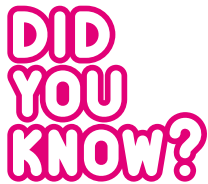


The goal of this newsletter is to share information with teachers about the Georgia Student Assessment Program in order to deepen understanding of the program, its purpose, and its uses.

Test Development

Test Development Process

The Georgia Student Assessment Program includes formative and summative criterion-referenced assessments for students in kindergarten through high school. Several Georgia assessments are developed and customized by the Georgia Department of Education, in partnership with a test development vendor and Georgia educators. These custom assessments are aligned to Georgia's state content standards and expectations for student performance. While each of these assessments is unique in some ways, they all follow a similar development process. You can learn more about this process on our [Test Development](#) webpage.



Georgia teachers are involved in several steps of the test development process.

Test Development Meetings

Each year, GaDOE seeks nominations of educators for upcoming test development activities. If you would like to be nominated by your district, please let us know by completing the [Test Development Interest Form](#).



The following meetings are anticipated in 2023:

- GKIDS 2.0
 - Revision of ELA Big Ideas and Learning Progressions*
- GAA 2.0
 - Revision of ELA test blueprints, Extended Content Standards, and achievement level descriptors*
 - Item Review & Data Review
- Georgia Milestones
 - Revision of ELA passage specifications, test blueprints, and achievement level descriptors*
 - Item Review & Data Review

*Pending adoption of new ELA content standards

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Professional Learning

Assessment Webinars for Teachers

The Assessment Division offers a variety of professional learning opportunities to build understanding of Georgia's Student Assessment Program. Upcoming live events, as well as previously recorded webinars, are available in the [GaDOE Professional Learning Events](#) catalog.

Understanding Assessment

- Assessment Foundations
- Formative Assessment Processes
- Summative Classroom Assessment
- Standardized Assessments
- Balanced Assessment Systems

Understanding Georgia Milestones

- [English language arts](#)
- [Mathematics](#)
- [Science](#)
- [Social Studies](#)

Evaluating and Improving Student Writing

- [Reading and Evidence Based Writing](#)
- [Narrative Writing](#)

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Mathematics Assessment Revisions

Georgia's K-12 Mathematics Standards, adopted by the State Board of Education on August 26, 2021, will be implemented beginning in fall 2023. All state mathematics assessments have been revised to align with the new standards. These revised assessments will be administered beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. Updated resources for each assessment will be available as described below.



Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS 2.0)

Available now on the [GKIDS 2.0 Resources](#) webpage:

- Revised big ideas and learning progressions

Available May 2023:

- GKIDS 2.0 Administration Manual
- GKIDS 2.0 Platform User Guide
- GKIDS 2.0 Teacher Training Course in Georgia Learns

NOTE: There are no changes to the GKIDS Readiness Check, as it aligns to the Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards (GELDS) which have not changed.

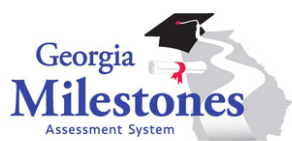


Keenville

Available May 2023:

- Keenville User Guide
- Keenville Parent Guide
- Mathematics Curriculum Maps
- Infographics by Unit

NOTE: There will no longer be a Keenville Teacher & Leader Training Course in Georgia Learns. All resources will be available on the [Keenville Resources](#) webpage.



Georgia Milestones Assessment System

Available now on the [Georgia Milestones Resources](#) webpage:

- Revised test blueprints

Available May 2023:

- Assessment Guides
- Study Guides for Students & Parents
- Formula Sheets
- Achievement Level Descriptors (ALDs)



Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA 2.0)

Available now on the [GAA 2.0 Resources](#) webpage:

- Revised test blueprints
- Revised Extended Content Standards

Available May 2023:

- Teacher Resource Guide
- Achievement Level Descriptors (ALDs)

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