

Gwinnett County Public Schools

Testing Program Matrix 2011-12

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	Assess reasoning abilities and when combined with ITBS can provide predictive achievement
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	State Promotion Criteria - Grade 3 Reading and Grade 5 & 8 Reading and Math
Gateway Content Area Retest (Locally funded)	4 & 7	Assess knowledge of state GPS in Reading, English/Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies	GCPS Promotion Criteria - Required if student does meet standards on CRCT
Iowa Test of Basic Skills (Locally funded)	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 (State mandated)	5	Measure student progress in writing according to state standards of writing	Measures student progress on GPS writing skills
Grade 5 Writing Retest (Locally funded)	5	Measure student progress in writing according to state standards of writing	GCPS Promotion Criteria - Required if student does meet standards on Grade 5 Writing Assessment
Georgia Grade 8 Writing Assessment (State mandated)	8	Measure student progress in writing according to state standards	Measures student progress on GPS writing skills
Grade 8 Writing Retest (Locally funded)	8	Measure student progress in writing according to state standards of writing	GCPS Promotion Criteria - Required if student does meet standards on Grade 8 Writing Assessment
PSAT (State funded - 10th grade) (Optional in 11th grade)	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	GCPS graduation requirement for students
High School Graduation Tests	11	Assess student achievement of Georgia's QCC/GPS	Students in 10th grade or higher beginning in 2011-12 who pass content area EOCTs are not required to take or pass corresponding content area GHSGT. GHSGT remains available for any student not meeting testing requirements through EOCT in any content area.
High School Graduation Writing Test	11	Assess level of student writing	State graduation requirement
End-of-Course Tests (EOCT) (State mandated)	8-12	Assess knowledge of state GPS of specified HS courses- Math I and Math II;9th Gr. Lit. & Comp., Am. Lit. & Comp., Phys. SC., Bio., US History, Econ/Bus/Free Enterprise	Students entering grade nine for the first time during the 2011-12 school year and beyond are required to pass EOCT courses to earn a high school diploma. EOCTs will count 20% of the course grade.
Advanced Placement Tests (Partially funded by state)	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