year since they are responsible for overseeing all aspects of the testing process. Some task reminders include verification of identified students in SIS in September and October, test materials ordering in October, training opportunities with WIDA and with GaDOE.

Test Administrators should complete training closer to the time of administration so that information is fresh in their minds when they administer the test. This may be particularly important for educators administering WIDA ACCESS Paper, Kindergarten ACCESS, and WIDA Alternate ACCESS since these tests have more procedural demands than WIDA ACCESS online. STCs should use the Manage User feature of the WIDA Secure Portal to track educators' training completion.

September WIDA Q&A Webinars

Learn more about webinar sessions and add them to your calendar on the [Webinars](#) page (*login credentials required*). See the dates for WIDA webinars in August and September in the [GaDOE Professional Learning Events](#) section of this newsletter.

Reference Material

STCs should review the following documents, note the updates, and share them with colleagues as appropriate:

- [Accommodations and Accessibility Manual](#) includes changes to universal tools in DRC INSIGHT and Accommodations Checklists.
- [DRC INSIGHT User Guide](#) includes the new requirement that only an admin user may update the DRC INSIGHT secure student browser.
- [WIDA AMS User Guide](#) no longer discusses Import Management, Student Management, and Test Management applications. This information is in the Online Help feature of WIDA AMS.

The following [Knowledge Articles](#) (*login credentials required*) will help you support local users and prepare for selected pre-testing tasks.

- How do I add a new user?
- How do I order initial materials?
- WIDA AMS User Roles and Permissions



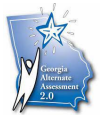
- Why do Users have difficulty logging into WIDA AMS?

Dates	Assessment Tasks and Reminders
9/8/2023	GaDOE Provides Site Changes to DRC
September	Ensure students who have exited EL status in the past 2 years are coded as EL=1 or EL=2 in local SIS
September	Ensure identified EL students are coded as EL=Y in SIS
September	Create WIDA Secure Portal Accounts for ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS Test Administrators/ Examiners
September	Inform Test Administrators/ Examiners they must certify/recertify after September 1 to be eligible to administer WIDA ACCESS assessments
September	Review WIDA 2023-2024 Accessibility & Accommodations Manual
October	Test Materials Ordering Available in WIDA AMS.

Contact: Mary Nesbit-McBride, Ph.D., Assessment Specialist, mnesbit@doe.k12.ga.us, 470-579-6345.

Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0 (GAA 2.0)

Back-to-School Frequently Asked Questions



How should GAA 2.0 participants be included in state reporting?

LEAs should report all (K-12) students instructed through alternate content standards (ACS) as "YES" for the data element ACS during the October 2023 and March 2024 FTE Counts, as well as Student Record. Students enrolled in grades 3-11 should have IEP documentation of GAA 2.0 eligibility.

FTE-1 data is used to prepare the Pre-ID file used to populate the DRC INSIGHT platform containing students expected to participate in the GAA 2.0 during the test window as well as projections for printing and shipping student secure materials.

How do staff receive GAA 2.0 training?

STCs, SchTCs, Test Examiners, and Proctors must complete asynchronous courses provided through Georgia Learns annually. Staff will receive a completion badge and certificate once they have completed the course successfully. STCs are also required to attend live Q&A webinars and redeliver this information to local staff.

Who determines whether a student qualifies for GAA 2.0?

Decisions regarding the participation of students with significant cognitive disabilities in the alternate assessment must be made by each student's IEP team. The decision to assess using the GAA 2.0 should be made only when an IEP team determines that a student's cognitive disabilities prevent them from accessing instruction in the state academic content standards. Importantly, participants must meet **all** parts of the Eligibility Criteria for the Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0.

Do English Learners with the most significant cognitive disabilities have to participate in Georgia assessments?

Yes, English Learners who meet the GAA 2.0 Eligibility must take GAA 2.0 and WIDA Alternate ACCESS. Kindergarten English learners with significant cognitive disabilities must take WIDA Alternate ACCESS.

Where do I find the GAA 2.0 Eligibility Criteria?

The assessment's Eligibility Criteria are available in the [Student Assessment Handbook](#) (pp. 87-92).

When is the testing window?

