

TESTING INFORMATION for 2005-2006

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION TESTS

As one of the requirements for earning a regular high school diploma, students must take and pass **all** five portions of the Georgia High School Graduation Test. The five areas include: **Writing, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, and Math**. The writing test will be administered to Juniors on September 28th. Students must write a persuasive essay on an assigned topic and score a minimum of 500 to pass this test. Results for this writing test will be given to students in late November or early December. In the spring of their junior year, students will take the remaining four content area tests. The format of these tests is multiple choice. Results from these tests will be given to students in late May. A minimum score of 500 is required to pass these tests.

The Georgia Department of Education has published a detailed Test Content Description for each of the content areas. These descriptions are available on the Department's web site at: <http://www.doe.k12.ga.us>

Main Administration Test Dates for the GHSGT (Juniors):

September 28 **Writing Test**
September 29 *Writing Make-Up for absent students*

March 27-30 **Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies**
March 31 *Content Area Make-Up for absent students*

Retest Administration Dates for the GHSGT:

Who Takes a Retest?

New seniors, students who were absent during the main administration the previous year, and students who have not yet been successful.

September 12-15 (Mon-Thurs): Mon. / LA, Tues. /MA, Wed. /SC, Thurs. /SS

November 7-10 (Mon-Thurs): Mon. / LA, Tues. /MA, Wed. /SC, Thurs. /SS

March 1: Writing Retest

March 2: Writing Make-Up

GWINNETT COUNTY GATEWAY ASSESSMENT

The Gateway Assessment was developed for the purpose of measuring and reporting student progress on the Gwinnett County core curriculum- the Academic Knowledge and Skills. Students take this test for the first time in the spring of their sophomore year. The content areas covered on this test include language arts, science, and social studies.

The format of this test is ESSAY. Students will write an essay based on science content and knowledge on one day and they will write an essay based on social studies content and knowledge on a separate day.

Main Administration Dates for GATEWAY (SOPHOMORES)

April 18: Social Studies/Language Arts (Make-Up for absent students is April 19th)

April 20: Science/Language Arts (Make-Up for absent students is April 21st)

Retest Dates for GATEWAY

(For students who have not passed, and for new juniors and new seniors- new to GWINNETT)

October 25: Social Studies/Language Arts

October 27: Science/Language Arts

February 25: (Saturday) Social Studies 8:00AM, Science 12:00PM

April 19: Social Studies/Language Arts

April 21: Science/Language Arts

INTERVENTION CLASSES:

Norcross High School will offer Gateway intervention classes for students. The classes are free of charge and will take place after school from 2:30- 4:30. Intervention classes will be offered towards the end of September and again at the beginning of February. Advise students to see their counselor or come to the testing office if they are interested in registering.

SAMPLE TESTS:

Sample tests for the Gateway are available in the testing office. These sample tests are great practice and provide the students an opportunity to see what the test will look like, directions, etc.

SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS:

Fall: December 14-16

Spring: May 22-24

**No student will be allowed to take an exam before the designated exam period.*

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS:

May 1-12

Students will register for these exams in early January. The fee of each test has not yet been determined. Exams will be administered at the Gwinnett Civic Center.

SAT/ PSAT/ ACT

For registration information regarding the SAT/ACT, see a counselor in the guidance office.

SAT Test Dates:

October 8
November 5
December 3
January 28
April 1
May 6
June 3

SAT Registration Deadlines:

September 7
September 30
October 28
December 22
February 24
March 31
April 28

PSAT Test Date:

Wednesday, October 12th

ACT Test Dates:

September 24
October 22
December 10
February 11
April 8
June 10

ACT Registration Deadlines:

August 19
September 16
November 4
January 6
March 3
May 5

END OF COURSE TESTS

The End-of-Course Tests (EOCT) program is currently comprised of eight content area assessments: Ninth Grade Literature and Composition, American Literature and Composition, Algebra I, Geometry, U.S. History, Economics, Biology, and Physical Science. Each EOCT is directly aligned with the standards in the Quality Core Curriculum as mandated by law.

A student's final grade in an EOCT COURSE will be determined using a combination of the student's grade in the course, including daily work, quizzes, homework, and tests (as stated by the course teacher) and the EOCT score. The **EOCT test** will count **15% of the student's overall grade**.

Important: A student does not have to receive a passing score on the EOCT test—they just have to pass the class. Just like any other course, students must earn a 70 or higher as a final course grade to pass the course and earn credit towards graduation.

