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ABSTRACT

This handbook contains information about the statewide testing programs in Georgia. These programs provide a comprehensive perspective on students' educational achievement from kindergarten through high school. This guide contains information on these statewide assessments: (1) the Georgia Kindergarten Assessment Program-Revised; (2) the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (In Development); (3) Writing Assessments; (4) Norm-Referenced Tests; (5) the Georgia High School Graduation Tests; (6) the Georgia High School Writing Test; (7) the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test; (8) Scholastic Assessment Tests; (9) Advanced Placement Examinations; and (10) the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Following an introduction, section 2 of this handbook describes each of these assessment programs. Section 3 discusses test procedures for administration and scoring, including provisions for students with disabilities. Section 4 outlines the responsibilities of administrators, including the school test coordinator, and system-wide personnel. Section 5 considers issues, concerns, and strategies that must be considered in testing, including the preparation of students. Nine appendixes contain supplementary information about test development and administration. A calendar of Georgia state testing activities is included. (SLD)

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Georgia Basic Skills Tests
Georgia High School Graduation Tests
Georgia High School Writing Test
National Assessment of Educational Progress
Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (In Development)

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I. INTRODUCTION

A.

Georgia has established a statewide testing program with the primary aim of providing information to teachers, students, parents, concerned citizens, and educational policy-and decision-makers. Information is collected to answer questions regarding the extent to which students are acquiring knowledge and skills essential to further learning. The information is used to aid:

- (a) Teachers and administrators in instructional planning.
- (b) Students and their parents in personal decision-making.
- (c) Educators and the general public in evaluating the effectiveness of educational programs.

Georgia's testing programs provide a comprehensive perspective of students' educational achievement from kindergarten through high school. School law code O.C.G.A. § 20-2-281, requires an assessment program that includes both norm-referenced and criterion-referenced instruments to determine educational effectiveness. As noted in the code, norm-referenced and criterion-referenced tests provide different types of information about student achievement.

The administration of nationally norm-referenced assessments provides students, teachers, and parents with grade equivalencies and percentile ranks whereas criterion-referenced tests yield results about learning and mastery of the Quality Core Curriculum (QCC) at the student, classroom, school, system, and state levels. The norm-referenced test given is the Stanford Achievement Test Series, Ninth Edition, criterion-referenced assessments include the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) and, the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT). Performance based assessments include the third and fifth grade writing assessments, Middle Grades Writing Assessment (MGWA), the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT), and the Georgia Kindergarten Assessment Program-Revised (GKAP-R).

The Georgia High School Graduation Tests and the Georgia High School Writing Test have been revalidated to ensure alignment with the revised QCC in grades 9-12 and a third proficiency level has been created for the GHS GT. Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests are being developed to assess the teaching and learning of core courses taught via the QCC. The revision of the GKAP-R has been completed and is aligned with the kindergarten QCC. The GKAP-R will provide diagnostic information for the determination of first-grade readiness.

Statewide Testing Dates 2001 – 2002

2001

- January 1-February 26 Georgia Kindergarten Assessment Program - Revised (GKAP-R)
Window 2 opens
- January 2 Grade 5 Writing Assessment and Middle Grades Writing Assessment
(MGWA) materials shipped to systems
- January 17** ***Georgia Alternate Assessment report forms shipped from TSARS
to systems***
- January 22-26 Grade 5 Writing Assessment administration
MGWA administration
- January 29-February 2 Grade 5 Writing Assessment administration answer documents to
arrive at TSARS no later than February 2
MGWA administration answer documents to arrive at TSARS no later
than February 2
- February 12-23 NRT testing materials shipped to systems
- February 14** ***Spring GHSWT materials shipped to systems***
- March 1 Spring GHSGT Braille order form from systems to DOE
- March 1 GKAP-R Window 3 opens and should conclude no later than five
weeks prior to the conclusion of the school year
- March 5 Spring GKAP-R scannables shipped to systems
- March 6 Spring GHSGT materials shipped to systems
Grade 3 Writing Assessment materials shipped to systems
- March 6 Spring GHSWT and BST-W administration
- March 7 Spring GHSWT and BST-W make-up
- March 8-9 Spring GHSWT and BST-W answer documents to arrive at TSARS no
later than March 9
- March 12-April 6 NRT administration – Grades 3, 5, and 8
- March 14 Spring GHSGT Braille tests shipped from DOE to systems
- March 23-April 13 NRT answer documents shipped from systems to Harcourt no later
than April 13

2001 continued

- March 26** **CRCT materials shipped to systems for Spring 2001 operational administration**
- March 26-April 6 Spring GHSGT and BST administration
- March 26-April 18 Grade 3 Writing Assessment evaluations
- March 30-April 20** ***NRT secure materials shipped from systems to Harcourt no later than April 20***
- April 9-13 Spring GHSGT answer documents to arrive at TSARS no later than April 13
- April 13 Spring GHSWT results shipped to systems and DOE
- April 16 GKAP-R –Spring scannables to arrive at TSARS no earlier than April 16 and no later than five weeks prior to the end of the school year
- April 16-May 4 CRCT administration in Reading, English/Language Arts, and Mathematics in grades 4, 6, and 8
- April 25** **CRCT material pickup from systems testing the week of April 16, 2001**
- April 25 Grade 3 Writing Assessment answer documents to arrive at TSARS no later than April 25
- April 27 MGWA results shipped to systems and DOE
- May 2** **CRCT material pickup from systems testing the week of April 23, 2001**
- May 7 Spring GHSGT results shipped to systems and DOE
Grade 5 Writing Assessment results shipped to systems and DOE
- May 7-June 18** **GKAP-R kits and consumable replenishment packs shipped to systems**
- May 8** **CRCT material pickup from systems testing the week of April 30, 2001**
- May 11 Stanford 9 Phase 1 Interpretive Guides and Individual Reports shipped from Harcourt to systems
- May 25 Stanford 9 Phase 2 Summary Reports shipped from Harcourt to systems and DOE
- May 25 Grade 3 Writing Assessment evaluation results shipped to systems and DOE

2001 continued

May 29 Systems receive CRCT results

June 1 Georgia Alternate Assessment scannables from systems to TSARS no later than June 1

June 15 Stanford 9 Phase 3 Electronic Reports and Ready Reports Software shipped from Harcourt to systems and DOE

July 5 Summer GHS GT and GHSWT materials shipped to systems

July 17 Fall GKAP-R scannables shipped to systems

July 17 Summer GHSWT and BST-W administration

July 18-20 Summer GHSWT and BST-W answer documents to arrive at TSARS no later than July 20

July 19-September 28 GKAP-R – Assessment Window 1 opens – Begins on 1st student day and continues no later than two weeks after 1st student day

July 23-27 Summer GHS GT and BST administration

July 30-31 Summer GHS GT and BST answer documents to arrive at TSARS no later than July 31

August 2-October 4 Fall GKAP-R baseline scannables from systems to arrive at TSARS no later than October 4

August 8 Summer GHS GT and GHSWT results shipped to systems and DOE

August 15-October 17 Fall GKAP-R reports shipped to systems

August 20 Fall GHS GT materials shipped to systems

September 10-14 Fall GHS GT and BST administration

September 12 Fall GHSWT materials shipped to systems

September 17-19 Fall GHS GT and BST answer documents to arrive at TSARS no later than September 19

September 28 0201 Forms from systems to DOE

October 2 Fall GHSWT administration

October 3 Fall GHSWT make-up

October 4-10 Fall GHSWT answer documents to arrive at TSARS no later than October 10

October 9 Fall GHS GT results shipped to systems and DOE

2001 continued

October 23	Winter GHS GT materials shipped to systems
October 24	GKAP-R system and state reports shipped from TSARS to systems and DOE
November 12-16	Winter GHS GT and BST administration
November 19-21	Winter GHS GT and BST answer documents to arrive at TSARS <u>no later than November 21</u>
December 12	Winter GHS GT and GHS WT results shipped to systems and DOE

2002

January 1-February 25 GKAP-R Window 2 opens

January 2 Grade 5 Writing Assessment and MGWA materials shipped to systems

January 8-February 1 Grade 5 Writing Assessment and MGWA answer documents to arrive at TSARS no later than February 1

January 16 Georgia Alternate Assessment report forms shipped from TSARS to systems

January 21-25 Grade 5 Writing Assessment and MGWA administration

February 11-22 NRT testing materials shipped to systems

February 13 Spring GHSWT materials shipped to systems

March 1 GKAP-R Window 3 opens and should conclude no later than five weeks prior to the conclusion of the school year

March 5 Spring GKAP-R scannables shipped from NCS to systems

March 5 Spring GHSGT and Grade 3 Writing Assessment materials shipped to systems

March 5 Spring GHSWT and BST-W administration

March 6 Spring GHSWT and BST-W make-up

March 6-13 Spring GHSGT Braille test materials from DOE to systems

March 7-13 Spring GHSWT and BST-W answer documents to arrive at TSARS no later than March 13

March 11-April 5 NRT administration for grades 3, 5, and 8

March 22-April 12 NRT answer documents from systems to Harcourt no later than April 12

March 25-April 5 Spring GHSGT and BST administration

March 25-April 19 Grade 3 Writing Assessment evaluations

March 29-April 19 NRT secure materials shipped from systems to Harcourt to arrive no later than April 19

2002 Continued

April 8-10 Spring GHS GT answer documents from systems to TSARS no later than April 10

April 12 Spring GHSWT results shipped to systems and DOE

April 15 GKAP-R - Spring scannables to arrive at TSARS no earlier than April 15 and no later than five weeks prior to the end of the school year

April 15-May 3 CRCT administration in Reading, English/Language Arts and Mathematics for grades 1-8; Science and Social Studies grades 3-8

April 24 Grade 3 Writing Assessment answer documents to arrive at TSARS no later than April 24

April 26 MGWA results shipped to systems and DOE

May 3 Grade 5 Writing Assessment results shipped to systems and DOE

May 6-June 17 GKAP-R kits and consumable replacement packs shipped to systems

May 7 Spring GHS GT results shipped to systems and DOE

May 10 Stanford 9 Phase 1 Interpretive Guides and Individual Reports shipped from Harcourt to systems

May 24 Grade 3 Writing Assessment results shipped to systems and DOE

May 24 Stanford 9 Phase 2 Summary Reports shipped from Harcourt to systems and DOE

June 3 Georgia Alternate Assessment scannables from systems to TSARS no later than June 3

June 11 Spring GKAP-R final system and state summary reports from TSARS to DOE and systems

June 14 Stanford 9 Phase 3 Electronic Reports and Ready Reports Software shipped from Harcourt to systems and DOE

July 2 Summer GHSWT and GHS GT materials shipped to systems

July 16 GKAP-R scannables shipped to systems

July 17 Summer GHSWT administration

July 17-24 Summer GHSWT and BST-W answer documents to arrive at TSARS no later than July 24

2002 Continued

July 18-September 27 GKAP-R - Assessment Window 1 opens - Begins on 1st student day
and continues no later than two weeks after 1st student day

July 22-26 Summer GHSGT administration

July 29-31 Summer GHSGT answer documents to arrive at TSARS no later than
July 31

2002 Projected

September 9-13 Fall GHSGT and BST administration

October 1 Fall GHSWT administration

October 2 Fall GHSWT make-up

November 11-15 Winter GHSGT administration

Note: Bold and Italicized text represents a change from the previous calendar.

II. STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS

A. State Administered Tests

Georgia Kindergarten Assessment Program-Revised (GKAP-R)

Overview

Grade: Kindergarten

Georgia law (O.C.G.A., Section 20-2-151 and 20-2-281) of the Quality Basic Education Act requires that all children enrolled in Georgia public school kindergarten programs be assessed for first-grade readiness with an instrument or instruments adopted by the State Board of Education. To comply with state statute, the State Board of Education (Rule 160-3-1-.07) adopted the 1990 Georgia Kindergarten Assessment Program (GKAP) as the designated kindergarten assessment for all Georgia public schools. The Georgia Department of Education (GDOE) is charged with responsibilities to administer and establish guidelines for the kindergarten assessment program. GDOE significantly modified and improved the original assessment to implement the Georgia Kindergarten Assessment Program-Revised (GKAP-R) in Fall 1998.

Kindergarten Student

Georgia "kindergarten students" are defined by FTE status as students enrolled in public school kindergarten programs by March 1 of a school year. "Kindergarten" includes students who are enrolled in: first-time general education kindergarten classrooms, transitional kindergarten, first-grade classrooms as kindergarten students, special education services, and students who are repeating the kindergarten curriculum in a kindergarten setting. Instructions are included in the *GKAP-R Administration Manual* (p. 32) for students who enroll in a Georgia public kindergarten after March 1.

Student Participation in GKAP-R

All students participate in GKAP-R without accommodations or exemptions (*GKAP-R Administration Manual*, p. 33), unless specified in a written and approved Individual Education Program (IEP) or Individual Accommodation Plan (IAP). An assessment plan is developed for Limited English Proficient students who qualify for services through the English Speakers of Other Languages Program (*GKAP-R Administration Manual*, p. 107).

Grade Placement Decisions

State Board of Education Testing Rule 160-3-1-.07 and Georgia Code § 20-2-151(b)(2) require all Georgia school systems to make first-grade placement decisions on an individual basis, using GKAP-R results in concert with teacher recommendations and other relevant information. Local schools must document reasons, including GKAP-R student-performance results, for kindergarten retention and place the written documentation in individual students' cumulative records. The State Board Rule further

requires, "The local school system shall provide alternative, developmentally appropriate instruction to students who spend an additional year in kindergarten." No student may be enrolled in a Georgia public school kindergarten for more than two years.

Description

The primary purpose of GKAP-R is to provide cumulative evidence of a student's readiness for first grade, as reflected on kindergarten Georgia Quality Core Curriculum (QCC) content standards measured on GKAP-R assessment activities. GKAP-R is a 32-activity, performance-based assessment program continuously administered during the kindergarten year. Supplemental Supportive Skills Checklists are included for the areas of reading and writing.