The GAA 2.0 will be administered from March 25-May 3, 2024.

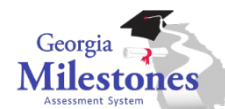
Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0 Resources

Resources for the 2023-2024 Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0 (GAA 2.0) are now available on the [GAA 2.0 Resources](#) webpage. These resources include:

- Test Blueprints
 - Mathematics blueprints are revised to reflect the new content standards.
 - ELA, Science, and Social Studies blueprints have not changed.

- Extended Content Standards (ECS)
 - Mathematics ECS are revised to reflect the new content standards.
 - ELA, Science, and Social Studies ECS have not changed.
- Teacher Resource Guides
 - Mathematics guides are revised to reflect the new content standards.
 - ELA, Science, and Social Studies guides have not changed.
- Achievement Level Descriptors (ALDs)
 - Mathematics ALDs are revised to reflect the new content standards. These ALDs remain in draft form until after the completion of the standard setting process in summer 2024.
 - ELA, Science, and Social Studies ALDs have not changed.

Contact: Mary Nesbit-McBride, Ph.D., Assessment Specialist, mnesbit@doe.k12.ga.us, 470-579-6345.

Georgia Milestones**Mathematics Assessment Waiver for 2023-2024**

The State Board of Education approved a waiver of promotion requirements for grades 5 and 8 and EOC course grade requirements for mathematics for the 2023-2024 school year. With the implementation of new math standards and assessments, we will have to hold standard setting meetings next summer. This means score reporting for mathematics will be delayed to late summer/early fall 2024 and will not be available in time for promotion decisions and course grades. Additional information about the waiver is available [here](#).

Final Score Reporting for 2022-2023

Final reporting for EOG Retest and EOC Summer is scheduled to begin according to the schedule below. The dates for Winter EOC reports that include student growth are also provided in the table below. Consult the Georgia Milestones [Score Interpretation Guides](#) and the [Georgia Student Growth Model](#) website for information on interpreting and using the student growth results.

**GEORGIA MILESTONES REPORT
LOCATIONS AND DATES**

Report	Location	Date		
		EOG Retest	Summer EOC	Winter/ Fall EOC
Final Content Area Summary and Population Summary Reports	INSIGHT and MyGaDOE Portal	N/A	Wed., Aug. 9	Already Released
Final ISRs and Class Rosters	INSIGHT	Wed., Aug. 2	Fri., Aug. 11*	Fri., Aug. 11*
Final System Data Files	MyGaDOE Portal and INSIGHT	Wed., Aug. 2	Fri., Aug. 11*	Fri., Aug. 11*

*include student growth information

Multiple Student Upload – FRPL Eligibility

STCs are encouraged to reach out to their Data Collections colleagues to discuss if any internal processes or schedules are needed to facilitate FRPL eligibility data incorporation into the SIS. Because the MSU pulls student data from the SIS, student FRPL eligibility data will need to be available in the SIS prior to MSU generation. For school systems who utilize DRC BEACON in early fall, the new MSU will be used. All students are required to have an FRPL eligibility value in the MSU; missing/blank values for the FRPL eligibility field are not allowed. The acceptable values were listed in the June Assessment Update and are repeated here:

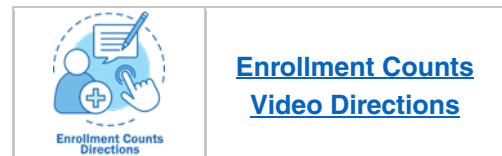
- F = Student is eligible for free meals
- R = Student is eligible for reduced-priced meals
- N = Student is not eligible for free or reduced-priced meals
- C = Student is enrolled at a CEP school
- P = Student is enrolled at a Provision II Both school

EOC Winter 2023 Enrollment Counts

The EOC Winter 2023 Enrollment Count window opens Monday, August 7, and closes Friday, August 18 for all districts planning to administer Winter 2023 EOCs. STCs

must enter specific assessment dates for each test as the entire state window date range is not acceptable.

An enrollment counts training video is available for all STCs.



