



2023 Assessment Monitoring Results

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The Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) serves as the reporting and accountability agency for education in Georgia. As such, GOSA is charged by law (O.C.G.A. § 20-14-35 and O.C.G.A. § 20-14-36) with inspecting academic records of schools to ensure that education institutions are faithful to performance accountability requirements. Through an academic audit, GOSA reviews student assessment data and other school records reported to the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) to confirm accuracy and explore the effectiveness of local school initiatives in improving achievement.

GOSA uses data from state standardized assessments to assist in making educational policy decisions and provide a measure of students' academic performance, as well as the schools' effectiveness and adherence to prescribed standards. The Assessment Division at GaDOE oversees the development and administration of the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (Georgia Milestones) End of Grade (EOG) for grades 3-8 and End of Course (EOC) assessments in ten high school courses.

2023 Georgia Milestones Spring Test Monitoring

School Selection

GOSA did not carry out any test monitoring due to a two-year suspension of Milestones Assessment data used for CCRPI accountability. There was no audit/monitoring during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years because Milestones data used for flagging schools was incomplete. As a result, GOSA had no framework for flagging schools to monitor during the 2023 administration of Georgia Milestones Assessments. Typically, all schools with two or more flags could expect a potential test monitoring visit, as GOSA would send monitors to schools with three flags, schools whose inquiry form responses indicated a procedural error, or randomly selected schools. GOSA would also typically send test monitors to newly opened State Charter Schools Commission (SCSC) schools. To prepare schools for the return of the full auditing process, GOSA worked with the Georgia Department of Education to randomly select 50 schools to monitor¹.

School Selection

GOSA assigned staff to monitor and observe the security and integrity of the testing environment at 31 schools during the Spring 2023 Georgia Milestones Administration. Superintendents from every school district in the state were notified that they may be randomly selected for monitoring. All 50 randomly selected schools expected a potential test monitoring visit. Of the schools 50 identified for the Assessment Monitoring, test monitors randomly selected schools to visit. For the schools that were not selected for a test monitoring visit, GOSA did not require any further information to complete the audit.

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¹ GOSA generated a list of 50 randomly selected schools from the entire sample of Georgia public schools that reported K-12 enrollment in the 2021-2022 school year



Test monitors at the following 31 schools did not identify any issues with the Spring 2023 Georgia Milestones Administrations:

- Dalton Public Schools, Hammond Creek Middle School
- Dawson County, Dawson County Middle School
- DeKalb County, Arabia Mountain High School
- Douglas County, Alexander High School
- Floyd County, Armuchee High School
- Fulton County, Cogburn Woods Elementary
- Fulton County, Ocee Elementary
- Gwinnett County, Grace Snell Middle School
- Gwinnett County, Head Elementary School
- Gwinnett County, Grayson Elementary School
- Gwinnett County, Britt Elementary School
- Gwinnett County, Cedar Hill Elementary School
- Henry County, Woodland Elementary School
- Henry County, Smith-Barnes Elementary School
- Henry County, Hickory Flat Elementary School
- Houston County, David A. Perdue Elementary School
- Houston County, Lake Joy Elementary School
- Muscogee County, Eagle Ridge Academy
- Muscogee County, Key Elementary School
- Newton County, Middle Ridge Elementary School
- Paulding County, Sara M. Ragsdale Elementary
- Richmond County, Hephzibah High School
- Rockdale County, Hightower Trail Elementary School
- Savannah-Chatham County, Georgetown School
- Tift County, Northeast Middle School
- Toombs County, Lyons Upper Elementary
- Washington County, Washington County High School
- White County, Tesnatee Gap Elementary (Old White Co. Intermediate)
- Whitfield County, Phoenix High School