

Important Testing Information for Parents and Students

Dates to Remember: April 16th - May 10th : Ga Milestones Testing

Dear Parents,

Between the dates of April 16th and May 10, all students at Memorial Middle School will join other students statewide in taking the Georgia Milestones Test. Although student mastery is measured year-round by teachers, this test is a standardized measure for students to demonstrate their mastery of core academic subjects through established criteria set by Georgia Department of Education. The scores on these tests effect each student in a number of critical ways, including:

- establishing individual student achievement levels
- assessing strengths and weaknesses of individuals and programs
- guiding us as we plan for overall school improvement
- for eighth graders, an additional measure used to determine promotion to high school
- for sixth and seventh graders, an additional measure used to determine promotion to the next grade

This website has important information about Milestones from the Georgia Department of Education



<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Georgia-Milestones-Assessment-System.aspx>

Students are actively learning new skills daily that will help them master the content on these exams. To support the learning that takes place here at school, we have provided a number of resources that will allow students to practice and improve these skills at home. Please take a moment to look over the resources listed below and take some time to review each one with your child and take advantage of the benefits each has to offer.

All students at Memorial Middle School will take the Milestones Assessments online. All students who have a laptop checked out are expected to come to school each day of testing with their laptops fully charged and in working order.

As a parent, you can go visit a website setup by the Georgia Department of Education to see the tools and interface of the online test in action. You can access this practice test and tutorials at

<http://www.gaexperienceonline.com>

If you have questions about any of these resources, please contact your child's teacher.

Thank you for your support in making Memorial Middle School a great place to learn!

Note: If you don't have access to the internet at home, please contact your child's teacher about availability of these resources. MMS also offers several tutorial and extra-help programs before and after school. See your child's teacher for details..

Resources to help students prepare for Milestones Testing:

Official Milestones Study Guides provided by the State of Georgia:



(<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Georgia-Milestones-End-of-Grade-Assessment-Guides.aspx>)

USA Test Prep (All Subjects)

This program is accessible through your child's itsLearning account by clicking on the link at the top that says "Clever". This resource is specially made to prepare students for the Milestones Assessment. It is the best test preparation resource available to students in Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

All students log in to USA Test Prep using their school username and password. They will also need the "Account ID": **memorial39**

Achieve3000 (Reading)

This program is accessible through your child's itsLearning account by clicking on the link at the top that says "Clever". It has nonfiction reading selections and adjusts to your child's reading level. If your child has trouble with reading or writing, a few nights of Achieve3000 each week will likely boost their score.

Kahn Academy (Math)

Let's face it... everyone could use some math help. Need help multiplying fractions? Kahn Academy has a video tutorial for that! Need help finding the mean or graphing an equation? There are videos for that too. This is the place to go to help with those problem math topics.

CK-12 (All Subjects)

This program is accessible through your child's itsLearning account by clicking on the link at the top that says "Clever". It is a great learning tool that is highly recommended as an additional resource for engaging a student and enhancing the learning curve.

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