EOCT tests are administered as main administrations in December and May. However, every month (given usually about the third week) a "mid-month" test will be administered on-line for students on an as needed basis.

DECEMBER 2005-

EOCT will be administered in Economics only. Exact dates will be provided at a later date.

MAY 2006- EOCT's will be administered in the following:

9th and 11th Literature

Algebra I (includes Concepts of Algebra)

Geometry (includes Informal Geometry)

Biology

U.S. History

Economics

The testing window is May 1-10. However, exact testing dates will be provided at a later date.

Testing Schedule: Fall Semester 2005

September 12 - 15
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GHS GT Retest (LA, MA, SC, SS)
GHS GT Writing Main Administration (11th)
GHS GT Writing Make-up

October 12 **PSAT** (all 9th, all 10th, and those 11th who register)
 25 Gateway - Social Studies Retest
 27 Gateway - Science Retest

November 7 - 10 GHSGT Retest (LA, MA, SC, SS)

December 5-13 EOCT testing for Economics—exact date TBA

December 14 - 16 **Final Exams***

*Remember that performance exams (written portion) comprise a percentage of the final exam grade. The schedule for the performance exams will be published separately.

Note: The tests highlighted in bold might require the school to be on a modified block schedule for the day. The schedule will be published at least one week prior to the test.

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Testing Dates 2005-2006

Date/Time	Test	Students Involved
Sept. 12-15 7:20 am	High School Graduation Tests - Retest (no make ups) LA - 9/12, Math - 9/13, Science 9/14, Social Studies - 9/15	Those who missed or failed one or more sections in previous administrations; 12 th graders new to GA
Sept. 28	High School Graduation Writing Test - Main Administration	11 th graders, 12 th graders who have not passed this test
Sept. 29 7:20 am	High School Graduation Writing Test - Make-up	Those absent on the main administration
Oct. 12	PSAT (All 9 th & 10 th graders)	All 9 th & 10 th graders and 11 th graders who have registered to test
Oct. 25 7:20 am	Gateway - Retest (SS/LA) (no make ups)	11 th /12 th graders who have not passed one or more sections in previous administrations; 12 th graders new to GA
Oct. 27 7:20 am	Gateway - Retest (SC/LA) (no make ups)	Students who missed or failed one or more sections in previous administrations; 11 th /12 th graders new to GA
Nov. 7-10 7:20 am	High School Graduation Tests - Retest (no make ups) LA - 11/7, Math - 11/8, Science 11/9, Social Studies - 11/10	Those who missed or failed one or more sections in previous administrations; 12 th graders new to GA
Dec. 5-13	End of Course Tests - Final dates TBA Day 1 - 9 th & 11 th Grade Literature Day 2 - Economics and Biology Day 3 - Physical SC & Geometry Day 4 - Algebra & US History Day 5 - Make up Day	All students taking a course requiring an EOCT
Dec. 14-16	High School Final Exams	All students
Feb. 25 SS/LA am SC/LA pm	Gateway - Retest (no make ups) Saturday administration 8:00 a.m. SS/LA 12:00 p.m. SC/LA	Students who missed or failed one or more sections in previous administrations; 11 th /12 th graders new to GA
Mar. 1 7:20 am	High School Graduation Writing Test - Retest	11 th /12 th graders who have not passed this test
Mar. 2 7:20 am	High School Graduation Writing Test - Make-up	Those absent on the retest day
Mar. 27-30	High School Graduation Tests - Main Administration LA - 3/27, Math - 3/28, Science 3/29, Social Studies - 3/30	11 th graders; 12 th graders who have not passed all sections of the test
Mar. 31 7:20 am	Make-up for all tests	
Apr. 18	Gateway - Main Administration (SS/LA)	10 th graders; 11 th /12 th graders who have not passed all parts of the test
Apr. 19 7:20 am	Gateway - Make-up (SS/LA)	Those who were absent on the main administration
Apr. 20	Gateway - Main Administration (SC/LA)	10 th graders; 11 th /12 th graders who have not passed all Those who were absent on the main administration parts of the test
Apr. 21 7:30 am	Gateway - Make-up (SC/LA)	Those who were absent on the main administration
May 1-12 Times vary	AP Exams	Students who register for exams
May 1-10	End of Course Tests - Final dates TBA Day 1 - 9 th & 11 th Grade Literature Day 2 - Physical SC and Biology Day 3 - US History & Economics Day 4 - Algebra & Geometry Day 5 - Make up Day Day 6 - Make up Day	All students taking a course requiring an EOCT
May 22-24	High School Final Exams	All students