

Gwinnett County Public Schools

Testing Program Matrix

The GCPS testing plan involves a series of state mandated assessments and locally funded assessment. The matrix provides a summary of tests given to every student by grade level, purpose of the test, and how the test is used. Shaded rows indicate tests mandated by the state of Georgia.

Name of Test (Funded/Provided by)	Grade Level	Purpose	How Used
Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS) (State mandated)	K	Determine developing knowledge and skills on the Georgia Performance Standards	Used as one component for placement decisions for first grade
Cognitive Abilities Test (Locally funded)	1, 3, 5, & 8	Assess verbal, quantitative, and non-verbal abilities non-verbal abilities	To determine if student performance is appropriate to ability
Georgia Grade 3 Writing Assessment (State mandated)	3	Measure student progress in writing according to state standards	Identifies areas of student strengths and needed interventions
Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) (State mandated)	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8	Assess knowledge of state GPS in Reading, English/Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies	Promotion Criteria - Grade 3 Reading and Grade 5 & 8 Reading and Math
Iowa Test of Basic Skills (Norm-referenced test)	3, 5, & 8	Measure achievement in Rdg., Math, Voc., Language, SS, SC, maps & diagrams, and reference materials	Measure student performance against an external nationally normed standard.
Georgia Gr. 5 Writing Assessment (Elementary Gateway) (State mandated)	5	Measure student progress in writing according to state standards of writing	Assessment used for Gwinnett promotion for grade 5
Georgia Grade 8 Writing Assessment (Middle School Gateway) (State mandated)	8	Measure student progress in writing according to state standards	Assessment used for Gwinnett promotion for grade 8
PSAT (Locally funded for 10th grade) (Optional in 9th/11th grade, private vendor)	10	Measure student verbal reasoning critical reading, mathematics problem-solving skills, and writing	Used to help students assess strengths related to those skills needed for post-secondary education
High School Gateway (Locally funded)	10	Measure student achievement of AKS in Language Arts (Writing), Science and Social Studies	Graduation requirement for students
High School Graduation Tests (LA, MA, SC, SS) (State mandated)	11	Assess student achievement of Georgia's QCC/GPS	Graduation requirement for all diploma options-11th grade students participate in either GHSGT or GAA
High School Graduation Writing Test (State mandated)	11	Assess level of student writing	Graduation requirement
End-of-Course Tests (EOCT) (State mandated)	8-12	Assess knowledge of state QCC of specified HS courses-Alg. I, Geom., Math I and Math II;9th Gr. Lit. & Comp., Am. Lit. & Comp., Phys. SC., Bio., US History, Econ/Bus/Free Enterprise	Used for diagnostic purposes - all students enrolled in these courses, regardless of grade level, are required to take the related EOCT - Counts as 15% of course grade
Advanced Placement Tests (State and local funds provided)	9-12	Assess student performance on college level curriculum	College credit possible
ACCESS for ELLs (State mandated)	K-12	Assess English language proficiency	Used to diagnose student strengths and determine placement/exit for ESOL services
Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) (State mandated)	K-12	Portfolio assessment of students with cognitive disabilities	Used to diagnose student strengths and exposure to grade-level curriculum

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