Student performance on content standard activities is scored. Supportive Skills Checklists are not scored, but are utilized by the classroom teacher to provide additional information about student progress. Content Standards for kindergarten are assessed in three domains:

- Literacy – 14 activities
- Mathematics - 14 activities
- Social/Emotional Development – four activities

GKAP-R Kit

A GKAP-R Kit is provided to every Georgia public school kindergarten classroom, every local school system central office, and each RESA. Kits are also available for use by special education teachers. Kits are to be housed in the classroom and should remain placed with a kindergarten unit at all times. The kit contains:

- Administration Manual
- 32 Activity Sheets
- Folders for Literacy, Mathematics, and Social/Emotional Domains
- Folders for Activity Graphics and Student Performance Sheets
- Activity Manipulatives
- Reading and Writing Supportive Skills Checklists
- Student Portfolios
- Student Progress Profiles

The *GKAP-R Administration Manual* contains all information about administration and scoring of assessment activities. Detailed procedures and examples for each activity are in the manual. It is essential that teachers consult the manual prior to and during assessment and scoring activities. School administrators and systemwide test coordinators must understand the procedures outlined in the *GKAP-R Administration Manual*.

Most GKAP-R kit contents are permanent. GDOE annually replaces consumable activity performance sheets, the student Progress Profile, and Student Portfolio folders for each kit. New kits are furnished by GDOE for new kindergarten units and for replacement as required.

Administration

State Board of Education Rule 160-3-1-.07 specifies that only certified teachers of kindergarten or first grade students who have been trained in the use of the GKAP-R, shall administer the assessment. **Paraprofessionals** may not administer or score GKAP-R activities.

Activity administration occurs in a variety of one-on-one, small group, and large group classroom instructional settings. Recommended administration procedures are presented on every GKAP-R Activity Sheet. Teachers are provided administration assistance through "Helpful Hints" and "Cues and Prompts" found in the *GKAP-R Administration Manual*. Assessment of every GKAP-R activity continues for each student throughout the year until the student achieves "Accomplished," or until a final rating is given at the conclusion of the last of three opportunities and no later than the end of the month of April.

Windows of Assessment

GKAP-R assessment is administered during three Windows of Assessment (1, 2, and 3). Administration procedures are in the *GKAP-R Administration Manual*. Every student must be allowed up to three opportunities to achieve at the "Accomplished" level on each activity. Exceptions to the administration procedure are made only for students with IEP or IAP accommodations, or those who enter after March 1 of a school year.

GKAP-R Baseline Assessment shall occur during Assessment Window 1 in the first two to three weeks of the school year. All kindergarten students participate in and are rated on ten Baseline Assessment activities. Window 1 activities are designated in the *GKAP-R Administration Manual* and on the student *Progress Profile*. Baseline student results provide evidence of skill readiness for entering kindergarten students and may be used as indicators for needed special assistance through a variety of instructional programs.

Recommended Windows of Assessment guidelines appear in the *GKAP-R Administration Manual* and are as follows:

Window 1 August-September

- Beginning first two to three weeks of the school year
- Baseline Subset Administration—ten Baseline Activities
- Initial administration—First Opportunity
- All kindergarten students unless specified in an IEP or IAP
- Continue Window 1 reassessment and new activity assessment
- Record and submit baseline student report for scoring

Window 2 January–February

- Reassess remaining Window 1 activities not “Accomplished”
- Assess 14 new activities, if not already presented First Opportunity
- Reassess other previously administered activities not “Accomplished”
- Begin Window 3 activities if indicated for individual students

Window 3 March–April

- Reassess all remaining Window 1 and Window 2 activities not “Accomplished”
- Assess eight new activities, if not already presented First Opportunity
- Reassess all activities initiated in Window 3 and not “Accomplished”
- Complete third administration of all activities
- Record and submit individual ratings for scoring of all activities

Assessment of a QCC Content Standard discontinues, however, at any time during the school year when an individual student achieves “Accomplished” on an activity.

Student Performance Ratings

GKAP-R activity scoring procedures are in the current *GKAP-R Administration Manual* contained in every GKAP-R kit. Student performance ratings are guided by a progressive rubric developed for each QCC Content Standard. Performance assessment rubrics specifically define student progress and attainment for each activity, and appear on every GKAP-R Activity Sheet. Ratings for several activities are additionally guided by examples of actual student performance provided in the *GKAP-R Administration Manual*.

Student achievement is recorded in one of three rating areas for each administration for every Content Standard:

Not Evident—little to no evidenced skill as defined by the rubric

In Progress—developing skill with evidence of application as defined by the rubric

Accomplished—proficient skill development and application as defined by the rubric

All students will not attain at the "Accomplished" level on all activities. Reported spring performance ratings reflect actual student attainment at the third and final assessment for each Content Standard activity.

Student Performance Records

The Progress Profile is the classroom GKAP-R recording instrument. It reflects the progression of student attainment during the kindergarten year as determined by a specific activity rubric. Teachers use the Progress Profile to record ongoing GKAP-R performance levels and dates of administration for each student. The Progress Profile is included in the GKAP-R Kit. The Progress Profile enables teachers to document achievement on each Content Standard and for every activity as it is administered. In addition to a final GKAP-R Individual Student Report Form, the completed GKAP-R Progress Profile is filed by the assessing teacher into the permanent (cumulative) record for every kindergarten student at the conclusion of the kindergarten year. It remains in the cumulative record as documentation of kindergarten progress and evidence of first-grade readiness.

A final GKAP-R Individual Student Report for every kindergarten student is issued in the spring. The report documents the final student performance ratings for all 32 activities. Activity scores are listed by Domain and are scored as "Not Evident," "In Progress," or "Accomplished." Individual scale scores will be provided to constitute a first-grade readiness indicator. GKAP-R spring results are provided to parents of every kindergarten student on a Parent Report Form. Classroom, school, district, and state reports are distributed by GDOE.

Score Reporting

Specific reporting instructions and timelines are provided to systemwide test coordinators for communication to schools within each system. GKAP-R performance results are reported for scoring in the fall and spring. Teachers record Window 1 Baseline Subset scores on a scan form to submit to a GDOE-designated scoring service in late September. An Individual Student Baseline Report will be returned for every student. Baseline information will provide information about entering-kindergarten readiness levels for every student and will assist in determinations of needed assistance programs. Final GKAP-R results are reported to the scoring agency beginning April 15 and no earlier than five weeks prior to the conclusion of a school year, whichever comes first as determined by a school system's calendar. Spring results are submitted by schools to the systemwide test coordinator, and then to the scoring agency. Spring end-of-year reports will reflect first grade readiness and needs for instructional assistance for students entering the first grade. Results are tabulated within ten working days for return of the Individual Student Report and Parent Report to the system test coordinator and distribution to individual schools. Classroom, School, and District Reports follow, with the state report issued last.

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CRITERION-REFERENCED COMPETENCY TESTS (CRCT)

Overview

Grades 4, 6, 8

The A+ Education Reform Act of 2000, §20-2-281, legislates the development of Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) to measure student acquisition of the knowledge and skills set forth in the revised Quality Core Curriculum (QCC). The law requires that the test be developed for administration to students in grades one through eight in the content areas of Reading, English/Language Arts, and Mathematics, and grades three through eight in Science and Social Studies.

Students in grades four, six, and eight began taking the CRCT in Reading, English/Language Arts, and Mathematics on an annual basis in spring 2000. Expansion of the CRCT (grades one, two, three, five, and seven in Reading, English/Language Arts, and Mathematics, and grades three through eight in Science and Social Studies) began in the summer of 2000. Piloting and field testing of the expansion grades will take place during the 2000 – 2001 school year with final (mandated) statewide implementation taking place in spring 2002.

Description

The CRCT is designed to measure student acquisition of the knowledge, concepts, and skills set forth in the QCC. *Only* the content standards outlined in the QCC will be assessed. The testing program serves a dual purpose – diagnosis of individual student and program strengths and weaknesses as related to instruction of the QCC, and a measure of the quality of education in the state. Assessments and reports yielding information on academic achievement at the student, class, building, system, and state levels will be produced by the CRCT.

CRCT Administration – Grades 4, 6, and 8

Students in grades four, six, and eight are required to take the CRCT in the content areas of Reading, English/Language Arts, and Mathematics. Each content area CRCT will consist of two forty-five to sixty minute sections for a maximum testing time of two hours per content area. A five-minute break is scheduled after the first section of each content area test. Total testing time for the Reading, English/Language Arts, and Mathematics CRCT is six hours. All test items are selected response (i.e., multiple choice), although a small number of constructed-response items will be field tested in 2001 and included in subsequent years (beginning in 2002).

To provide reliable measures as well as structure to the summative end-of-the-year assessments, the QCC strands and content standards have been grouped into domains based on similar content characteristics. Domains for Reading, English/Language Arts, and Mathematics are provided.

Reading

Reading for Vocabulary Improvement
Reading for Locating and Recalling Information
Reading for Meaning
Reading for Critical Analysis

English/Language Arts

Sentence Construction and Revision
Paragraph Content and Organization
Grammar and Mechanics
Research Process

Mathematics

Number Sense and Numeration
Geometry and Measurement
Patterns and Relationships/Algebra
Statistics and Probability
Computation and Estimation
Problem Solving

CRCT Development

Georgia law requires that the CRCT program expand to include the development and administration of grades one, two, three, five, and seven in the content areas of Reading, English/Language Arts, and Mathematics, and grades three through eight in the content areas of Science and Social Studies. Development began in the summer of 2000 with piloting and field testing of items and test forms taking place during the 2000-2001 school year. Each school system will be contacted and asked to participate in the pilot and field test once a schedule is finalized. The first statewide (mandated) administration of the expanded CRCT, all content areas and grade levels, will take place in the spring of 2002.

Additional Resources

The CRCT Content Descriptions, currently developed for Reading, English/Language Arts, and Mathematics, are provided to acquaint Georgia educators with the content scope and sequence of the CRCT. These materials are in **no way** intended as a substitute for the QCC but rather as a supplement for the QCC by providing more detailed, descriptive information about how information will be assessed. It is important to note that the CRCT Content Descriptions, by no means, suggest when concepts and skills should be introduced in the instructional sequence; rather, its purpose is to communicate when concepts and skills will be assessed on the CRCT. Educators are required, by law, to teach the content standards set forth in the state-adopted curriculum (i.e., the QCC). CRCT Content Descriptions for Science and Social Studies are scheduled to be developed during the 2000-2001 school year and will be mailed to school systems as soon as they are available.

The CRCT Item Banking System

The CRCT Item Banking System will contain a large number of test items. In fall of 2001, it is anticipated that the CRCT Item Banking System will be phased in beginning with Reading, English/Language Arts, and Mathematics items, grades one through eight. Anticipated availability of the Science and Social Studies items in grades three through eight is fall 2002. In efforts to encourage the integration of instruction and assessment, Georgia educators and students will have certain items available to them throughout the school year. Other items will be secured and used only on the summative assessments. Multiple item formats, including selected response (multiple choice), constructed response, performance assessments, and problem simulations will be banked.

Interactive web-based technology will be used to maintain and administer the CRCT Item Banking System, which will be comprised of three levels. Students will be granted access to a minimally secure level of the bank for self-assessment, remediation, and/or enrichment purposes. Another level will be secure and accessible to teachers for the creation of classroom tests to evaluate students as they complete instructional units or sequences of instruction. The highly secure third level, which can be accessed only during the testing window each year, will bank items used to create the mandated summative assessments. Paper-and-pencil versions of the mandated assessments will also be available. Only test results from the third level of the bank (i.e., the mandated assessments) will be reported to the state.

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WRITING ASSESSMENTS

Overview

Grades: 3, 5, 8, 11

Georgia's performance-based writing assessments are administered to students in grades 3, 5, 8, and 11. Student writings are evaluated on a developmental stage scoring scale in grades 3 and 5 to provide diagnostic feedback to teachers, students, and parents about individual performance. The Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) yields a scale score and percent passing rate. The Middle Grades Writing Assessment (MGWA) provides predictive information to eighth graders about their future writing performance in advance of taking the Georgia High School Writing Test required to receive a diploma.

Description

Georgia law (O.C.G.A., Section 20-2-281), requires that writing assessments be administered to students in grades 3, 5, 8, and 11.

The State Writing Assessment Advisory Council assisted the Georgia Department of Education in developing the writing component of the student assessment program. The council, consisting of educators with expertise in the instruction of writing skills and writing assessment, has a grades 3 and 5 committee and a grades 8 and 11 committee. The goal of the Writing Assessment Advisory Council and the Department of Education is to create developmentally appropriate assessment procedures to enhance statewide instruction in the language arts. Statewide writing assessment serves the purpose of improving writing and writing instruction.

In order to prepare for any writing assessment, students should have multiple opportunities to write, using some type of writing process. The Quality Core Curriculum (QCC) provides information about the writing process and various types of writing. The various *Writing Assessment and Instructional Guides* that have been distributed previously to systems also describe the writing process and its relationship to the scoring rubrics.

Grade 3 Writing Assessment

The writing assessment for grade 3 consists of teacher evaluation of student writing using the Developmental Stage/Scoring Guidelines. The *Grades 3 and 5 Assessment and Instructional Guide* contains the Developmental Stage scoring rubric, types of writing required by the QCC (personal experience, imaginative story, responding to literature, and responding to QCC content), good practices for the instruction of writing, sample student papers, and ways to evaluate student writing. Using multiple samples of student writing, third-grade teachers are to use the holistic scoring rubric in the *Guide* to determine the representative stage of writing for each child in the classroom. This means that teachers provide many opportunities for students to produce the various types of writing throughout the year and collect samples. Forms for teachers to complete identifying each student's writing stage will be distributed in the spring. These are two-part carbonless forms, one copy to be given to parent(s)/guardian(s) and one copy to be retained in the student's record. The teacher completes a summary report for the class. This report should be sent to the test scoring and reporting contractor. School and system summary reports will be furnished to systems.

Grade 5 Writing Assessment

The writing assessment for grade 5 consists of an evaluation of each student response to an assigned prompt. Students are assigned a topic in one of two genres, imaginative story or personal narrative. Prompts are spiraled within classrooms. All schools with a fifth grade should have a copy of the *Grades 3 and 5 Assessment and Instructional Guide*. This document should assist teachers in their daily classroom instruction of writing.

