

GEORGIA ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Assessment	Grades Tested	Subjects Tested On	Purpose	Required by whom
Kindergarten Assessment	K	Literacy, Math, Social/Emotional development	Readiness for first grade	State law
Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCTs)	1,2	Reading, Math, English Language Arts	Mastery of Georgia curriculum	State law
Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCTs)	3,4,5,6,7,8	Reading, Math, English Language Arts, Science, Social Studies	Mastery of Georgia curriculum; Some scores used in Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) calculation	State law requires testing in all subjects listed; Federal law requires testing in reading and math; In 2007-8 school year federal law also requires science test in one elementary grade and one middle school grade
Georgia Writing Test	3,5,8,	Writing	Student Achievement in Writing	State law
Norm-referenced test	Optional - 3, 4, or 5; and 6, 7, or 8	Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies	Compares students' to national sample	State law makes this optional, state funding is available
National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP)	4,8	Reading, Math, Science, Writing	Compares student achievement among states; checks CRCTs against national test	State law requires participation; Federal law requires Reading and Math Tests given every other year; Reading, Math and Science were assessed in 2009. Reading, Math, and Writing will be assessed in 2011.
End-of-Course Tests	High School Course specific rather than grade level	9th Grade Lit.&Comp.; American Lit.&Comp.; Algebra I; Geometry; Physical Science; Biology; U. S. History; Economics	Mastery of curriculum	State law
Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test (GHSGWT)	11 (4 additional attempts available in 11,12)	Writing	High School Exit Exam; Mastery of Writing	State law
Georgia High School Graduation Test	11 (4 additional attempts available in 11,12)	English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science	High School Exit Exam; Mastery of Curriculum	State law; Also used to satisfy Federal requirement to test English Language Arts, Math and Science in one high school grade.
Georgia Alternative Assessments (GAA)	Varies	As required by special education student's Individualized Education Program (IEP)	Mastery of curriculum	Federal law