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## **UPDATE ON GEORGIA MILESTONES**

### **DeKalb County School District Procedures regarding the State Waiver for Rules 160-4-2-.11 and 160-4-2-.13**

The State Board of Education (SBOE) waived components of two SBOE Rules, specifically, 160-4-2-.11 PROMOTION, PLACEMENT, AND RETENTION, sections (3)(a), (3)(b), (3)(c), and 160-4-2-.13 STATEWIDE PASSING SCORE, sections (2)(d), (2)(e), (2)(f).

In short, the State Board waived the promotion and retention requirements for grades 3, 5, and 8, as well as the requirement that the end of course score contribute 20% to a student's final course grade for the 2014-2015 school year.~ This waiver was sought and granted due to the implementation of Georgia's testing protocols – the Georgia Milestones Assessment System.

### **As a result of the waiver, DeKalb County School District has determined the following regarding promotion/retention and grading purposes:**

- Georgia Milestones End of Course Assessments (EOC) for High School Students **will not** weigh 20% of a student's final course grade for the 2014-2015 school year. This decision will remain in effect for the completion of any credit earned through July 31, 2015.

### **Important Notes:**

- Each school must generate a Final Exam for the (8) subjects that would have prompted an EOC previously. Final exams will count as a grade within the summative assessment category as currently reflected in Infinite Campus.
- No grade will be reflected in the category used for reporting Georgia Milestone End-of-Course assessment results.
- When EOC scores return, these scores will be recorded in the Student Permanent Record and included on the student transcript in accordance to previous DCSD business regulations.
- Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) results will not be used for decisions relative to promotion or retention for grades 3, 5, and 8 for the 2014-2015 school year. Schools are directed to follow all other applicable business rules as directed in DCSD BOE Policy IHE. This decision will remain in effect until the summer semester (July 31, 2015).

Please note that the student test scores on the Ga Milestones will count towards state accountability measures and will be included in the school and District College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI).