

Guidance for Georgia Promise Scholarship Students to Participate in State Assessments (SB233)

The Georgia Promise Scholarship program provides scholarships for eligible students to use public funds for non-public education expenses. State law also allows scholarship students to participate in state assessments upon request. The following guidance provides information on how scholarship students may participate in state testing.

Testing Location

Per state law, for a student who participates in the scholarship program whose parents request that the student take an eligible state assessment, the resident school system shall make available to the student locations and times to take all statewide assessments.

Eligible Assessments

Scholarship students are eligible to take the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade (EOG) or End-of-Course (EOC) assessments. Georgia Milestones EOG assessments are available in grades three through eight while Georgia Milestones EOC assessments are available for specified courses.

Scholarship students are eligible to take the Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) 2.0 if they meet eligibility criteria. The GAA 2.0 is available in grades three through high school (grade 11).

Notification/Scheduling

If a scholarship student is requesting to participate in a state assessment, then the parents/legal guardians must advise their resident school system of their desire for the student to be assessed with a state assessment. **This notification should be provided to the resident school system in writing and provided no less than eight weeks prior to the first day of the scheduled state testing window.** (See [Request for SB233 Georgia Promise Scholarship Student to Participate in State Assessments](#)).

If a student is requesting to participate in the GAA 2.0, the parents/legal guardians must also provide evidence that the student is eligible to participate in this [assessment](#).

Transportation

Parents/legal guardians assume responsibility for the transportation of the scholarship student to and from the designated testing location on the scheduled day. Parents/legal guardians must make sure that the student arrives punctually for testing.

Accommodations

The resident school system will provide testing accommodations required to allow the student to access the testing program in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. To receive an accommodation, the parents/legal guardians must provide evidence of the type of accommodations and rationale for such accommodation at time of request for testing so that the resident school system can make the necessary arrangements. The evidence for the need for accommodations during testing is typically part of a student's individual service plan or a psychological or special education eligibility report. A current individual service plan from the student's school is the preferred documentation. If a current individual service plan from the current school is not available, the parent is responsible for producing documentation that describes the accommodations that the student is afforded in instruction and assessment. Only accommodations that are authorized as indicated in the current *Student Assessment Handbook* may be used for students to receive valid scores. These documents may be accessed on the GaDOE testing [website](#).

2025-2026 State Testing Dates

Assessment	Administration Dates	Registration Must be Received by:
Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0	March 23 – May 1, 2026	January 26, 2026
Georgia Milestones (EOG)	April 6 – May 15, 2026	February 9, 2026
Georgia Milestones (EOC)	April 13 – March 22, 2026	February 16, 2026