



## Phoenix Academy

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

On April 26, 2021, we will begin to administer the Georgia Milestones End of Course (EOC) assessments for Spring Semester Algebra I, Biology, American Literature and US History courses. Due to the secure nature of the Georgia Milestones, no virtual options have been permitted by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE). These assessments must be administered in person, in a secure environment.

However, State Superintendent Woods has made it clear that students who continue to learn virtually should not be required to come to the school to take the Milestones EOC assessments. This means that although our virtual students are certainly welcome to come to take the EOCs in a face-to-face environment, they are not required to do so. Students learning in-person will take the EOC during their scheduled testing sessions.

Please also note that the Georgia State Board of Education voted to reduce the weight of the Milestones on a student’s semester grade from 20% to .01%. However, in alignment with State Board Rule, if a student does not sit for an EOC, the student will receive a “0” for the EOC grade.

The following table shows examples of the impact on final grades for all students who do not take an EOC.

Course Grade Prior to EOC Final Grade after 0.01% of a zero on EOC Final Grade that will appear on Transcript

Course Grade Prior to EOC	Final Grade after 0.01% of a zero on EOC	Final Grade that will appear on Transcript
95.0%	94.99%	95%
85.0%	84.99%	85%
75.0%	74.99%	75%
70.0%	69.99%	70%
69.5%	69.49%	69%

We understand families may be concerned about testing in person, but please know that APS will be taking every precaution to ensure a safe environment including social distancing, sanitized devices, and the required wearing of PPE. We also understand that this testing requirement may be frustrating for students. However, APS is required to follow all State Laws and State Board Rules.

Sincerely,

Phoenix Academy Testing Team