



March 29, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians of Online Students:

Your student is scheduled to take the Georgia Milestones (End of Course) in April which will measure how well they have mastered specific content this year. Our school system is required to administer the test in-person in our schools. This test is one resource that school staff, students and parents review to help determine if a student is experiencing any learning gaps/loss, develop plans to enrich student learning, and identify areas where students are learning at higher levels.

The dates of the EOC at Westside are as follows:

- Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30 am - American Literature EOC Exam Day 1
- Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 am - American Literature EOC Exam Day 2
- Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 am - Algebra I EOC Exam
- Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am - Biology EOC Exam
- Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am - US History EOC Exam

Those students enrolled in American Literature and Composition, Algebra I/Coordinate Algebra, Biology and U.S. History are required to complete an end of course exam. This year, Georgia Milestones end of course exams will count 0.01% towards a student’s final grade in the class. If a student does not take the Georgia Milestones End of Course exam, they will receive a zero or incomplete for that portion of their overall grade. Please also note that students are required to take a separate Final Exam that their individual teacher will schedule virtually with them unless they meet exemption requirements. Both the EOC and Final Exam combined count 20% of their final grade.

<b>EOC Courses</b>	0.01% of the final grade will come from the EOC
American Literature and Composition	+19.99% of the final grade will come from the teacher exam
Algebra I, Biology, U.S. History	20.00% of the final grade

For the 2020-21 school year, the Georgia Department of Education has implemented a measure to not require virtual students to come to school solely to take the Georgia Milestones. We understand that this is a decision that you will make considering the best interest of your child and family. To allow us to plan accordingly, parents of virtual learners should take the survey located at the top of our website (End of Course Online Student Participation Survey) that can be found at [www.rcboe.org/westside](http://www.rcboe.org/westside). This survey gives us vital information in planning for the EOC. Families choosing to participate in testing will need to arrange transportation to and from school for their student to take the Georgia Milestones.

For more details about the Georgia Milestones, Study and Resource Guides to review before the test, visit [www.rcboe.org/Testing](http://www.rcboe.org/Testing) or call Westside High School.

Sincerely,

William P. Smith, Principal  
Westside High School