



March 23, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On April 26, 2021, we will begin to administer the Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) assessments for the 2020-21 school year. The Georgia Milestones EOG assessments apply **only to scholars in grades 3-8**. Due to the secure nature of the Georgia Milestones, no virtual options have been made by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE). The assessments must be administered in person, in a secure environment.

Earlier this year, State Superintendent Richard Woods submitted the GaDOE's request for a federal testing and accountability waiver to the US Department of Education (USED). Unfortunately, the request for waiving federal and state testing was denied. Because of this, Atlanta Public Schools is still required to administer all Milestones assessments this Spring. However, Superintendent Woods made it very clear that students who continue to learn virtually should not be required to come to the school for the sole purpose to take the Milestones EOG assessments. This means that although our virtual students are certainly invited to come to school to take the EOGs, by no means are they required. Note that the expectation for students learning in-person is that they will sit for the EOG during their scheduled testing sessions.

There are no negative consequences for students who do not participate in the EOG assessments this year, however in the past and in future years, the EOG assessments impact each school's overall grade as measured by the College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI). While this metric will most likely be waived this year, in typical years, our schools must have at least a 95% participation rate in order to get an appropriate measure and grade. Not meeting this metric would have a negative impact on the overall school grade and reputation of our schools in the district and state.

Please know that we are taking every precaution to ensure a safe testing environment for any scholars who participate in the EOG assessment implementation this year, including but not limited to social distancing, sanitized devices, flexible scheduling, required wearing of PPE, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact your school's test coordinator, Mr. Mathis at emathis@kippmetroatlanta.org.

Sincerely,

Dwight Ho-Sang

Principal