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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our Spring 2017 Georgia Milestones Assessment System End-of-Course (EOC) testing window opens soon, and we are making final preparations for a successful testing season. Our testing window begins April 24, 2017, and closes on May 9, 2017. As we finalize our plans for this spring we wanted to share some information with you.

The Spring 2017 EOC test administration schedule is listed below. It is critical for your student to participate in his/her scheduled exam as it counts for 20% of a student's grade.

Test	Mon 4/24	Tues 4/25	Wed 4/26	Thu 4/27	Fri 4/28	Mon 5/1	Tue 5/2	Wed 5/3	Thu 5/4	Fri 5/5
EOC	Econ	US His	Phys Sci	Wri Am Lit	Am Lit	Alg	Geom	Wri 9th Lit	9th Lit	Bio

The Georgia Department of Education has posted to its website a Parent's Question and Answer flyer. This document will provide answers to questions you may have about Georgia Milestones. You may access it using the link <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Georgia-Milestones-Assessment-System.aspx>

For number of years, the GaDOE has been offering online test administrations as part of the state's student assessment program. The Georgia Milestones Assessment System will continue, and expand upon, the availability of online testing. Atlanta Public Schools has purchased 10,000 Chromebooks to support 21st century learning and the transition to online testing.

We are writing to share with you that Mays High School will be testing students online during our upcoming spring administration of the Georgia Milestones End-of-Course (EOC) administration. The information below is provided to assist you and your student in becoming familiar with the features of online testing.

- A website, called *Experience Online Testing Georgia*, has been established to provide an opportunity for students to become familiar with the online testing platform. The website can be found at the link that follows <http://www.gaexperienceonline.com/>. This practice site does not require a log-in and is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Importantly, this practice site is not designed as a "practice test" to measure a student's knowledge of course content and scores will not be generated. Again, it is intended to allow students to familiarize themselves with the online platform prior to testing.
- We will also be setting up practice sessions during the school day to provide students a similar opportunity to acquaint themselves with the online testing system.
- Test items in the online version of Georgia Milestones are designed to be comparable to those in the paper-and-pencil version.

If you have questions about our upcoming spring test administrations for Georgia Milestones, please contact the Testing Coordinator, Ms. Thomas, at Helena.Thomas@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

Best regards,
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