The writing assessment will be administered in January. The testing dates have been set early in the year so that results can come back to teachers before the end of the school year. The testing time will include two forty-five-minute student writing sessions. One session is for planning and initial writing activities; the second session is for editing and completing the final paper. Students will be allowed to use their dictionaries during the editing phase. All student papers should be sent to the test scoring and reporting contractor for scoring. Student score reports will be furnished, as well as school and system summaries.

Papers are scored by trained raters using a standardized scoring system. A student's work is rated holistically. The reader balances all the features of the written piece in order to arrive at a single judgment of overall effectiveness based on the Developmental Stage/Scoring Guidelines. The papers are evaluated to determine the developmental stage that the writing represents. There are six development stages.

Middle Grades Writing Assessment (MGWA)

The writing assessment for grade 8 consists of an evaluation of each student response to an assigned prompt. Students are assigned a topic from a prompt bank representing three genre; narrative, expository or persuasive. Students are allowed approximately eighty minutes to write their essays. The assessment and makeup are administered in January during a one-week window. All student papers should be sent to the test scoring and reporting contractor for scoring.

Scoring domains and domain weights remain the same for the middle grades and are described in the *Middle Grades Assessment and Instructional Guide*. Individual, school, and system data are furnished at grade 8.

Raters who score the student compositions are trained to understand and use a standardized scoring system. Each paper is rated independently by each rater using the scoring system. Each of the five dimensions or domains of effective writing is evaluated. These qualities or domains of effective writing should be present in a composition regardless of the topic on which it is written. Although these domains are interrelated during the writing process, a strength or weakness is scored only once under a particular domain. A score of "1 to 4" is assigned to each domain by each reader. These scores represent a continuum of writing that ranges from inadequate to minimal to good to very good. Points on the continuum are defined by the scoring rubric for each domain. Each score point itself represents a range of papers.

Scores assigned to each domain are summed. Domain scores are combined to obtain a total score for each student. In combining the domain scores, the Content/Organization score is given a weight of three, the Style score is given a weight of two, and the other domains of Sentence Formation, Usage, and Mechanics are given a score of one. The total score is then converted to a three-digit scaled score ranging from 300-400. There are performance levels represented: Not on target (NOT) with a scaled score range of 300-348; on target (OT) with a scaled score range of 349-367; and exceeds target (XT) with a scaled score range of 368-400.

Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT)

Students in the eleventh grade participate in the Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test. Students are asked to produce a response to one on-demand persuasive writing prompt. The writing test requires students to write a composition of no more than two pages on an assigned topic. The two-hour test administration includes ninety minutes of student writing time. The test is administered several times a year so that students have five opportunities to take the test before the end of the twelfth grade.

In November 1992, every high school received two copies of the *Georgia High School Writing Test Assessment and Instructional Guide*. An updated version of the document was disseminated to schools in fall 1993. The *Guide* contains the scoring rubric, describes the analytic scoring procedure, and includes sample student papers. It is

intended that this *Guide* assist teachers in their instruction of writing and in preparing students for the writing test.

Scoring for the GHSWT is done by a scoring and reporting contractor. An individual report is prepared for each student, and the results are summarized for each school and system.

See the Section on the GHSWT for additional information on the GHSWT.

Primary Writing Support Project

State trainers are available in Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESAs) and the larger local school systems to conduct Primary Writing Support Workshops as requested. The workshops are designed to help teachers assess writing more consistently across students and across writing activities.

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**NORM-REFERENCED TESTS (NRT)
STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT TEST SERIES, NINTH EDITION
(STANFORD 9)**

Overview

GRADES 3, 5, 8

Georgia law (O.C.G.A., Section 20-2-281), mandates that a nationally norm-referenced test be administered to students in grades 3, 5, and 8 in reading, mathematics, science, and social studies with results reported in percentile scores and grade equivalents. The purpose of the NRT is to obtain information about how the performance of Georgia students compares with that of students in a national sample. The State Board of Education has approved the Stanford Achievement Test Series, Ninth Edition (Stanford 9). Form T of this test will be administered in spring 2001. The test form (1996 copyright) will be scored using 2000 norms. Harcourt Educational Measurement of San Antonio, Texas is the publisher of the test.

Description

Students are required to take the complete battery. See the next page for a chart with the subtests to be administered. The sequence of the administration must follow the order of the chart. Testing time for the complete battery is 5 hours in 3rd grade; 5 hours, 25 minutes in 5th grade; and 5 hours, 20 minutes in 8th grade. All questions are in the multiple-choice format and have four or five options each. Students mark their answer choices on a separate answer folder by filling in a circle for each question. Individual student results, school results, and system results are returned to the system.

Score Reports

Three phases of reports will be shipped from Harcourt to system test coordinators.

May 11 – Phase 1 – Individual reports

May 18 – Phase 2 – Summary reports

June 15 – Phase 3 – Electronic test score results

Manuals

Teachers receive a *Directions for Administration* manual that gives specific administration directions, as well as an overview of test content, planning activities, required materials, and scheduling information. Several other manuals are available to aid the teacher and test coordinators. The *Guide for Classroom Planning* shows teachers how to use test results to prepare for the school year and to plan for and pace instruction. This guide also describes test scores and includes sample items and lists of skills tested. The *Guide for Organizational Planning* helps administrators use test results to measure achievement growth and plan instruction, to develop test result workshops, and to interpret scores for others.

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The administration sequence of the Stanford 9 must follow the order of the chart. Each subtest can be given at a separate sitting. No more than two subtests in one day can be given. Each subtest has an exact time limit that must be observed in order for the norms to be valid.

Testing times only include the scheduled time students take the subtest. Preparation time and breaks between subtests are not included.

Stanford 9						
Complete Battery – Multiple Choice						
Grade	3rd		5th		8th	
Test Level	Primary 3		Intermediate 2		Advanced 2	
Subtest	# of Items	Time	# of Items	Time	# of Items	Time
Reading Vocabulary	30	20	30	20	30	20
Reading Comprehension	54	50	54	50	54	50
Mathematics: Problem Solving	46	50	48	50	52	50
Mathematics: Procedures	30	30	30	30	30	30
Spelling	30	25	30	25	30	25
Language	48	45	48	45	48	45
Study Skills	0	0	30	25	30	20
Science	40	25	40	25	40	25
Social Science	40	25	40	25	40	25
Listening (dictated)	40	30	40	30	40	30
Complete Battery	358	300	390	325	394	320
Total Testing Time	5 hrs		5 hrs 25 min		5 hrs 20 min	

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GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION TESTS: CONTENT AREAS (GHSGT) and GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL WRITING TEST (GHSWT)

Overview

Grades: 11, 12

Georgia law (O.C.G.A., 20-2-281) requires that curriculum-based assessments be administered in grade 11 for graduation purposes. The writing test is given in the fall and the four content areas in the spring of the junior year. Results of these tests are used to identify students who may need additional instruction in academic content considered essential for a high school diploma. 2000 legislation requires that GHSGT will be phased out and replaced by end of course assessments. The law further requires that the State Board of Education approve a timeline for this process by December 1, 2000.

The tests cover only a sample of the knowledge and skills that constitute a complete high school education. A Georgia high school graduate will have had opportunities to learn — and is expected to have mastered — much more than these tests can address. The knowledge and skills assessed on the graduation tests were selected by Georgia educators, including high school teachers and curriculum specialists. They are based on the content standards specified in the Quality Core Curriculum for grades 9-12, as established by the State Board of Education. The tests are administered several times a year so that students could have up to five opportunities to take each of the tests within their 11th-12th grade years. Administration of GHSGT will continue until all end of course tests are implemented.

Description - GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION TESTS: CONTENT AREAS (GHSGT)

Detailed descriptions of all the standards which are included on each of the content area tests have been published and sent to every high school and district and are also available on the DOE web site <http://www.doe.k12.ga.us>. Following is a list of the knowledge and skills covered in each test:

- English/Language Arts — Reading/Literature, Critical Thinking, Language/Writing
- Mathematics — Number and Computation, Data Analysis, Measurement and Geometry, Algebra
- Science — Process/Research/Safety Skills, Physical Science, Biology,
- Social Studies — World Studies, U.S. History to 1865, U.S. History since 1865, Civics/Citizenship, Map and Globe Skills, Information Processing Skills

All the content area tests have a multiple choice format.

Description - GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL WRITING TEST (GHSWT)

Students must write a persuasive essay on an assigned topic. Their essay is read by two or more trained professionals who independently judge each essay on four qualities or "domains" of effective writing: content/organization, style, conventions of written language, and sentence formation. The test administration will include ninety minutes of student writing time.

To Whom Do The GHSGT and GHSWT Apply?

Students who enter ninth grade

- after July 1, 1994, are required to pass all portions of the **GHSGT** and **GHSWT** to be eligible to receive a diploma. The **GHSGT** includes **English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science** tests.
- between July 1993 and July 1994 (i.e., most of the graduating class of spring 1997) are required to pass the **English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Writing, and Social Studies** tests to be eligible to receive a diploma.
- between July 1991 and July 1993 are required to pass the **English/Language Arts, Mathematics, and Writing** tests to be eligible to receive a high school diploma.

When Should Students Take the Tests?

Students should take the GHSWT for the first time in the **fall** of their junior year; they should take the English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science tests for the first time in the **spring** of their junior year. Students who are not classified as juniors (or eleventh graders), but are in their third year in high school (grades 9-12), have accumulated at least nine Carnegie units (or 12 Carnegie units if the school is operating a 4X4 block schedule in which students may earn 8 units per year) or 135 quarter hours and have not achieved a passing score on the graduation assessments are also allowed to take the GHSWT in the fall and the content area tests in the spring. Students have four additional testing opportunities (if needed) before high school graduation.

NOTE:

- Individuals who have left high school with a Certificate of Performance or a Special Education diploma are eligible for testing (or retesting) at any scheduled administration of the graduation tests.
- There may be re-enrolled students who have dropped out of school without having met all graduation assessments and have remained out of school for one academic year or more. If re-enrolled dropouts passed all the Georgia Basic Skills Tests (GBST) required prior to dropping out, they do not need to pass the GHSGT and the GHSWT. If they passed some, but not all, GBST they must now take the entire set of new graduation tests.

Testing Schedules

There are five testing administrations during the 11th – 12th grade years. The content tests (English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science) should be scheduled for different days during each one week test administration. Students are allowed ninety minutes for the GHSWT. This time may be extended for up to ten minutes. Students may have up to three hours to complete the content area tests on the GHSGT. It is expected, however, that most students will be able to complete these tests in the following times; English/Language Arts in 60 minutes, Mathematics in 60 minutes, Science in 90 minutes, and Social Studies in 90 minutes.

It is essential that proper procedures are followed for the administration of the GHSGT and GHSWT. Student scores can be rendered invalid for breaches in test protocol, including, but not limited to the following infractions:

1. test administrations outside the testing window;
2. multiple attempts by a student to take the same test during the same testing window and,
3. the lack of photo identification procedures when testing a student, who is not currently enrolled in the school.

There is a window for each GHSGT administration, which ranges from five days for the retests to two weeks for the spring main administration. (Systems should select one week for the main administration.) The GHSWT must be administered on the administration date.

Test Materials

Test Coordinators will receive a new set of materials for each test administration; including

- *A System Coordinator Manual*
- *A School Coordinator Manual*
- *Separate Examiner's Manuals* for Writing, and the content areas.

Each manual contains important information that is unique to that administration.

It is essential that each edition of each *Manual* be read carefully before each test administration. The *Examiner's Manual* contains the most detailed information for administering the tests.

Additional Resources

The Department of Education has published and distributed the following documents to assist schools in preparing students to pass the graduation tests:

- Test Content Description for English/Language Arts (revised 2000)
- Test Content Description for Mathematics (revised 2000)
- Test Content Description for Social Studies (revised 2000)
- Test Content Description for Science (revised 2000)
- Georgia High School Graduation Tests brochure (revised 1999)
- Georgia High School Writing Test and Instructional Guide

The Test Content Descriptions are available on the Georgia Department of Education web site @ doe.k12.ga.us.

In November 1992, every high school received two copies of the *Georgia High School Writing Test Assessment and Instructional Guide*. An updated version of the document was disseminated to schools in fall 1993. The *Guide* contains the scoring rubric, describes the analytic scoring procedure, and includes sample student papers. It is intended that this guide assist teachers in their instruction of writing and in preparing students for the writing test.

Scoring and reporting

Georgia Department of Education has had a contract for scoring with Test Scoring and Reporting Services (TSARS) at the University of Georgia for the past seven years. The scoring protocol used by TSARS is rigorous and includes human inspection and scoring and re-scoring by two different computer systems. (For a complete description of the TSARS scoring protocol please see the *Student Assessment Handbook*, pg. V-C-2) In our review of hundreds of student answer documents during this time, we have not found a single error in their scoring of the GHS GT.

Our contracts with TSARS have never included "re-scoring by hand" services. For the GHS GT however, TSARS has accommodated requests for these services over the many years of our contract agreements without additional charge to GDOE. **Because the number of requests for re-scoring has dramatically increased we are no longer able to ask TSARS to continue to provide re-scoring services for the GHS GT and the GHS WT.**

There is a \$25.00 (twenty-five dollar) fee for hand-scoring each content area of the GHS GT and a \$60.00 (sixty dollar) fee for re-scoring the GHS WT. System Test Coordinators may make requests for special hand-scoring through Wanda Beard at TSARS (800/ 633-8948). **If an error is found in any test, the re-scoring fee will be refunded.** All other requests for hand-scoring must be sent to the appropriate GDOE assessment specialist.

Special Administration for the GHSGT and the GHSWT

If an administration is required for graduation and there are extenuating circumstances, a Special Administration may be requested by the test coordinator. The test coordinator should send a letter to Sharron Hunt, Assistant Director; Research, Evaluation and Testing, 1754 Twin Towers East, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. The letter should include

- a description of the extenuating circumstances which necessitates an off-schedule administration of the GHSGT or the GHSWT,
- the student's name, grade level, and the tests required, and the name, address, and telephone number of the person who will administer the test(s).

