

# GRACEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your student is scheduled to take the Georgia Milestones on April 19- April 30 , 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.

Depending on your student's grade level, the test will cover English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. A student's promotion to the next grade will not be impacted this year if they do not take the Georgia Milestones.

This year for any eighth grade students taking Algebra or Biology, the Georgia Milestones end of course exams will count 0.01% towards a student's final grade. RCBOE board procedure requires a 20% exam (for all high school courses), students who take end of course assessments (0.01%) will also take the teacher exams that will have a course weight of 19.99%. 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.

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 will receive an online survey to advise your school of your plans for your student to take the Georgia Milestones Assessments in-person for the 2020 – 2021 school year. 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 [rcboe.org/Testing](http://rcboe.org/Testing) or call Arstasia Evans at 706-796-4969.

Sincerely,

Dr. Renee Perry  
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