

April 14, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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. Unfortunately, the request for waiving federal and state testing was denied. Because of this, APS is still required to administer all Milestones assessments.

On April 27, 2021, we will begin to administer the Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) assessments for the 2020-21 school year. *The Georgia Milestones assessments must be administered in person, in a secure environment.* Due to the secure nature of the Georgia Milestones, the Georgia Department of Education, (GaDOE), has made no virtual options. **If your student is a virtual learner, they are not required to come in person to take the Georgia Milestones (EOG) Assessment.** This means that our virtual students are certainly invited to come to school to take the EOGs, but by no means are they required to participate. If you choose to allow your child to participate in EOG testing, **transportation will not be provided. Therefore, parents/guardians are expected to bring and pick-up their child each day during test administration. . If you do choose to bring your student for EOG testing you must notify Ms. Luckett by Wednesday, April 21 to submit your student's information.**

Please note that the expectation for students learning in-person is that they will take the EOG during the regular school day here at King. We will continue to comply with district and CDC guidelines to ensure a safe testing environment including but not limited to social distancing, sanitized devices, flexible scheduling, required wearing of PPE, etc.

Georgia Milestone testing dates are:

8th Grade Testing Dates

ELA Section 1	Tuesday, April 27
ELA Sections 2 and 3	Thursday, April 29
Math Sections 1 and 2	Tuesday, May 4
Science Section 1 and 2	Tuesday, May 11
Social Studies Sections 1 and 2	Thursday, May 13

7th Grade Testing Dates

ELA Section 1	Tuesday, April 27
ELA Sections 2 and 3	Thursday, April 29
Math Sections 1 and 2	Tuesday, May 4

6th Grade Testing Dates

ELA Section 1	Thursday, May 6
ELA Sections 2 and 3	Tuesday, May 11
Math Sections 1 and 2	Thursday, May 13

While our virtual learners will not take the Georgia Milestones, students will be required to complete assessments uploaded to Google Classroom. The results of these assessments will assist us in our academic planning for next year. **If you do choose to bring your student for EOG testing you must notify Ms. Lockett by Wednesday, April 21 to submit your student's information.**

There are no negative consequences for students who do not participate in the EOG assessment this year, however, we will use the results of these assessments to assist us in our academic planning for next year.

Finally, anytime students at King are asked to take an assessment either in person or virtually we always remind our students to simply do their best. Please help us by encouraging your child to do their best every day too.

If you have any questions about End-of-Grade testing, please contact Ms. Lockett at 404-802-5400.

Sincerely,
Paul Brown
Principal