Enhanced Student Experience

Test Takers will notice changes in the DRC INSIGHT test engine. The Enhanced Student Experience includes multiple changes for better user navigation. Teachers should familiarize students with the new interface using [Experience Online Testing Georgia](#) or one of the Georgia Milestones practice tests.

Changes include:

- Accessibility enhancements
- Sticky Notes has been replaced with Notepad
- Updated Line Guide
- Additional zoom capabilities
- Students now scroll for passages

Updated view highlighting all icons are now at the top of the screen:



Georgia Milestones Resources

Updated resources for the 2023-2024 Georgia Milestones assessments are now available on the [Georgia Milestones Resources](#) webpage. These resources include:

- Mathematics blueprints are revised to reflect the new content standards.
- ELA, Science, and Social Studies blueprints have not changed.
- Mathematics Assessment and Study guides have transitioned to a new [online format](#), available in [Experience Online Testing Georgia](#).
- ELA, Science, and Social Studies guides have been split into individual guides for each grade.
- Mathematics Achievement Level Descriptors (ALDs) are revised to reflect the new content standards. These ALDs remain in draft form until after the

- completion of the standard setting process in summer 2024.
- ELA, Science, and Social Studies ALDs have not changed.
- Mathematics formula sheets are revised to reflect the new content standards.

- Contacts:
- Joe Blessing, Program Manager, jblessing@doe.k12.ga.us, 470-579-6326.
 - Brian Collier, Assessment Specialist, brian.collier@doe.k12.ga.us, 470-579-6355.
 - Missy Shealy, Assessment Specialist, mshealy@doe.k12.ga.us, 470-579-5393.

Dates	Georgia Milestones Tasks and Reminders
7/31/2023 – 11/17/2023	Fall Mid-Month 2023 – Access DRC INSIGHT Portal Test Setup
8/7/2023 – 8/18/2023	Winter 2023 EOC Enrollment Count Window
8/7/2023 – 8/25/2023	August 2023 Mid-Month EOC Testing Window
9/5/2023 – 9/15/2023	September 2023 Mid-Month EOC Testing Window
10/9/2023 – 10/20/2023	October 2023 Mid-Month EOC Testing Window
10/30/2023 – 11/10/2023	November 2023 Mid-Month EOC Testing Window

NAEP/NCES

The schools that have been selected to participate in the NAEP assessment will receive their notification by mid-August.



Contact: Bobbie Bable, Assessment Specialist, bbable@doe.k12.ga.us, 470-579-6324.

Accountability Update

CCRPI summer application season is upon us! The **2023 Assessment Matching, Cohort Withdrawal Update, Summer Graduate Collection, and Non-Participation applications** are now available in the MyGaDOE Portal and will close Thursday, **August 24 at 4 p.m.** Note that superintendent sign-off will be activated in the Assessment Matching application once all assessments, including retests, have been loaded.

The **GAA 1% application** will be available for a short window in mid to late August. We will email accountability contacts with exact dates when the application opens. All

the aforementioned applications require superintendent sign-off, and all issues must be resolved before the close of each application. The ASVAB data collection will close Tuesday, **August 1**. Since this collection is optional, there is no superintendent sign-off.

Regarding the **2023 CCRPI**: As a reminder, we submitted an ESSA amendment to US ED requesting several changes to CCRPI, including eliminating the overall single score, aligning the literacy indicator with the Georgia Milestones on-grade-level reading measure, and expanding opportunities for students to demonstrate readiness. We are still awaiting final approval. Additionally, beginning with the 2023 CCRPI, we will resume using **retest scores** in applicable CCRPI calculations.

Please contact the GaDOE [accountability specialist](#) assigned to assist your district with any questions or concerns. Your district accountability Point of Contact gains critical information each month at the Accountability Lunch and Learns and is another good resource for you.

GaDOE Professional Learning (PL) Events for August-September 2023

Are you looking for professional learning opportunities to support educator practice? Visit the [GaDOE Professional Learning Events](#) to view upcoming virtual webinars, webinar recordings, in-person events, on-demand content, and by-request workshop opportunities. Email Dawn Ashmore at dashmore@doe.k12.ga.us for additional information.