Contact *Lynn Plunkett* at (404) 657-0312 or by e-mail at lplunket@doe.k12.ga.us for information concerning GHSGT content area tests (English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science).

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B. Other State Supported Tests

Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT)

The Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) is published by The College Board as a tenth or eleventh grade practice instrument for students taking the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) in the eleventh and twelfth grades. The decision to participate in PSAT administration is made at the local school system level. Where the PSAT is administered, student participation varies from all students in a system's targeted grade level to voluntary student participation.

Beginning in 1997, the Georgia Department of Education provided free of charge to systems, a copy of the PSAT Summary of Answers document and funded the administration for 10th grade students. The Department also sponsors statewide PSAT interpretation and test utilization workshops with sessions directed to middle and high school teachers, counselors and administrators, central office curriculum and subject-area coordinators, and other school system leadership personnel. Improving student SAT performance through use of PSAT information, identifying individual student, school, and system-level PSAT strengths and weaknesses, and developing appropriate instructional improvement strategies are purposes of the workshops.

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Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT)

The Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) is designed to measure verbal and quantitative reasoning skills, developed over many years of education, that are related to academic performance in college. SAT scores are intended primarily to help forecast the college academic performance of individual students. Because SAT scores are statistically controlled to maintain the same meaning from year to year, and because the SAT-taker population is relatively stable from year to year, this report can be used to:

- Interpret SAT Program scores of individual students within the broader context of data.

- Aggregate across groups of college-bound seniors.

- Study changes over time in the characteristics of students taking SAT Program Tests.

- Look at year-to-year educational and demographic changes in this population, along with changes in test performance.

The PSAT initiatives currently sponsored by the Department of Education are part of this effort.

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Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

The Advanced Placement (AP) program is designed to provide college credit and appropriate placement to secondary school students who have successfully mastered college-level course work. The College Board sponsors the AP program with technical operational services provided by Educational Testing Services (ETS) in Princeton, New Jersey. In response to educational leaders' requests for AP reports for their states, The College Board prepares an Annual Summary Report of data from state and national AP program administrations. Scores on the AP exams range from 1 to 5, with a "5" indicating that the examinee is "extremely well qualified." A score of "3" or higher is usually considered to be a qualifying score on the exams.

The 1997 Georgia legislature appropriated \$700,000 to help offset the cost for students taking AP exams. The State Board of Education approved a plan to disburse these funds to qualifying students on a prorated basis for exams taken during the spring of 1997. In 1998 and again in 1999, qualified Georgia students received \$1,608,000 in State funds to cover the total costs of AP exams. Low-income students received additional federal funding in the amount of \$87,052 that was distributed for AP testing costs in 1998 and 1999. In 2000, Georgia students received \$1,708,000 in state funds to pay for AP exam fees.

These funds made it possible for the state to offer, at no charge, AP tests to measure results of AP courses. By offering these exams free of charge, it is intended to stimulate an increase in the percentage of students taking AP courses and exams. Students taking more AP coursework and exams will be better prepared for post-secondary scholarships and will exempt more of the first-level courses in college.

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NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (NAEP)

During selected years the National Assessment of Educational Progress conducts a limited number of assessment related activities in Georgia. These activities involve only randomly selected systems, schools, and students. NAEP represents what a variety of subject-matter experts agree that students reasonably might be expected to know and be able to do. Only group statistics are reported. No individual student or teacher, school, or system data are ever released. Randomly selected systems and schools are contacted directly by NAEP or by the NAEP state coordinator.

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III. PROCEDURES

A. Test Distribution and Storage

Test books, answer documents, examiner's manuals, and system and school coordinators' instructions are distributed to each school system up to three weeks prior to the test dates. Some test materials are reused and may remain in the school system. All tests must be stored in a secure central location. Each school system should implement an accounting system for each test administration. The superintendent and system test coordinator are responsible for test security.

The school test coordinator and school principal, in cooperation with the system test coordinator, are responsible for test storage and security once the tests are distributed to schools. Tests should be distributed to schools by grade and for the exact number of students (with a small surplus for emergencies). To facilitate this process, test materials are distributed to school systems in packages comparable to typical class sizes. The system test coordinator should distribute test materials to the school test coordinator allowing an appropriate amount of time before testing is to begin. During this period, teacher orientations or workshops should be conducted. Whenever tests or examiner's manuals are in classrooms, they must be stored in a secure, locked location. No student should have access to test booklets or questions prior to testing. Tests must be returned to the central location (system test coordinator) as soon as possible but no later than three days after all test administration has been completed. The system test coordinator must implement an accounting system between the central location and the school, then back to the central location.

All CRCT and NRT materials are required to be returned to the contractor following each administration. Other tests are destroyed after each administration and disposition forms are submitted to the Georgia Department of Education.

B. Test Administration

Scheduling Considerations

When scheduling tests, remember the following.

1. Mandated tests **must** be scheduled in accordance with GDOE testing dates.
2. Preferred testing times are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings.
3. Breaks should be scheduled so that an unhurried pace is maintained.
4. Testing immediately after students have had strenuous physical activity should be avoided.

Each school has the option of deciding whether students will be tested in their classrooms, in a large-group setting, or in some other setting. The classroom situation is strongly recommended, especially for elementary school students. However, if the large-group testing option is selected, make sure that all students can hear the test instructions, that a sufficient work space is provided for writing or marking test answer sheets, and that a sufficient number of proctors is available to assist students and monitor test security.

For all grades, the following procedures should be observed:

1. If testing is conducted in large groups, the examiner* must be assisted by proctors, at least one per 30 students in the testing room. One proctor per 15 students is recommended for groups consisting of very young children.
2. If testing is conducted in self-contained classrooms, it is suggested that the examiner* be someone other than the regular classroom teacher assigned to those classrooms. (Special education teachers may administer the tests to their students.) However, it is important that the examiner be someone with whom the children are familiar. A system/school may choose to establish testing teams within grade levels, may rotate same-grade teachers for testing purposes, or may use other appropriate professional personnel.

The examiner must be assisted by a proctor. This person will aid the examiner in distributing and collecting materials, in systematically observing students and in responding to problems which may arise, particularly in testing younger students. For younger students, a proctor or assistant can speed up testing and help minimize confusion. The presence of a proctor also will assist in protecting the integrity of the testing situation.

3. The principal, assistant principal and/or designated central office staff should monitor all testing sessions. This is especially necessary when testing is being conducted in multiple locations within a building.

Seating arrangements should assure that each student has adequate workspace for test booklets and answer sheets, with sufficient space between students to discourage copying and to permit them to handle materials comfortably.

The rooms should have good lighting, adequate ventilation, comfortable temperature and freedom from interruption. Rooms should not be located near noisy areas such as band rooms or play areas. A "Testing – Please Be Quiet" sign should be placed at all entrances of the building.

* The examiner must be a professionally certified staff person (e.g., teacher, lead teacher, assistant principal, counselor).

Preparing for Testing

1. Check necessary supplies and materials that must be available for testing. These include a sufficient number of test booklets, answer sheets, practice materials (if provided), instructions, pencils, pens for writing assessments, scratch paper, and a clock or stopwatch for any timed tests, and extra calculators as needed for GHSQT.
2. Write any needed identifying information on the chalkboard prior to beginning the testing session.
3. Decide ahead of time what students who finish early are to do and make this clear to them.
4. Take care of restroom needs. Teachers will want to be sure that students, especially younger children, have an opportunity to go to the restroom before the test begins. Also, there should be ample planned breaks in the testing schedule. In the interest of test security, restroom visits should be monitored.
5. Help students manage the test booklets and answer documents efficiently. On many tests, students will mark answers on answer sheets that are separate from the accompanying test booklets. Typically, right-handed students will find that it is efficient and comfortable to fold the test booklet to the appropriate page and place it on the left side of the desk or table. The answer sheet should then be placed on the right side. Left-handed students should reverse the placement of the booklet and answer sheet. By placing the answer sheet on the side closest to the writing hand, students avoid reaching over the test booklet each time they mark an answer.

Students should be directed not to use the answer sheet as scratch paper or for doodling. Stray marks can make the answer sheet unscorable or cause it to be scored improperly.

6. Organize and monitor available test-taking time. Students should try to pace themselves during testing by working quickly while maintaining accuracy. They should be aware of the time allocated for the test as well as the number of items on the test, but should avoid clock watching. Test anxiety may be increased if

students are overly concerned about the time and glance at a watch or clock too frequently. Teachers should encourage students to review and check answers if time allows.

7. Encourage students to read all questions and answer choices. Teachers should instruct students to be sure they have read all choices before selecting an answer.

Resources and Aids

At grade five students are permitted and encouraged to use dictionaries for the writing assessment. At grades five, eight, and, if applicable, eleven, the use of calculators is permitted and strongly encouraged for the mathematics section of the NRTs, and the Georgia High School Graduation Tests.

NOTE: While calculator use is encouraged, it is NOT required for solving problems on the test. Fifth and eighth grade students may use their personal calculator if it is not the practice of the school to furnish calculators. Examiners should ensure that calculators used are simple, four-function instruments.

Proctors

Substitute teachers, teacher aides, and volunteers may serve as proctors. However, they will need orientation and other training. Parents, other relatives, and guardians who may be paraprofessionals or community volunteers must not proctor the class in which their child or a relative is a member. All proctors should have a thorough orientation to their duties (see p. IV-G-1) prior to testing.

Makeup Sessions

The system testing schedule must be established within the range of the state testing dates. Allowances should also be made for makeup sessions for students who are absent on the original administration date. Makeup sessions should be scheduled by the school test coordinator. For makeup test administration, it is best to have absentees from all classes per grade assembled in one room, separate from the regular classes. Students should attend the makeup sessions only for the tests (subtests) they have missed.

Other considerations may include students who become ill during the administration period and are unable to continue. Additionally, a child may be temporarily disabled (e.g., broken arm) and unable to take or complete a test. In such cases, these students also should be scheduled for makeup testing. If a student is still ill, absent, or temporarily disabled until after the scheduled makeup testing dates, he/she must wait until the next scheduled administration. If an administration is required for graduation and if there are extenuating circumstances, a special administration may be requested through the Research, Evaluation, and Testing Division of the GDOE.

C. Considerations for Testing Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities, under the IDEA and Section 504, **must** be allowed to participate in statewide assessment activities. The following information is intended to provide general guidance regarding the participation of such students.

Students With Disabilities under the IDEA (Students with IEPs)

Background Information

The 1997 amendments to the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) mandate the provision of special education and related services, as appropriate, as a means of providing a free, appropriate public education to students with disabilities. Special education refers to specially designed instruction, at no cost to the parents, to meet the unique needs of a student with disabilities. Under the IDEA, a student with a disability is defined as a student with autism, deaf-blindness, emotional/behavioral disorder, deafness or hard of hearing, intellectual disability (mild to profound), learning disability, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, significant developmental delay, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment (including blindness). The Individualized Education Program (IEP) process determines the educational needs of a student with disabilities and the service or services required to meet the identified needs.

The IDEA mandates that all students with disabilities be included in state and district-wide assessments. IDEA also mandates that the IEP include a statement of participation and accommodations needed in the administration of state or district-wide assessments. If the IEP team determines that the student will not participate in a particular state or district-wide assessment, the team must provide a statement indicating **why** the assessment is not appropriate and **how** the student will be assessed. Each state will be required to develop an alternate assessment plan beginning 2000-2001 for those special education students who, even with appropriate accommodations, cannot participate meaningfully in state or district-wide assessments. Each state is also required to report the number and performance of students with disabilities who take statewide assessments, with or without accommodations and the number and performance of students who participate in alternative assessment.

For students who are receiving instruction based on Georgia's Quality Core Curriculum (QCC), the IEP team should consider full participation by the student in statewide assessments. The IEP team should also consider what accommodations, if any are needed by the student to facilitate his/her performance on the assessment. **It should also be remembered that any accommodations recommended by a student's IEP team should be consistent with the adaptations or accommodations used in the student's instructional program.**

For some students, the IEP team might determine that a student's participation in the statewide assessment(s), even with accommodations, is not appropriate. In such a case, the IEP team must document why the statewide assessment is not appropriate and state that the student will participate in the Georgia Alternative Assessment (GAA).

In addition, it is extremely important that the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student(s) understand that, in the case of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) and the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHS WT), participation in an alternate assessment will not satisfy the graduation requirements for a diploma with a college preparatory or technology/career education seal. Students taking an alternate assessment will be eligible to receive a special education diploma. The IEP should reflect a discussion with the parent(s)/guardian(s) and student about the requirements for the various diploma types and the recommendation of the type of diploma toward which the student will be working. The parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student, if appropriate, should also be informed that the decision regarding participation in statewide assessment will be reviewed during subsequent IEP team meetings.

The GDOE developed guidelines for the participation of students with disabilities in all of its assessment programs and provided training throughout the 1999/2000 school year. These guidelines are printed in the manual "Including Students with Disabilities in the Assessment Program" available from the GDOE. This manual was provided to teams from every local system in the state with permission to copy and duplicate for the purposes of training others in the system. Additionally, one manual was mailed to each school in the state. (Please contact the Division for Exceptional Students at 404-656-3963 for additional copies of the manual).

Procedures

In order for the Georgia Department of Education (GDOE) to satisfy the IDEA requirement for reporting the number and performance of students with disabilities participating in statewide assessment, including alternate assessment measures, school systems must properly code every student with an IEP. Specific directions are provided with the examiner's materials for each statewide test. However, the following provides a general overview of relevant issues which apply to the GKAP-R, the CRCT, the NRT, the Grade 3 Writing Assessment, the Grade 5 Writing Assessment, the MGWA, the GHS GT and the GHS WT. **Any information about nonstandard formats does not apply to the GHS GT or the GHS WT.**

Students with disabilities who have an IEP recommending participation in statewide assessments with no accommodations or with accommodations that result in a standard test format should participate in the assessment like all other students. In order to enable the GDOE to develop an accurate report of the number and performance of students with disabilities, the student's test protocol must indicate the code to designate him/her as a student with an IEP taking a standard format of the test. The specific codes and directions for this are provided with the actual testing materials.

