



Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The State Board of Education has implemented a new assessment system for the 2014-2015 school year known as the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS) and it will replace the CRCT for all students. The GMAS will be administered to our students in April 2015.

To ensure a smooth transition to GMAS, the GA Department of Education has granted a one-year waiver of the results as used for promotion purposes in grades 3, 5 and 8.

The Savannah-Chatham County School Board has determined that the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) and Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments will be used as the benchmark assessments at third, fifth, sixth, and eighth grades for this school year. These tests have both been given for several years and are familiar to our students. The assessment guidelines are attached.

More information about the GMAS can be found at <http://www.gadoe.org> or you can contact your child's teacher or principal if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Chief Academic Officer

*Mission - To ignite a passion for learning and teaching at high levels.
Vision - From school to the world: All students prepared for productive futures*

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IHE-E(3) Promotion Guidelines 2014-2015

Kindergarten

- Mastery of Reading, Math and ELA standards as determined by GKIDS
- Meet the attendance policy requirements

Grades 1-5

- Have a final grade of 70 or higher in ELA, Reading, Math, Social Studies, and Science
- Meet the attendance policy requirements
- See assessment targets on MAP and SRI in chart below

Grades 6-8

- Have a final grade of 70 or higher in ELA, Math, Social Studies and Science
- Have a final grade of 70 or higher in 75% of the total number of connections courses taken
- Meet the attendance policy requirements
- See assessment targets on MAP and SRI in chart below

Assessment Guidelines – Grades 2-8

These assessments are NOT the sole criteria in determining promotion/retention. Elementary and middle school principals will use multiple measures in determining final student promotion decisions.

Special provisions may be made for students who are English Language Learners and students with identified disabilities.

Grade Level	School Year	Lexile	RIT
2nd Grade	2014-2015	330	182
3rd Grade	2014-2015	530	194
4th Grade	2014-2015	630	203
5th Grade	2014-2015	730	211
6 th Grade	2014-2015	825	214
7th Grade	2014-2015	880	218
8th Grade	2014-2015	925	222

SRI/Lexile (Scholastic Reading Inventory) is a reading assessment program which provides immediate, actionable data on students' reading levels and growth over time.

MAP/RIT (Measure of Academic Progress) is a mathematics assessment program which is used to evaluate mathematics proficiency.

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