

## **Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT), Gwinnett County Gateway Assessment and EOCT (End of Course Test)**

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### **For students entering grade nine for the first time during the 2011-2012 school year and beyond:**

The GHSGT will no longer be required to earn a high school diploma. Instead, the EOCT (End-of-Course-Test) will contribute 20% to the course grade (for those core courses in which an EOCT is mandated). To earn a high school diploma, these students will be required to pass the course with the increased weight of the EOCT applied to the course grade. These students will still be required to achieve a passing score on the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT). The GHSWT is first offered during a student's junior year.

**For students entering grade nine for the first time between July 2008 and July 2011:** The testing requirement currently in place for diploma eligibility will be achieved through demonstration of proficiency on one of the two EOCTs in each content area (language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies). Under this proposal, a passing score on a content area EOCT will serve as an alternate demonstration of proficiency and stand in lieu of the requirement to pass the corresponding content area GHSGT. The EOCT will contribute 20% to the student's course grade. The GHSGT will remain available for any student unable to meet the testing requirement through the EOCT in any content area. The requirement to achieve a passing score on the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) will still remain. The GHSWT is first offered during the junior year.

**For students entering grade nine for the first time prior to July 2008:** Students must pass all required sections of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSGT) in order to earn a diploma. The GHSGT tests assess the following areas: Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Additionally, these students must also pass the GHSWT (Georgia High School Writing Test). The GHSWT and GHSGT are first offered during the junior year.

**For ALL students:** In addition to the above testing requirements, all Gwinnett County students must also pass both sections of the Gateway Assessment. This includes students who transfer from out of state/county at any time during high school. The Gateway assessment is first administered during the sophomore year and consists of two tests: the Science Gateway and the Social Studies Gateway.

Both the GHSGT and Gateway assessments are offered several times during the school year, including an opportunity during the summer. Students will have several opportunities to retake the GHSGT and Gateway if they are not successful the first time.

The following courses require a student to take an EOCT (End of Course Test) that will comprise 20 percent of his/her final grade in order to receive a Carnegie unit for the course: Algebra I CC, Geometry CC, Mathematics II, Biology, Physical Science, Freshman Language Arts, Junior Language Arts, US History and Economics.