Students with disabilities who have an IEP recommending participation in statewide assessments with accommodations that result in a nonstandard test format should participate in the assessment with the designated accommodations. Again, to enable the GDOE to develop an accurate report of the number and performance of students with disabilities, the student's test protocol must indicate the code to designate him/her as a student with an IEP taking a **nonstandard** test format. The specific code and directions are provided with the actual testing materials.

Students with disabilities whose IEP recommends **nonparticipation** in statewide assessments must have the Georgia Assessment identified in his/her IEP. IEPs in effect after July 1, 2000 must utilize the GAA as the alternate or state mandated assessments as identified in the IEP. The specific directions and coding for the GAA will be provided with the GAA testing materials.

Summary

Under the IDEA, all students with disabilities must be considered for participation in all statewide assessments. The decisions regarding the participation of students with disabilities in statewide assessment must be made, on a case-by-case basis, by each student's IEP team. The IEP team should (a) consider the purpose of the assessment, (b) consider the feasibility of the student's participation, (c) determine what accommodation(s), if any, the student will need and document this in the student's IEP, and (d) document in the IEP the decision for the student to participate in the assessment or for the student not to participate. If the student's IEP team recommends that she/he not participate in the statewide assessment, then the IEP must (1) document the reason the student will not participate, and (2) identify participation in the GAA. The IEP should be completed early enough to permit adequate preparation and to allow sufficient time to order materials.

Section 504 Students (Students with a disability not in special education)

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a comprehensive civil rights law which addresses the rights of persons with a disability, indicating that "no otherwise qualified [disabled] individual shall, solely by reason of his/her [disability], be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." This law applies to agencies and organizations, including public school systems. The definition of a person with a disability under Section 504 is much broader in scope than that of the IDEA. Under Section 504, the term disability refers to a person who (a) has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, (b) has a record of such an impairment, or (c) is regarded as having such impairment. Students with a disability under Section 504 are entitled to reasonable accommodations to allow their participation in the school programs, activities, and procedures in which their nondisabled peers participate. Therefore, Section 504 students must be included in state and district-wide assessment procedures with reasonable accommodations, if any, that may be necessary to allow participation in the assessment.

As indicated above, no student identified as having a disability under Section 504 shall "solely by reason of his/her [disability] be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination." Thus, students who have been identified as having a disability **only** under the Section 504 guidelines should be included in statewide assessments. In Georgia, the Student Support Team (SST) satisfies certain 504 requirements with respect to determining the appropriate educational needs of a student. As a result, some students with disabilities under Section 504 may have an SST plan and others may have a Section 504

accommodation plan to address the educational needs of the Section 504 student. The following provides a general overview of issues relevant to statewide assessment for the Section 504 student. These apply to the GKAP-R, the CRCT, the NRT, the Grade 3 Writing Assessment, the Grade 5 Writing Assessment, the MGWA, the GHSWT and the GHSWT. Any information about nonstandard formats does not apply to the GHSWT or the GHSWT.

Section 504 students who have either an SST plan or a 504 accommodation plan which recommends participation in statewide assessments with no accommodations or with accommodations which result in a standard test format should participate in the assessment like all other students.

Section 504 students who have either an SST plan or a 504 accommodation plan which recommends participation in statewide assessments with accommodations which result in a nonstandard test format should participate in the assessment with the designated accommodations. The test protocols for such students should be coded to designate that she/he is a Section 504 student and that the test administration was nonstandard. As previously stated, the specific code and directions for this are provided with the actual testing materials.

Accommodations for IDEA and Section 504 Students

What is meant by “standard” and “nonstandard” test administration? (These designations do not refer to the GHSWT nor the GHSWT.)

Standard administration refers to testing conditions in which the procedures and directions included in the administration manual are followed exactly. Examples: (1) large-print test (2) a small-group setting.

Nonstandard administration refers to testing conditions in which the procedures and directions included in the administration manual are not followed exactly. Examples: (1) read test to student (2) use of a word processor.

In order for a student to be administered a test in a nonstandard format, the student must have an IEP (if she/he is a special education student) or a 504 Plan (if she/he is a Section 504 student only) which specifies special accommodations. See “Accommodations” section below. Not all statewide tests have a nonstandard administration. For example, the Georgia High School Graduation Tests and the Georgia High School Writing Test do not have a nonstandard administration. Any accommodations specified in the student’s IEP or 504 plan and not considered a standard accommodation according to the test manual must be brought before the State Board of Education in a waiver request.

Standard and nonstandard administrations vary according to each test. Refer to the specific administrations manual for more information. Whether a standard or a nonstandard administration is given, the recommended accommodation(s) identified in the student’s IEP or 504 plan must be provided. The students’ test protocols must be coded to reflect a standard or non-standard test administration and to provide data of

the number and performance of students with disabilities under the IDEA.

Examples of Types of Accommodations (refer to the specific test manual for additional information)

Accommodations for students with disabilities under the IDEA must be determined in the annual IEP team meeting. These accommodations must be consistent with the instructional accommodations required for the student. Accommodations for Section 504 students must be written in their 504 Plan.

The selection of specific accommodations for individual students participating in statewide assessments is made by the IEP team. IEP teams should consider:

- Is this accommodation *required* for the student to participate?
- Will this accommodation allow the student to demonstrate knowledge or skill? If this accommodation were not used, accurate assessment of student knowledge or skill would not occur.
- Are the recommended accommodations *consistent* with those used in the classroom instruction and assessment activities? Providing accommodations that are unfamiliar to the student will decrease student performance rather than allowing the student to demonstrate knowledge.
- Accommodations *do not alter the integrity* of the test. Accommodations recommended allow the student to demonstrate knowledge or skill and do not change the content of the assessment.

Setting Accommodations:

Accommodations to the setting in which the testing normally occurs may be helpful to students with disabilities. The following are examples of accommodations to the test setting:

Individual testing
Small-group testing
Study carrel
Special lighting
Adaptive or special furniture
Special acoustics

Timing/Scheduling Accommodations:

Accommodations that adjust the time allowance or distribution for a test are considered timing or scheduling accommodations. The following are examples of timing/scheduling accommodations:

Extended time
Flexible schedule
Frequent breaks during testing
Frequent breaks during selected subtests
Specific time of day
Subtests in different sequence

Presentation Accommodations:

Accommodations that alter the manner in which the test materials and/or the test directions are provided to the student are considered presentation accommodations. The following are examples of presentation accommodations:

- Audio tape
- Braille edition of test
- Fewer items per page
- Key words or phrases in directions highlighted
- Sign language directions to student
- Read directions to student
- Provision of additional examples
- Templates to reduce visible print

Response Accommodations:

Accommodations that allow for alternate answering modes for the student are considered response accommodations. The following are examples of response accommodations:

- Student marking in test booklet
- Student use of Braille
- Use of word processor (not for writing assessments)
- Use of communication device (not for writing assessments)

Summary: Students with disabilities (as identified under the IDEA or under Section 504) may need testing accommodations in order to participate in statewide assessments. The specific accommodations needed should be identified in the student's IEP (for special education students under the IDEA) or in the 504 or SST Plan. However, the accommodations recommended **should be consistent with the adaptations or accommodations used in the student's ongoing instructional program.**

Special Considerations Related to Accommodations For the Georgia High School Graduation Tests and the Georgia High School Writing Test

A passing score on the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (English/Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics) and the Georgia High School Writing Test is required for a Georgia High School diploma. Some accommodations that students with disabilities may require are allowed on this test as specified by the test manual. In order to assure that **all** students take the **same** graduation test, some types of accommodations are **not** allowed. These are accommodations that modify the test items such that the test is changed and test results are invalid. Examples are interpreting, clarifying, or rewording test items. IEP and 504 Plan committees should be aware that some accommodations, which may be regular classroom instructional practice, may not be used for the GHS GT or the GHS WT. Rule 160-3-1-.07 in Appendix B gives some types of accommodations that may not be used. Students with IEPs or 504 Plans requiring accommodations that may invalidate test results may apply to the State Board of Education for a waiver of these rules. For further information about waiver procedures, see Appendix B.

The Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA)

A major component of the IDEA requires that "...the state or local educational agency develops guidelines for the participation of children with disabilities in alternate assessments for those children who cannot participate in state and district-wide assessment programs. The state and local agency develops and, beginning not later than July 1, 2000, conducts those alternate assessments."

The Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) is an IEP based assessment that reports progress toward achievement of targeted goals for each student. IEP teams for students identify five targeted goals and curriculum domains. As the IEP is implemented, student achievement is noted. At the end of the IEP implementation period, student progress is converted to a rating level (initial, emerging, progressing or functional) for each of the targeted areas and reported. The first reports to the state will be due June 1, 2001. Systems must use the GAA for those students who are not participating in state mandated grade level assessments. For the district-wide assessments that are not state mandated, systems must provide an alternate. They may either use the GAA for those or design their own alternate assessment procedures.

D. Collection and Scoring

Return of Test Materials

Specific information related to the collection and scoring of tests can be found in system-level, school-level and examiner materials which are distributed along with the testing materials. For security purposes all examiner's handbooks, test booklets, answer documents, and scratch paper should be returned to the school test coordinator, then to the system test coordinator immediately after tests have been administered. **All** materials must be accounted for by the system test coordinator.

Immediately after testing has been completed, the following should be done by appropriate personnel (see Section IV, Responsibilities).

1. Check All coding of identifying information and form numbers, where applicable.
2. Count the answer documents to ensure you have the appropriate number. Check to make sure there are no answer documents left in the test booklets.
3. Prepare the answer documents as follows:

Be sure that every student has recorded the correct information in the proper manner. All errors in gridding student identification information must be corrected. Make certain that answer sheets for LEP students and students with disabilities have been properly coded in the State Required Code (SRC) area according to directions in the accompanying handbooks or manuals. Erase all stray pencil marks and smudges from the answer sheets. Make sure that **NOTHING** has been written on the answer sheets except in areas designated for recording information.

4. Answer documents must be returned for all students. When partial tests are submitted they will not be scored if fewer than the specified number of items are answered on each subtest/section. The timely return of answer documents ensures a timely return of scores. When answer documents are not returned by the stated deadline, the return of student scores statewide will be delayed.
5. Completed answer documents (including writing assessments) should not be hand scored or reproduced in any form. Unnecessary handling of documents that are to be scanned contributes to scanning problems.

Transferring Student Test Scores

It is the responsibility of local school systems to ensure that test scores become a part of students' records as soon as possible after testing, and that such records follow students to their new schools. Grade placement and high school graduation may be delayed because test scores are unavailable. Students who expect to receive a regular diploma from a Georgia public high school must have proof of passing scores on all five of the required sections of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests and the Georgia High School Writing Test. A copy of State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.14,

TRANSFER OF STUDENT RECORDS, is found in Appendix B.

NOTE: If a student's records are unavailable or do not show test scores, contact the system test coordinator in the student's previous school system and/or the principal of the school from which the student is transferring to verify test scores. Names and telephone numbers for test coordinators are included in Appendix H.

Transferring Special Education Records

If a student's special education record, including his/her IEP, is unavailable, contact the system test coordinator, the system special education director in the student's previous school system, or the principal of the former school to verify special education placement, testing modifications, and requirements specified in the IEP. Every effort should be made to receive such information prior to testing a student with disabilities.

E. Dissemination of Test Information

State Dissemination of Scores

The QBE Act requires that results of the statewide testing program be reported to the citizens of Georgia. This is accomplished in several ways. The DOE website, www.doe.k12.ga.us reports the State Report Card each year. Results of all state tests can be found on this web site by test, system, and school. Also see Appendix I

Retention of the Files of Test Results

Many questions arise about how long to retain test results. The document *Managing Public Records, Common Records Retention Schedule for School Systems, Student Services 83-730*, defines test files and specifies the retention schedule for school test score reports.

Criterion-Referenced Test Results Files

83-730

Documents relate to administering criterion-referenced tests and include student forms and school forms showing individual student test results and school system comparative summaries. They are usually arranged chronologically by school year.

RETENTION

Record copy: System data summaries - retain ten years
Remainder - retain four years

This information implies that any criterion-referenced reports containing summary data for schools or systems are retained ten years. Reports such as class lists, achievement rosters, diagnostic summaries, etc., fall into the four-year category. This retention schedule should be used for score reports for the GKAP-R and writing assessments. Reports that extend beyond the retention dates should be destroyed. Individual student reports may be destroyed if there are records of scores in the student's permanent record (e.g., on labels).

Standardized Achievement Test File

83-736

Documents relate to administering tests and comparing results and student performance. Includes procedures for administering the test, summary data for each school and system. Also included may be briefing materials such as overhead transparencies. Usually arranged chronologically by year of test administration.

RETENTION

Record copy: System data summaries - retain permanently for historical purposes
Remainder - retain four years

Local System Dissemination of Scores

Dissemination of scores is an important component of the imperative that systems inform the public concerning testing. The QBE Act requires that each local school system annually inform the citizens residing within its area concerning the collective achievement of enrolled students by school and system. Publishing in the newspaper is one of the best ways to disseminate the information. A sample news release may be found in Appendix F.

Media help shape public opinion; therefore, educators need to work closely with media representatives to provide the public with accurate and complete information about schools. An example of going beyond simply reporting results is to provide an explanation of how the results will be used to improve instruction. Putting the results in this context goes beyond the numbers and focuses on the implications for learning, which in turn emphasizes the purpose for giving the assessment tests - to promote student learning.

Suggestions About Reporting Scores

Releasing the results of the student-testing program to the news media, parents/guardians, and the community can be made easier if good communication has been established with these groups. Following are some suggestions that might help you with reporting scores as well as training those who will report scores.

To The News Media

- At the beginning of school, schedule a briefing for the news media to explain your testing program, especially if there is a change in the program.
- Give the media a written report explaining the tests, what they measure, when they will be administered and to which grades. Also, let them know approximately when results can be expected.
- When results are in, hold a news conference or briefing to explain the results. If possible, this conference should be held when it will be most convenient for the media in your area. For example, keep in mind the deadline for the weekly paper in your area.
- Appropriate personnel should preside over the news conference and explain system scores. The system test coordinator should also be available to answer technical questions.

