

2012–13 Testing Calendar

Regular attendance has a direct influence on student achievement. That's why it is important that students be in school every day, and especially on test days. Attendance on test days gives students an opportunity to show what they know, providing teachers with important information about each student's learning. Below is a list of dates when Gwinnett students will take national, state, and system assessments during the 2012–13 school year. While these days have been set aside for test administration, it is important to remember that only a small amount of time—ranging from as little as one hour up to two hours—is actually spent testing on a given day. Please use this for reference when planning appointments or time away from school.

Elementary School Testing Dates

Sept. 17–21, 2012	Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Administration Window	Grades 1, 3, and 5
Oct. 22–26, 2012	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) Administration Window	Grades 3 and 5
Jan. 22–March 5, 2013	ACCESS for ELLs Test Administration Window	English Language Learners
March 6, 2013	Georgia Writing Assessment	Grade 5
March 18–29, 2013	Georgia Writing Evaluation Window	Grade 3
April 22–29, 2013	Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT)	Grades 3–5

Middle School Testing Dates

Sept. 17–21, 2012	Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Administration Window	Grade 8
Oct. 29–Nov. 2, 2012	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) Administration Window	Grade 8
Jan. 22–March 5, 2013	ACCESS for ELLs Test Administration Window	English Language Learners
Jan. 23, 2013	Georgia Writing Assessment	Grade 8
April 22–26, 2013	Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT)	Grades 6–8
May 6–May 22, 2013	Georgia End of Course Test Administration Window, <i>designated high school courses</i>	Grade 8

High School Testing Dates

Oct. 3, 2012	Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test	Grade 11
Oct. 17, 2012	PSAT (<i>no charge for grade 10, fee for grade 11</i>)	Grade 10, Grade 11 optional
Dec. 10, 2012–Jan. 4, 2013	Georgia End of Course Test Administration Window, <i>designated courses</i> <i>Specific test dates for designated courses to be determined.</i>	Grades 9–12
Dec. 17–19, 2012	Final Exams	Grades 9–12
Jan. 22–March 5, 2013	ACCESS for ELLs Test Administration Window	English Language Learners
March 18–21, 2013	Georgia High School Graduation Tests <i>(Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science subtests)</i>	Grade 11
April 1 and 3, 2013	High School Gateway (<i>Science and Social Studies</i>)	Grade 10
May 6–22, 2013	Georgia End of Course Test Administration Window, <i>designated courses</i>	Grades 9–12
May 6–17, 2013	Advanced Placement (AP) Exams	AP students
May 20–22, 2013	Final Exams	Grades 9–12

Local schools will communicate testing dates within administration windows. Note: High schools on block schedule or mini-semester will have an additional testing window for End of Course Tests and Final Exams in October and March. Contact your local school with questions.