



LET'S TALK ASSESSMENTS:

Overview of District and State Assessments

Tameka Bonner, Assistant Principal / School Testing Coordinator
Beulah Elementary School
October 27, 2020

WHY?

The purpose of assessment is to gather relevant information about student performance or progress, or to determine student interests to make judgments about their learning process.

Assessment is an integral part of instruction, as it determines whether or not the goals of education are being met.



GEORGIA KINDERGARTEN INVENTORY OF DEVELOPING SKILLS

GKIDS



GKIDS

WHO: All Kindergarten Students

WHEN: August 17, 2020 - May 17, 2021

AREAS ASSESSED: English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Personal/Social Development, and Approaches to Learning.

GKIDS

WHAT: The Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS) is a year-long, performance-based assessment aligned to the state mandated content standards. The goal of the assessment program is to provide teachers with information about the level of instructional support needed by individual students entering kindergarten and first grade. GKIDS will allow teachers to assess student performance during instruction, record student performance in an on-line database, and generate reports for instructional planning, progress reports, report cards, and/or parent conferences.

EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE FOR GUIDING INSTRUCTION

ESGI



EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE FOR GUIDING INSTRUCTION (ESGI)

WHO: All Kindergarten Students

WHEN: Ongoing

AREAS ASSESSED: Language Arts, Phonics, Math

ESGI

WHAT: A simple and secure assessment platform that provides a frictionless process to conduct one-on-one assessments. It provides the real-time student data needed to effectively drive instruction. Students can be assessed at school or at home.

WRITE SCORE



WRITE SCORE

WHO: Kindergarten - 5th Grade Students

WHEN: 2 times per year: October 19-30

February 22 - March 5

AREAS ASSESSED: Writing: Narrative, Informational, Opinion

WRITE SCORE

WHAT: Write Score provides tools for formative ELA assessments designed to help schools, teachers, and students improve literacy. With standards-aligned assessments, instructional resources, and historical student data reports, Write Score provides tools to help teachers pinpoint instruction, save time, and meet students' diverse literacy needs.

Kindergarten and 1st grade students are assessed paper-pencil. 2nd - 5th grade students test online.

STAR 360

STAR: Early Literacy,
Reading & Math

RENAISSANCE
Star 360[®]

STAR 360

WHO: 1st - 5th Grade Students

WHEN: 3 times per year: August 17 - September 4

November 30 - December 15

May 10 - May 21

AREAS ASSESSED: Early Literacy, Reading, & Math

STAR 360

WHAT: STAR 360 features three computer-adaptive assessments—STAR Early Literacy, STAR Reading, and STAR Math—designed to measure students' overall achievement in early literacy, reading, and math. Computer-adaptive tests continually adjust the difficulty of your child's test by choosing each test question based on responses to previous questions. This saves testing time and spares your child the frustration of items that are too difficult and the boredom of items that are too easy.

ACCESSING
COMPREHENSION &
COMMUNICATIONS STATE
TO STATE FOR ELL

ACCESS



ACCESS

WHO: Kindergarten - 5th Grade English Language Learners

WHEN: January 13 - March 5, 2021

AREAS ASSESSED: Listening, Speaking, Reading, & Writing

ACCESS

WHAT: It's a test that's given to students from kindergarten to grade 12, to assess their progress in learning English. The test helps ensure that students who speak another language at home won't fall behind because of language acquisition problems.

GEORGIA MILESTONES ASSESSMENT: END OF GRADE

GMAS: EOG



GMAS: EOG

WHO: 3rd - 5th Grade Students

WHEN: April 22 - May 7, 2021 (Retest May 18 - 19, 2021)

AREAS ASSESSED:

3rd: Language Arts (3 Sections), Math (2 Sections)

4th: Language Arts (3 Sections), Math (2 Sections)

5th: Language Arts (3 Sections), Math (2 Sections),
Science (2 Sections)

GMAS: EOG

WHAT: An assessment that is designed to provide information about how well students are mastering the state-adopted content standards in the core content areas of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Importantly, Georgia Milestones is designed to provide students with critical information about their own achievement and their readiness for their next level of learning.

** For the 20-21 school year, promotion/retention is not based upon test performance.

RESOURCES