- Prepare a news release to hand out at the news conference, as well as background information such as charts and graphs, sample test questions and school summaries.
- When explaining your scores, avoid testing jargon. Use everyday words and keep your report as general as you can. It is not necessary to use four paragraphs to explain a stanine or percentile. What the public wants to know is what the results mean. Are the students performing better or worse than the state or national average? Are students doing better this year than last?
- Prepare simple graphs and charts that are easy to interpret. Make sure they are accurate. Do not try to cover too much information on one chart.
- Explain that the test scores are not the only measure of a student's or school's progress. If your scores are low, explain what you are doing to improve instruction in your schools. You can use this as an opportunity to get support for your instructional programs.
- Develop an action plan for improving instruction in your system next year. Involve lay citizens when appropriate.
- Explain what is required to graduate from your high school in addition to passing the Georgia High School Graduation Tests and the Georgia High School Writing Test.

To Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

- Do not depend on students to let parent(s)/guardian(s) know about the testing program. Written information should be mailed to parent(s)/guardian(s) or given at a parent-teacher conference. The information should explain simply what tests are being given, how the tests differ from last year, what they measure and when the tests will be given. An explanation of the purpose of the testing program, how the test results will be used, and how the scores are interpreted should be included in this information.
- Use simple language - no jargon - to explain the results. If you use terms like stanine, percentile or grade equivalent, be sure the parent(s)/guardian(s) understand(s) what you mean.
- Try to find something positive about a child's test results. Emphasize the child's strengths before you talk about weaknesses.
- If a child's scores are low, explain what will be done to help improve skills. This will reassure not only the parent(s)/guardian(s) but the student.

To Others

- Be sure teachers and other school staff understand the testing program.
- Do not forget to communicate with school board members, city officials and legislators about your testing program.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful implementation of the statewide student assessment program requires many individuals at the local level working in concert. These persons and their general responsibilities are described below. More detailed responsibilities are listed on the following pages.

The local superintendent, in cooperation with the local system test coordinator, school principals, and/or school test coordinators, has the responsibility of implementing the statewide testing program in the local school system, assuring conformity to the required policies and procedures and disseminating results to the public. Verification forms must be completed and signed by the responsible individuals (see Appendix D). The local superintendent assumes ultimate responsibility for testing security at the system level.

System test coordinators serve as liaisons between the Local Unit of Administration (LUA) and the GDOE for all statewide testing administration activities. System test coordinators should be knowledgeable of all aspects of test administration and reporting procedures. They should keep superintendents informed of all issues relating to the testing program and inform school test coordinators about the testing program and test administration procedures. System test coordinators assume responsibility for orienting/training all personnel involved in test administration. Additionally, system test coordinators are responsible for maintaining tests in secure locations and returning materials for scoring.

System special education coordinators work with the system test coordinators in implementing all procedures associated with the testing of students with disabilities.

Principals are responsible for all test materials and testing activities in their schools. They are responsible for maintaining test materials in a secure location and administering tests according to GDOE guidelines. Principals assume ultimate responsibility for testing security at the local building level.

School test coordinators consult with the system test coordinator and principal on issues related to test administration and organize administration activities within their schools.

Examiners/proctors receive instructions from principals and/or school test coordinators regarding their specific roles in administering the tests.

NOTE: The failure of any personnel to assume the responsibilities described herein may result in testing irregularities and/or invalidation of scores. See page IV-H-1 for additional information on the reporting of testing irregularities.

A. Superintendent

1. Has overall responsibility for all testing activities within the local school system.
2. Appoints the system test coordinator.
3. Supervises principals and system test coordinator to ensure that they fulfill their specific responsibilities for the administration of tests.
4. Maintains contact with system test coordinator to become thoroughly informed of all testing activities.
5. Conducts investigation of reported testing irregularities (e.g., student cheating, unethical professional conduct.) Reports unethical professional conduct to the Professional Practices Section of the Professional Standards Commission.
6. Monitors testing activities in the local school system to guarantee compliance with regulations established by the Georgia Board of Education and current legislation.
7. Informs local board members, parents, and other citizens about requirements pertaining to statewide testing.
8. Ensures that appropriate local personnel attend GDOE workshops concerning state assessment programs.
9. Reviews and returns verification forms to the Research, Evaluation, and Testing Division of the GDOE by the due date.
10. Annually informs the citizens residing within the local system's area concerning the collective achievement of enrolled students by school and system.
11. Ensures that local calendars are planned so that all tests are administered according to the state-published testing calendar that provides testing dates for the current and following academic year.

B. System Test Coordinator

1. Coordinates all test administration activities within the school system.
2. Serves as liaison between the Local Unit of Administration (LUA) and the GDOE for all test administration activities.
3. Is responsible for carrying out the approved plan for administration of all tests.
 - a. Furnishes all information and submits all forms required by the GDOE (Forms DE 0385, DE 0201, DE 1008) by specified dates.
 - b. Orders special format tests (Braille or large print).
 - c. Receives test materials from GDOE at designated time and place and maintains them in a secure location.
 - d. Is thoroughly familiar with examiner's manuals, administrator's role and proctor's role.
 - e. Adheres to test dates, time schedule and specified instructions set by the GDOE.
 - f. Provides training for all school test coordinators, examiners and proctors.
 - g. Ensures that each test setting (room) is suitable, has an assigned examiner and has the appropriate number of proctors.
 - h. Accounts for all test materials delivered to LUAs and for the disposition of specific materials.
4. Attends statewide testing program conferences.
5. Arranges schedule for LUA or GDOE staff to monitor schools during testing sessions.
6. Orients/trains all system/school personnel involved in test administration. This includes school test coordinators, examiners, proctors, and any others who have responsibilities related to testing and/or testing materials. For students with disabilities under Section 504, discusses the GHSGT and the GHSWT with the parents/guardians prior to the student's ninth grade year. Discusses with the student and parents/guardians the skills the student is expected to have mastered for the GHSGT and the GHSWT. Informs them of the importance of the tests and the role of the Student Support Team in identifying test accommodations, if any, the student may require in order to participate. Recommended accommodations, if any, should be indicated on the student's SST or 504 Plan.
7. Maintains a portfolio of all training session materials and roster of attendees.
8. Is accessible to all school test coordinators and principals to answer questions or make decisions regarding testing.
9. Ensures that school test coordinators account for all students in terms of testing requirements.
10. Maintains strict test security.
11. Reports to superintendent concerning testing irregularities (e.g., student cheating, unethical professional conduct).
12. Communicates to the Research, Evaluation and Testing Division when testing irregularities lead to necessity for re-testing.
13. Distributes test results to the superintendent and to the schools in a timely manner and ensures that students are informed of the expected date for the return of the test results.
14. Interprets test results to school personnel and appropriate others.
15. Ensures that local calendars are planned so that all tests are administered according

to the state-published testing calendar that provides testing dates for the current and following academic year.

16. Ensures that students, parents, and the general public have access to information concerning all test administrations and utilization of test results.

C. System Special Education Coordinator

1. Is thoroughly knowledgeable of the statewide testing program, including the content of the special education section of this handbook (Section III-C).
2. Is thoroughly knowledgeable of the IDEA, state rules and waiver process for students with disabilities.
3. Provides technical assistance to special education teachers in test administration.
4. Ensures that all due process rights pertaining to the testing programs are provided for students with disabilities.
5. Ensures that appropriate documentation is maintained for all students with disabilities.
6. Ensures that students with disabilities have test-taking experience prior to taking the tests.
7. Informs system test coordinator of the number of special format tests (Braille or large print) needed to test students with disabilities during the subsequent test administration.
8. Informs the system test coordinator of the number of students who must receive each accommodation allowed by state regulations.
9. Ensures that the following activities are completed by Special Education personnel in preparation for GHS GT and GHS WT:
 - Discuss the GHS GT and the GHS WT with the students, parents/guardians.
 - For IDEA students at the IEP review prior to the ninth grade (or at the IEP transition meeting when the student is 14 years old) discuss the skills the student is expected to have mastered for the GHS GT and GHS WT. Inform participants of the importance of the tests and the role of the IEP team in identifying test accommodations, if any, the student may require in order to participate.
 - For students with disabilities under Section 504, discuss the GHS GT and the GHS WT with the parents/guardians prior to the student's ninth grade year. Discuss with the student and parents/guardians the skills the student is expected to have mastered for the GHS GT and the GHS WT. Inform them of the importance of the tests and the role of the Student Support Team in identifying test accommodations, if any, the student may require in order to participate. Recommended accommodations, if any, should be indicated on the student's SST or 504 Plan.
 - Discuss with the student and parents/guardians the consequences of the student not passing the GHS GT and the GHS WT. Such a discussion should include the state rule (i.e., must pass all portions of the GHS GT and the GHS WT to receive a regular diploma) and relevant local policy, if any. Document the occurrence of this discussion.

D. Principal

1. Responsible for all testing activities in his or her school.
2. Ensures proper environment for test administration.
3. Ensures that all testing sites are appropriately prepared: adequate student work space, proper lighting, good ventilation, sufficient number of desks in good repair, and all students facing the examiner.
4. Ensures that the test accommodations identified in students' IEPs, 504 plans, or SST plans are provided for each student as specified.
5. Ensures that testing sites are free of interruptions during test administration; for example, intercom messages, visitors, wandering students.
6. Recommends a school test coordinator to coordinate the testing program.
7. Arranges for appropriate scheduling of students who will not take the tests.
8. Assigns personnel to serve as examiners and proctors.
9. Arranges appropriate schedules for teachers who will be proctors and examiners and for those who will be teaching other students not involved in testing.
10. Informs students and parents/guardians about the purpose of testing, dates and times for testing, and expected dates for return of test results (see Section V, Testing Issues, Concerns and Strategies for suggested tips on preparation of students).
11. Creates an atmosphere in which all staff members know that their cooperation is needed and expected for successful test administration.
12. Advises school test coordinator, examiners, and proctors if emergency situations arise.
13. Monitors the administration of tests.
14. Supervises all testing activities to ensure strict test security.
15. Maintains test materials in a secure location.
16. Notifies system test coordinator of testing irregularities and provides explanation of circumstances.
17. Assumes ultimate responsibility for test security at the local building level.
18. Ensures that local calendars are planned so that all tests are administered according to the state-published testing calendar that provides testing dates for the current and following academic year.
19. Monitors test preparation activities to ensure that secure testing materials are not misused.

E. School Test Coordinator

1. Receives test materials from system test coordinator and verifies numbers received.
2. Determines the number of test booklets to be assigned to each test room and accounts for material distribution and return.
3. Is responsible for the preparation of all test rooms.
4. Assists principal in assigning examiner(s).
5. Assigns each proctor the responsibility for 30 or fewer students.
6. Accounts for the security of all test materials during the time the materials are in the building.
7. Conducts orientation and training sessions for examiners and proctors.
8. Adheres to testing schedule.
9. Distributes test materials to and collects them from each examiner on the testing days.
10. Gives examiners extra #2 pencils, pens for writing test, and scratch paper.
11. Accounts for all students in terms of testing requirements.
12. Notifies principal and system test coordinator of any emergency situation and helps to decide what action needs to be taken.
13. Coordinates inspection of all answer sheets before delivering them to the system test coordinator.
14. Counts materials returned from examiners and accounts for all materials distributed.
15. Packages and returns materials to system test coordinator according to directions and time line.
16. Notifies principal of any testing irregularities and provides explanation of circumstances.
17. Ensures that local calendars are planned so that all tests are administered according to the state-published testing calendar that provides testing dates for the current and following academic year.
18. For the GHS GT and GHS WT - maintains dated student sign-in sheets for each test administration.
19. Ensures that students have one and only one opportunity to test during each window.
20. Ensures that for any students not currently enrolled in their local school, the following protocol is applied:
 - a. Contact students home school for verification of test eligibility.
 - b. Require photo ID and maintain photo-copy record.

(The decision to test out-of-district students is a local one. The burden of identification, establishment of eligibility, and record-keeping to ensure score reports are returned to the home school must be borne by the administering school/system.)

F. Examiner

1. Participates in orientation/training.
2. Is thoroughly familiar with the examiner's manual or test administration manual.
3. Counts materials prior to testing to verify that nothing is missing.
4. Ensures the security and safety of test booklets while they are in the testing room before, during, and after testing.
5. Wears soft-sole shoes to minimize noise distraction.
6. Has supply of #2 pencils, erasers, scratch paper, and pens for writing test.
7. Follows procedures for testing as given in examiner's manual, including reading all directions to students word-for-word.
8. Maintains control of testing situation and keeps students on task.
9. Allows no student to leave the test room unless there is an emergency.
10. Assists proctors in counting booklets prior to dismissing students.
11. Inspects answer sheets for stray marks after they are collected.
12. Completes or verifies student information answer sheets.
13. Appropriately codes answer sheets to reflect special education students, Section 504 students, and LEP students according to the directions provided in the manual.
14. Maintains a dated student sign-in sheet that records the receipt and return of all testing materials.
15. Returns all test material to school test coordinators immediately, including special format tests such as Braille or large print.
16. Ensures that no content-related instructional materials are displayed in the testing room. Charts, diagrams, and posters should not be visible. Chalkboards should be free of any writing except for test procedure information.

