



# 2016-17 TESTING CALENDAR

Elementary and Middle Schools

## ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

This document outlines available timeframes or “testing windows” during the 2016-17 school year at Pickens High School. It is important to note that some tests are voluntary and that some testing windows are available for make-up dates or testing new students.

For additional information, please review the “Understanding Student Testing in Georgia’s Public Schools” document on the Pickens County School District’s website ([www.pickenscountyschools.org](http://www.pickenscountyschools.org)). If you have any questions, contact Lynda Wallace, Director of Teaching and Learning: [lyndawallace@pickenscountyschools.org](mailto:lyndawallace@pickenscountyschools.org) | (706) 253-1700.

### Why Students are Tested

Asking students to participate in testing provides our district and the state with information on how well our students are learning. The Georgia Department of Education requires ALL public schools to do the following testing:

1. Measure Academic Growth of Students (assessments/evaluations taken throughout the year)
2. Administer Georgia Milestones Tests (taken at the end of a grade and/or end of a course)

## TESTING WINDOWS

Testing Windows	Test Name
September 6—March 24	<b>GAA Main Administration</b>
October 19	<b>PSAT (optional for middle school students)</b>
January 13	<b>GKIDS Mid-Year Data Checkpoint (Kindergarten Evaluation)</b>
January 17—March 3	<b>ACCESS for ELLs Test Administration</b>
February 10	<b>NAEP Assessments for PCMS</b>
April 18—24	<b>Milestones End-of-Grade (EOG) Spring Test Administration</b>
May 12	<b>GKIDS Administration Window Closes/End-of-Year Data Due</b>
May 15—19	<b>Milestones End-of-Grade (EOG) Grades 3, 5, 8 Summer Re-test Administration</b>