



General Ray Davis Middle School

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Dear Parents,

Beginning on May 3rd, students in Grades 6-8 will join other elementary and middle school students district wide in taking the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade Assessment. Although student performance is measured year-round by teachers, this test is a standardized measure for students to demonstrate their mastery of core academic subjects through established criteria set by the Georgia Department of Education.

Information provided by these assessments include:

- establishing individual student achievement levels.
- assessing strengths and weaknesses of individuals and programs.
- determining student academic growth.
- guiding us as we plan for overall school improvement.

Eighth graders will be tested in four content areas: English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Sixth and seventh graders will be tested in English/language arts and mathematics. Each content area assessment has two or three sections ranging from 20-90 minutes depending on the content and section. Testing will begin each day by **9:00** a.m. Hybrid students will follow the testing schedule outlined below.

GA Milestones (Grades 6-8)			
	SUBJECT AREA	DAY OF THE WEEK	DATE
Monday/Tuesday Cohort	<i>ELA, Section 1 (Writing)</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>May 3, 2021</i>
	<i>ELA, Sections 2 and 3</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>May 4, 2021</i>
	<i>Math, Sections 1 and 2</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>May 10, 2021</i>
	<i>Coordinate Algebra, Sections 1 and 2</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>May 11, 2021</i>
	<i>Science/Physical Science, Sections 1 and 2</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>May 17, 2021</i>
	<i>Social Studies, Sections 1 and 2</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>May 18, 2021</i>

GA Milestones (Grades 6-8)			
	SUBJECT AREA	DAY OF THE WEEK	DATE
Wednesday/Thursday Cohort	<i>ELA, Section 1 (Writing)</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>May 5, 2021</i>

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	ELA, Sections 2 and 3	Thursday	May 6, 2021
	Math, Sections 1 and 2	Wednesday	May 12, 2021
	Coordinate Algebra, Sections 1 and 2	Thursday	May 13, 2021
	Science/Physical Science, Sections 1 and 2	Wednesday	May 19, 2021
	Social Studies, Sections 1 and 2	Thursday	May 20, 2021

Georgia Milestones Assessments are required by the State of Georgia; however, we know these are unprecedented times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All students, virtual and hybrid, are offered the opportunity to participate in Georgia Milestones testing.

Health and safety remain a top priority in Rockdale County Public Schools. RCPS takes seriously the safety and well-being of our students, families, and staff. We will implement a number of rules and safeguards in order to safely administer End-of-Grade and End-of-Course testing during the 2020-21 school year. Eighth grade Coordinate Algebra students who do not participate in the End-of-Course Assessment will be issued a zero, which will be calculated at 0.01% for their course grade. EOC students will not be issued an Incomplete nor will they be expected to take the assessment at a later date.

We ask that you assist us in preparing your child for testing by adhering to the following guidelines:

- **Maintain your child's normal schedule, including adequate rest, nourishing meals, and time for relaxation and play.**
- **Discuss with your child the importance of doing his/her best.**
- **Refrain from taking your child out of school during the testing sessions.**
- **Be sure your child arrives at school on time during testing days.**
- **Express confidence in your child's ability to do well.**

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or call the school office. Thank you for your continued support with the Georgia Milestones Assessment program.

Respectfully,

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School Testing Coordinator

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