G. Proctor

1. Participates in orientation training.
2. Is responsible for no more than 30 students during testing.
3. Is responsible for a specific area if a large testing site is used.
4. Wears soft-sole shoes to minimize noise distraction.
5. Assists examiner in preparing test materials for distribution to students on days of testing.
6. Ensures that desks are clear of everything except #2 pencils and test materials.
7. Assists in distributing test materials.
8. Walks among students while examiner is explaining how to fill in student identification grids to see that the information is filled in correctly.
9. Answers questions regarding test procedures. Does not explain items or answer any questions regarding the content of the test.
10. Remains in test room during entire testing time.
11. Observes during test to see that students are: (1) marking answers dark enough; (2) choosing only one answer per item; (3) marking answers which have the same number as the corresponding item number in the booklet; (4) using only specified test materials (e.g., no reference books or "white-out"); (5) not using calculators unless permitted on specific subtests; (6) using appropriate materials such as correct test forms, answer sheets, and (7) using pen or pencil as appropriate during writing assessments.
12. Checks to see that left-handed students have appropriate seating with placement of answer sheets on the left and booklets on right.
13. Reports any unusual circumstances to examiner immediately; e.g., suspicion of cheating.
14. Circulates among students during testing to discourage misconduct and to be available to answer student questions.
15. Does not stand by a student's desk too long or touch a student as this may be distracting.
16. Is aware of students with disabilities who may require closer observation than other students or need special assistance.
17. Collects booklets and answer sheets according to directions in examiner's manual.
18. Assists examiner in accounting for all test materials.
19. Assists examiner in completing and double checking special coding.
20. Assists the examiner in maintaining strict test security.

H. System-Wide Personnel

It is the responsibility of the local system to follow protocol as they become aware of testing irregularities. Testing irregularities can have long-reaching impact on students, schools, and systems as well as upon any personnel who might be responsible for causing or contributing to any circumstance of a testing irregularity. Examples of testing irregularities might include, but are not limited to, missing test booklets, copying of (by machine or in handwriting) or verbal communication about test content, contamination of the test environment (e.g., relevant teaching aids visible by students during the test session), teachers assisting students with answers during the test session, actual or cloned test items presented to students before, during, or after the test session, test session disruption for any reason, and student cheating.

If any system personnel becomes aware of a testing irregularity within the testing window, the Research, Evaluation, and Testing (RET) Division contact person should be called to determine immediately if the test session can/should be continued. If the decision is made to discontinue the testing process, RET personnel will assist system personnel with re-scheduling and/or re-testing, if appropriate. If the irregularity is revealed following the scheduled testing window, RET personnel should be contacted to determine if the scores on the affected tests can be validated.

System superintendents are responsible for reporting all testing irregularities on the DE 0385 form. If the irregularity involves possible unethical conduct by system personnel, the system should notify the Professional Practices Section of the Professional Standards Commission (PSC) with a copy sent to RET. If the system does not forward appropriate notification to the PSC, the Research, Evaluation, and Testing Division will make that report to the PSC.

Occasionally, persons from the general public will contact RET with allegations of classroom/school/system testing irregularities. In these cases, the RET staff person taking that call will contact the system test coordinator, asking that person to investigate, determine if possible unethical conduct is involved, make the appropriate report to PSC with a copy to RET, and report the incident on the DE 0385 form.

Because the circumstances surrounding possible testing irregularities tend to be unique to a specific situation, any system experiencing such circumstances should contact the Research, Evaluation, and Testing Division staff for assistance and resolution.

V. TESTING ISSUES, CONCERNS, AND STRATEGIES

A. Preparation of Students

One of the purposes of the testing program is to collect information regarding the extent to which students are acquiring knowledge and skills in order to identify instructional strengths and weaknesses and modify instruction appropriately. The GDOE publishes brochures, documents and instructional resource guides to help familiarize educators with the testing program and to provide teachers with assistance in delivering the instructional program. Copies of these documents are sent to local systems. Teachers should be aware of the existence of such materials and familiarize themselves with them. They should review their curriculum and lesson plans to be sure the QCC content standards are included as a part of their instructional program. Despite the appropriateness of this process, many questions arise concerning "teaching the test" or "coaching," and what is appropriate preparation for students.

Practicing Test-Taking Skills vs. Teaching the Test

Practice on questions or problems developed from curriculum standards to be taught is acceptable and desirable, provided such activities are a part of a varied program of instructional strategies. These questions and problems should be generated by teachers and other instructional personnel. Additionally, the use of practice tests and reinforcement materials developed by test and textbook publishers may be appropriate. However, practice test activities should be a very limited part of the instructional program.

Teacher-made test items that have structural similarity to statewide test items also can be used to assess the results of classroom instruction. However, when the "instruction" consists of repeated administrations of multiple forms of items similar to those on statewide tests, then instruction becomes **coaching**, and coaching obscures students' needs and attainments. Item banks constructed to mirror statewide test items can easily be misused as coaching tools. Overuse of such items is improper and damaging to students' best interests.

The statewide tests do not measure all skills and objectives across the curriculum. Therefore, teaching only to the tests limits the kind of instruction that is desirable and necessary for an adequate instructional program. The instructional program should be designed so that the skills and objectives of the tests are included as a part of the curriculum. Instructional activities, including classroom teaching, should go well beyond the skills measured on a particular test.

Inappropriate Use of Test Materials

Unacceptable activities that violate appropriate test preparation include the following:

1. Specific items from the GHS GT, the GHS WT, the grades 3 and 5 writing assessments, MGWA, Stanford 9, and the GKAP-R must not be taught to students prior to the test. This restriction includes any manner of teaching test items during the school day and/or through homework assignments. Unauthorized access to specific test items ranges from teachers remembering a single test item or making a vocabulary list which includes most words used on a test, to manually or mechanically copying actual test items.
2. A test item from any form of the statewide tests in which only a word, phrase, or distracter has been changed must not be used with (or given to) students. The use of any practice form, which is similar to actual test items on the statewide tests, is a violation of appropriate test preparation procedure. Item security and validity can be destroyed if practice items are constructed to reflect the situations, options, or conditions of the original question.
3. Tests must not be copied or distributed. All statewide mandated tests given in Georgia are secured. Test items, student responses, and/or answer documents that are copied (by hand or by photocopying machine) or distributed violate test security and render the results of the test useless.
4. Old or formerly used test forms from the statewide testing program should not be used as practice materials.

The activities listed here reflect unethical professional conduct and may result in official action taken against the offending staff person. The local superintendent, the local board of education and/or the Professional Practices Section of the Professional Standards Commission may take such action.

Recommended Test Preparation

Although specific test items must not be taught, students should be acquainted with the format of standardized tests so they will feel comfortable when taking them. In order to foster interest rather than anxiety, teachers should use activities throughout the school year to prepare students for testing and to establish a relaxed atmosphere. These activities include practice on the following:

1. Encourage studying throughout the year. Studying regularly is important when preparing for tests throughout the year. Parents/guardians and teachers should encourage students to set and follow a daily or weekly study schedule.

2. Practice test-taking strategies. Students should practice test-taking strategies such as the process of elimination. If a student recognizes a wrong answer or answers, he or she should immediately disregard them and concentrate only on the remaining answers.
3. Incorporate timed activities and wise use of time. Throughout the school year, teachers will want to require students to finish certain assignments and tests within a specified period of time. It is important that students do not always have an unlimited amount of time to complete classwork. If students develop work habits which include completing assignments later in the afternoon or at home, a standardized testing situation with time limitations may be frustrating since regular education students are not allowed extended testing time on most standardized tests.
4. Design practice classroom tests to parallel standardized test formats. Students may experience difficulty with a multiple-choice test if they are unfamiliar with the format. Throughout the school year, teachers will want to expose their students to a variety of multiple-choice test and also acclimate them to completing writing assignments. With such exposure, students should find the statewide tests similar to routine work throughout the school year.
5. Use answer sheets. Marking answer sheets appropriately is an important test-taking skill. Students who seldom or never mark answer sheets may experience more anxiety than students who mark answer sheets throughout the year on both standardized tests and classroom assignments.
6. Practice following directions. Students need practice throughout the year in following various types of directions-not just those in standardized tests. One of the causes of low scores on tests is the failure of students to follow directions. For this reason, students need to practice following directions so they will not be penalized for carelessness during statewide testing. When taking a test, students should read the directions and/or listen as the test administrator reads the directions. Teachers should emphasize to students that if they hear directions that are unclear, they should ask for clarification immediately. Teachers should repeat the directions exactly as given in the *Examiner's Manual or Directions for Administration*. Teachers will want to be sure that, during practice, students understand and look for key words and phrases, such as "opposite," "same meaning as," "base word," "the word spelled correctly," "the word spelled incorrectly," etc.

Notification of Students and Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Students and parent(s)/guardian(s) should be notified of test dates and times. Knowledge of the testing dates may deter students from staying up late the evening before the test. Students and parents/guardians should be encouraged to adhere to normal routines.

Students and parent(s)/guardian(s) should also be told the purpose of the test, how the results will be used, and how the tests are relevant to them personally. Students should not feel undue anxiety about taking a standardized test but should be aware that they need to perform to the best of their ability. Students should understand that it is useful for teachers to know more about how much their students know and how well they can use what they have learned in school.

A careful explanation of the purpose of testing and the usefulness of test results in furthering a child's progress can help parents see the value of testing for their child. However, some parent(s)/guardian(s) expect more from a child than is reasonable, contributing to the child's anxiety. Parent(s)/guardian(s) should understand that extreme test anxiety will impair their child's performance. Parent(s)/guardian(s) can contribute to good test performance by ensuring that their child gets plenty of rest, eats breakfast, gets to school on time, and especially feels the support and encouragement of the parent(s)/guardian(s).

B. Strategies/Tips to Prepare Students for Taking Tests

Test taking is a skill that can be developed. Following are some tips that will help prepare students, parent(s)/guardian(s) and teachers for the tests. School systems may wish to duplicate the following pages to use as suggestion sheets for students and parent(s)/guardian(s).

Tips for Students

Before the Test

1. **Prepare yourself emotionally for taking the test.** If you are overly anxious about taking the test, much of your energy and potential will be sapped by the anxiety, and you will not do as well as you should. It frequently helps to reduce anxiety if you know more about the test, such as what type of test you are taking, what subject areas are tested, and what is the purpose of the test.
2. **Follow normal routines.** Interruption of normal routines may affect your performance. The night before the test you should not stay up later than usual since fatigue may lead to poor test performance. The day of the test you should eat a normal breakfast and lunch. Skipping meals or overeating before taking a test may adversely affect your performance.

At Test Time

1. **Concentrate.** Do not allow yourself to be distracted by noises or movements around you.
2. **Read instructions or directions carefully before marking any answer.** If you do not understand the directions, raise your hand and ask for help.
3. **Follow instructions.** Pay close attention to the sample exercises. They are on the test to help you understand what the items on the test will be like and how to mark your answer sheet properly.
4. **Keep your test booklet and answer sheet together.** This saves time and lessens the chance of marking answers in the wrong place.
5. **Read the entire question and all answer choices.** You need to read each item and all answer choices before marking your answers.
6. **Make an educated guess.** An educated guess is when you are able to eliminate one or more choices. For example, if there are four choices and you do not know which choice is correct, but do know that two choices are incorrect, then you have a 50-50 chance of choosing the correct answer.

You should also remember that **there is no pattern of correct answers**. For example, if the last three correct answer choices were "D," the next correct answer may be A, B, C, or D.

7. **Place your answer correctly on the answer sheet.** While taking tests, you should match the number on the answer sheet to the item number in the test booklet. This is especially important if you skip questions and go back to them later. You should mark only one answer for each item. If two answers are marked for the same item, the item will be counted as incorrect. If you erase an item, you should be sure it is erased completely and carefully so as not to rub holes in the answer sheet.
8. **Answer the easier questions first.** Come back to the hard ones and make your best guess on the ones you do not know. Try to answer every question.
9. **Keep track of the time.** Since most statewide tests have a time limit, be aware of the amount of time allocated to each section. Pace yourself so that you will be able to complete the section within the time limit.
10. **Use all of the time allocated.** Persistence pays off. If you finish a section of the test early, reread the test items, and check your answers.

Tips for Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

1. Make sure your child attends school regularly. Remember that tests reflect the overall achievement of your child. The more often the child is in a learning situation, the more likely he/she will do well on tests.
2. Give your child encouragement. Praise him/her for the things done well throughout the year. A child who is afraid of failing is more likely to make a mistake.
3. See that your child has a well-rounded diet. A healthy body leads to a healthy, active mind.
4. See that your child completes homework assignments. Homework supports classroom instruction and can help your child increase his/her comprehension of the classroom work.
5. Meet with your child's teacher(s) as often as possible to discuss your child's progress. Parents and teachers should work together to benefit the child.
6. Ask the teacher(s) to suggest activities for you to do at home with your child. Such activities can help your child improve his/her understanding of school work.
7. Make sure your child is well rested on school days. Children who are tired are less likely to pay attention in class or to handle the demands of classwork and tests.
8. Try not to be overly anxious about test scores. Too much emphasis on test scores can be upsetting to children.
9. Find out which tests your child will take and for what purposes. The school principal or counselor should provide you with a schedule of testing for the year and explain the use of the tests.
10. Make sure your child arrives on time for school.
11. See that your child dresses comfortably. Students should wear clothes which are comfortable and appropriate for the weather.
12. If your child wears a hearing aid and/or glasses, be sure he/she remembers to bring it/them and wear it/them during all testing sessions.

C. Understanding the Georgia High School Graduation Tests

Content Validity

The question of what a student should know or be able to do in order to graduate is inextricably tied to questions of what to teach and what to test. In Georgia, we started answering these questions long before the first test was constructed.

The Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT) were conceived in 1991 as a means of determining whether or not Georgia high school students had mastered essential skills listed in the state-mandated, Quality Core Curriculum (QCC). Teachers in every Georgia high school were sent a copy of all the QCC objectives and asked to indicate which objectives should be included on the graduation test. The teacher responses were used to create a blueprint for the tests, which describes the objectives, the relative emphases, and the appropriate level of cognitive difficulty for test items for the various QCC objectives. The question of "what to test" had been answered. The next issue was test development.

From the blueprint through the development of each test, the GDOE has been guided by legal precedent and psychometric principles related to this type of high-stakes testing. The United States Court of Appeals (Fifth Circuit) ruled on May 4, 1981 that: "The State may not deprive its high school seniors of the economic and educational benefits of a high school diploma until it has demonstrated that the SSATII (the Florida minimum competency test) is a fair test of that which is taught in its classrooms." (*Debra P. v. Turlington* 474 F. Supp. 244 (M.D. Fla., 1981)). This precedent established the concepts of curricular and instructional validity and in the process, the court ruled the following conditions must be met:

1. Students must be told the specific objectives on the test.
2. Students must be given instruction in these objectives.
3. Instruction must be rational, orderly, and cumulative.
4. Students must be given time to master these objectives.
5. Student progress should be monitored.
6. Students must be afforded opportunities for remediation.