All training STC training sessions are Microsoft Teams webinars. Please register with your district email address for the webinar in the [GaDOE Professional Learning Events](#) or the link in the table below. Once registered, an email is sent from Microsoft Teams, noreply@teams.registration.microsoft.com, allowing you to add the webinar to your calendar.

Conference and training session dates and times are subject to change.

Required Assessment Virtual Training Sessions

Date	Title http://login.community.gadoe.org/events	Time	Intended Audience
9/12/2023	2023-24 State Assessment Training for System Test Coordinators – Part 2 – Special Populations	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	STCs

WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS Courses

Date	Title https://wida.wisc.edu/ (Secure Portal)	Time	Intended Audience
8/1/2023	WIDA Screener Online	2 – 3 p.m.	STCs
8/3/2023	WIDA Screener Paper	2 – 3 p.m.	STCs
9/12/2023	Welcome Back: What’s New in 2023	2 – 3:30 p.m.	STCs
9/14/2023	Pre-Testing: ACCESS for ELLs for New Test Coordinators	2 – 3 p.m.	New STCs
9/19/2023	Pre-Testing: ACCESS for ELLs for New District Test Coordinators	2 – 3 p.m.	STCs
9/26/2023	Pre-Testing: Ordering Materials in WIDA AMS	2 – 3 p.m.	STCs

DRC BEACON

Date	Title http://login.community.gadoe.org/events	Time	Intended Audience
8/1/2023	DRC BEACON Pre-Administration	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	STCs

FIP

Date	Title http://login.community.gadoe.org/events	Time	Intended Audience
8/23/2023	FIP #1 – Do Better by Students: FIP Professional Learning	10 – 11 a.m.	STCs, District Leaders, School Leaders, RESAs

Georgia Milestones Courses

Date	Title http://login.community.gadoe.org/events	Time	Intended Audience
Webinar Recording	Understanding the Georgia Milestones English Language Arts Assessment	24/7	Grades 3-12 Teachers, Instructional Coaches, School Leaders, District Leaders
	Understanding the Georgia Milestones Mathematics Assessment		
	Understanding the Georgia Milestones Science Assessment		
	Understanding the Georgia Milestones Social Studies Assessment		
	Introduction to Reading and Evidence-Based Writing, Gr 3-12		Grades 3-12 ELA Teachers, Instructional Coaches, Assistant Principals, Principals, Literacy Coordinators
	Examining the Opinion Essay, Gr 3-5		
	Examining the Argumentative Essay, Gr 6-HS		
	Examining the Informative/Explanatory Essay, Gr 3-HS		
	Best Practices for Narrative Writing, Gr 3-12		
	Narrative Writing on Georgia Milestone, Gr 3-12		
Using Description in Narrative Writing, Gr 3-5			

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	Using Description in Narrative Writing, Gr 6-8		
	Using Description in Narrative Writing, American Literature		

Understanding Assessment Virtual Training Series

Date	Title http://login.community.gadoe.org/events	Time	Intended Audience
Webinar Recording	Day 1 – Assessment Foundations for Teachers & Leaders	24/7	Grades K-12 Teachers, Instructional Coaches, Teacher Leaders, School Leaders
	Day 2 – Formative Assessment Processes, Part 1		
	Day 3 – Formative Assessment Processes, Part 2		
	Day 4 – Formative Assessment Processes, Part 3		
	Day 5 – Summative Classroom Assessment, Part 1		
	Day 6 – Summative Classroom Assessment, Part 2		
	Day 7 – Summative Classroom Assessment, Part 3		
	Day 8 – Standardized Assessments		
	Day 9 – Balanced Assessment Systems for Teachers		

Georgia Learns Courses

[How to Access Georgia Learns](#) contains information and screenshots to assist educators in accessing courses in Georgia Learns.



Assessment Training Courses

Date	Title	Time	Required Audience
Expected October 2023	Test Coordinator Training	24/7	STC, SchTC
Expected October 2023	Accessibility and Accommodations for State Assessments	24/7	STC, SchTC
Expected October 2023	Georgia Milestones Test Examiner Training	24/7	STC, SchTC, Test Examiners and Proctors
Expected October 2023	GAA 2.0 Test Examiner Training	24/7	STC, SchTC, Test Examiners and Proctors