



# GaDOE Spring 2022 Assessment Guidance

## **EXPECTATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN ALL ASSESSMENTS**

The Department of Education (ED) has stated that all accountability and school identification requirements under ESSA are in effect for the 2021-2022 school year. Therefore, ED is not expected to grant any testing waivers this school year. All students, including those receiving virtual instruction, are expected to participate in Georgia Milestones/GAA/ACCESS in-person this school year. ED has indicated they will not waive the 95% participation requirement.

## **8TH GRADE SCIENCE**

Grade 8 students enrolled in the high school Physical Science course will participate in the high school Physical Science assessment. All other grade 8 students will participate in the grade 8 science EOG assessment. Please ensure you assign grade 8 students for the appropriate science assessment this spring.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKING EOC COURSES**

All middle school students enrolled in Algebra, Coordinate Algebra, Biology, American Literature, and/or U.S. History are required to take both the EOG and EOC as applicable. For these students, their participation and performance in the EOG will be included in accountability calculations for the middle school. Their participation and performance in the EOC will be included in accountability calculations for the high school when they enroll as ninth grade students (if it is in the same district).

## **EOC COURSE GRADE WEIGHT REQUIREMENT**

The EOC course grade weight of 0.01% ended at the close of the 2020-2021 school year (July 31). For the 2021-2022 school year, beginning with the August 2021 mid-month administration, the EOC course grade weight is 20%.

## **AP/IB/DE GEORGIA MILESTONES EOC REQUIREMENT**

All students enrolled in American Literature and Composition, Algebra I or Coordinate Algebra, and/or Biology are required to take the Georgia Milestones EOC regardless of AP/IB/DE course enrollment. Participation in these EOCs satisfies federal testing requirements for high school students. Students who pass the AP, IB or DE course are exempt from the EOC in US History (as social studies is a state requirement). For additional information, the AP/IB/DE FAQ document can be found on the Georgia Milestones Resources page.