In short, to be valid, a test must test that which is taught. Toward this end the GDOE has

- published and distributed the *GHSGT Content Descriptions*,
- required that committees of practicing teachers approve all test items prior to inclusion on the GHSGT, and
- conducted a series of "opportunity-to-learn" surveys for the GHSGT.

The efforts at GDOE to create good tests have been paralleled by the work of Georgia teachers to prepare students for their challenge.

In the spirit of "it takes a whole village to raise a child", all Georgians are responsible for helping students to meet the standard of the GHSGT. Parents can encourage their children to choose a rigorous academic program. Community members can monitor their schools' performance on the State Report Card. Educators can participate in school, system, and state-level initiatives aimed at improving student achievement.

If you have an interest in learning more about the GHSGT or the QCC standards on which the test is based, please contact Dr. Lynn Plunkett, Research, Evaluation and Testing at 404/657-0312, or the following Curriculum and Reading, Education Program Specialists; Dr. Bob Moore, Science at 404/656-0913, Dr. Pam Adamson, Mathematics at 404/651-7273, Mr. Gerald Boyd, English/Language Arts at 404/656-0476, or Dr. Eddie Bennett, Social Studies at 404/651-7271.

Scoring

The Department of Education has contracted with Test Scoring and Reporting Services (TSARS) at The University of Georgia for scoring of the GHSGT since the tests' inception in 1993. TSARS is responsible for all components of the process, including; document pick-up, document intake, pre-editing, cutting, scanning, data verification and reporting. TSARS has had yearly performance reviews and has maintained its contract with DOE because of the high quality of its product.

The following is a summary of the quality control procedures used for the GHSGT:

1. TSARS provides a pick-up by UPS to each Georgia school system. All billing is sent directly to TSARS by UPS.
2. TSARS employees use a check-in sheet at document in-take to verify the following:
 - number of boxes received
 - contents of each box
 - date of receipt
 - The packing slip from each shipment is used to generate a *System Tracking Sheet*, which follows the documents from intake through report generation.
3. TSARS completes a 'pre-edit' on the transmittal form and the demographic section of the response documents which includes verification of;
 - school name and code
 - number of response documents (*If there are discrepancies between the number of documents reportedly sent and the number received, the response documents are removed from further processing until the discrepancy can be resolved. Resolution is typically obtained via a document recount or a call to the system test coordinator.*)
 - record of student name (The pre-edit clerk will bubble in the name if the field is incomplete.)
4. TSARS employees use a checklist for splitting response documents and stacking them for scanning.

5. TSARS uses two high-speed scanners: one uses reflective scanning (about 7,000 forms/hour), the other is a transoptic scanner (about 4,000 forms/hour). The scanning process includes;
 - A sample run of a small number of systems to verify performance.
 - All response documents are scanned by both scanners and the data from each scan is recorded on a computer hard drive. The resulting data sets are compared to determine if one scanner recorded a different answer from the other scanner on any question on the test. If a discrepancy is found, a full report is printed out and checked. Any documents containing discrepancies are pulled and scored by hand.
5. The final step prior to reporting scores is to verify the accuracy of selected critical data. This is accomplished by running frequency distributions for variables like; system code, school code, amount of missing item response data, and number of multiple responses. The system and school document counts are compared to the *System Tracking Sheet* to ensure that records have not been "lost." If there are discrepancies the response documents are pulled and examined by hand.

In seven years of scoring more than 700,000 answer documents, there has never been an instance in which a re-scored test was found to have an error.

APPENDIX A

QUALITY BASIC EDUCATION ACT (QBE) SECTION

**INVOLVING STATEWIDE TESTING
§20-2-281 (O.C.G.A)**

**GENERAL AND CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAMS
§20-2-151 (O.C.G.A)**

20-2-281 G
CODE SECTION

- (a) The State Board of Education shall adopt a student assessment program consisting of instruments, procedures, and policies necessary to implement the program and shall fund all costs of providing and scoring such instruments, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly. Nationally norm-referenced instruments in reading, mathematics, science, and social studies shall be administered to students in grades three, five, and eight. The State Board of Education shall review, revise, and upgrade the quality core curriculum. Following the adoption of this revised curriculum, the State Board of Education shall contract for development of criterion-referenced tests to measure the quality core curriculum and such tests shall be administered to students in three grades not lower than grade three. This action shall be completed within two years. A curriculum-based assessment shall be administered in grade eleven for graduation purposes. Writing assessments shall be administered to students in grades three, five, eight, and eleven. The writing assessments shall provide students and their parents with performance outcome measures resulting from the administration of such tests.
- (b) The nationally normed assessments provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall provide students and their parents with grade equivalencies and percentile ranks which result from the administration of such tests. Criterion-referenced tests and the high school graduation test provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall provide for results that reflect student achievement at the individual student, classroom, school, system, and state levels. The State Board of Education shall participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The results of such testing shall be provided to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the State Board of Education and shall be reported to the citizens of Georgia. Further, the state board shall adopt a school readiness assessment for students entering first grade and shall administer such assessment pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-151. One of the components in both the comprehensive evaluation pursuant to Code Section 20-2-282 and the awarding of salary supplements as part of a pay for performance or related plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-213 or other Code sections under this article may be assessments of student achievement.
- (c) The State Board of Education shall have the authority to condition the awarding of a high school diploma to a student upon achievement of satisfactory scores on instruments or tests adopted and administered by the state board pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section. The state board is authorized and directed to adopt regulations providing that any disabled child, as defined by the provisions of this article, shall be afforded opportunities to take any test adopted by the state board as a condition for the awarding of a high school diploma. Said regulations shall further provide for appropriate accommodations in the administration of such test. Said regulations shall further provide for the awarding of a special education

diploma to any disabled student who is lawfully assigned to a special education program and who does not achieve a passing score on said test or who has not completed all of the requirements for a high school diploma but who has nevertheless completed his or her Individualized Education Program.

- (d) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the State Board of Education, in addition to the assessment program provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section, shall provide each local school system funds to be used for additional assessment as deemed necessary and appropriate by the local school system. The additional funds shall be calculated based on the number of FTE student counts reported for the preceding school year.
- (e) Teachers in grades three through twelve shall participate annually in a staff development program on the use of tests within the instructional program designed to improve students' academic achievement. This program shall instruct teachers on curriculum alignment related to tests, disaggregated student test data to identify student academic weaknesses by subtests, and other appropriate applications as determined by the State Board of Education.

20-2-151 G
CODE SECTION

- (a) The primary purpose for the general and career education programs is to provide the children and youth of Georgia with a quality opportunity to master student competencies adopted by the State Board of Education through instruction which is based upon the uniformly sequenced core curriculum.
- (b) The following general and career education programs are authorized for purposes of funding under this article:

(1)(A) All local school systems shall offer a full-day kindergarten program. For purposes of this subsection, the term "full-day basis" means a student is provided classroom instruction for a minimum of four and one-half hours daily for a 180-day school year; and

(B) It is the policy of this state that the purposes of the kindergarten program shall be to provide all children with an equal opportunity to become prepared for a successful first grade experience and to acquire the foundation for academic progress throughout the students' educational careers. To be eligible for enrollment in a state supported kindergarten program, a child must attain the age of five by September 1, except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-150.

(2) It is the policy of this state that the purpose of the primary grades program shall be mastery by enrolled students of the essential basic skills and knowledge which will enable them to achieve more advanced skills and knowledge offered at the higher grade levels. For purposes of funding under this article, the primary grades program shall include grades one, two, and three. To be eligible for enrollment in the first grade of a state supported primary grades program, a child must attain the age of six by September 1, except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-150. The State Board of Education shall adopt an instrument or instruments, procedures, and policies necessary to assess the first grade readiness of children enrolled in Georgia's public school kindergarten programs pursuant to Code Section 20-2-281. Readiness information obtained by the instrument or instruments adopted by the state board shall be used by local school systems in concert with teacher recommendations and other relevant information to make appropriate student grade placement decisions. The Department of Education shall develop guidelines for utilization of the instrument or instruments in grade placement decisions and shall provide such guidelines to local school systems. The guidelines shall include information pertinent to consideration of the placement of students who have been identified as being disabled or limited-English-proficient. Whenever the decision is made not to promote a child to the first grade, the local school system shall document the reasons for the decision not to promote, according to guidelines established by the board. The State School Superintendent shall annually provide a report summarizing the results of the readiness of first grade Georgia public school kindergarten children. No student shall remain in kindergarten for more than two years.

(3) It is the policy of this state that the primary purposes of the middle grades program shall be assuring the mastery of essential basic skills and knowledge, assisting students in the transition from childhood to adolescence, and preparing students for the selection of programs and courses consistent with their abilities and interests when they enter high school, as well as providing an opportunity for mastery of essential but more advanced skills and knowledge. For purposes of funding under this article, the middle grades program shall include grades four, five, six, seven, and eight.

(4)(A) It is the policy of this state that the primary purposes of the high school programs shall be to prepare students for the continuation of their education beyond high school and for entry into their chosen career fields as well as to prepare them to take their places in society as young adults. The following high school programs for grades nine, ten, eleven, and twelve are authorized for purposes of funding under this articles:

- (i) The high school education program which includes general, vocational, and college preparatory classes;
- (ii) The nonvocational high school laboratory program; and
- (iii) The vocational laboratory program.

(B) As a reflection of the reduced teacher-student ratios and more extensive material and equipment needed for effective laboratory courses compared to courses with no or only limited laboratory experiences, the nonvocational high school laboratory and vocational laboratory programs shall be funded at higher levels than the high school general education program. The state board shall adopt criteria which courses must meet in order to qualify for either the nonvocational high school laboratory or the vocational laboratory program.

APPENDIX B

GEORGIA BOARD OF EDUCATION RULES INVOLVING STATEWIDE TESTING §20-2-281 (O.C.G.A.)

- 160-3-1-.07 Testing Programs - Student Assessment. Amended
- 160-1-3-.09 Waivers of High School Graduation Assessments
- 160-4-5-.02 Language Assistance: Program for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students. Amended
- 160-5-1-.14 Transfer of Student Records
- 160-4-2-.46 High School Graduation Requirements for Students Enrolling in the Ninth Grade for the First Time in the 1997-98 School Year and Subsequent Years

160-3-1-.07 TESTING PROGRAMS -STUDENT ASSESSMENT.

(1) DEFINITIONS.

(a) **Norm-referenced test (NRT)** - a test designed to provide information on how well students perform in comparison to an external reference group or norm group.

(b) **National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)** - a federally funded assessment program, the results of which are used to compare student achievement among states.

(c) **Individualized education program (IEP)** - the planned program prepared for a student with disabilities by his or her IEP committee using procedures consistent with applicable federal and state statutes.

(d) **Kindergarten student** - a student who is reported to the department as a kindergartner in accordance with Rule 160-5-1-.07 Pupil Enrollment and Attendance for FTE Purposes: Data Collection. This includes students who were retained and placed in transitional or readiness programs.

(e) **Third-grade student** - a student who is reported to the department as a third grader in accordance with Rule 160-5-1-.07 Pupil Enrollment and Attendance for FTE Purposes: Data Collection.

(f) **Fifth-grade student** - a student who is reported to the department as a fifth grader in accordance with Rule 160-5-1-.07 Pupil Enrollment and Attendance for FTE Purposes: Data Collection.

(g) **Eighth-grade student** - a student who is reported to the department as an eighth grader in accordance with Rule 160-5-1-.07 Pupil Enrollment and Attendance for FTE Purposes: Data Collection.

(h) **Eleventh-grade student** - a student who is reported to the department as an eleventh grader in accordance with Rule 160-5-1-.07 Pupil Enrollment and Attendance for FTE Purposes: Data Collection.

(i) **Student with disabilities** - a student who is classified as disabled according to Rule 160-4-7-.01 Categories of Eligibility and/or according to Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act [34 CFR 104.33 (a)].

(j) **Limited English Proficient student (LEP)** - a student whose native language is not English, and who is eligible for services in accordance with Rule 160-4-5-.02 Language Assistance: Programs for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students.

(k) **Acceptable performance** - a score at or above minimum performance level on the state-required assessments as set by the state board-adopted criterion-setting procedure in paragraph (l).

(l) **Criterion-setting procedure** - for all instruments, tests, and assessment programs requiring a criterion or passing score, the department shall convene one or more committees to review test material for appropriateness of content and data and to recommend to the department the adoption of a criterion. The state board has authority to permit the department to adopt criteria other than committee recommendations. Committees shall consist of local units of administration (LUA) and other personnel with training and experience relevant to the content of the test or assessment program.

(2) **GEORGIA STUDENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.** Each local system shall assess, using state-board designated assessment instruments, all students in grades as required by the following.

(a) **FIRST GRADE READINESS ASSESSMENT: THE GEORGIA KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (GKAP) REQUIREMENTS.**

1. The local school system shall assure that the following requirements are met.

(i) All kindergarten students defined in (1)(d), except those students exempted by criteria specified in their IEPs, shall be assessed using the **GKAP-R** during their kindergarten year. Students entering kindergarten prior to March 1 shall be assessed with the entire **GKAP-R**. Students entering on or after March 1 shall be assessed with as much of the **GKAP-R** as the local school system determines is appropriate.

(ii) Only certified teachers of kindergarten and/or first grade students and who have been trained in the use of the **GKAP-R** shall administer the assessment.

(iii) All children shall be administered the **GKAP-R** according to the established guidelines and procedures found in the **GKAP-R Administration Manual**, including supplements and assessment correspondence.

2. The local system shall make placement decisions on an individual student basis. Documentation that supports an individual retention decision shall be on file in the student's permanent record. The information obtained by the **GKAP-R** shall be used as part of the required written documentation. The student's parent/guardian shall

be notified of the final placement decision. The local school system shall provide alternative, developmentally appropriate instruction to students who spend a second year in kindergarten.

(b) **THIRD GRADE ASSESSMENT.** Local systems shall assess all third-grade students with the complete battery of the appropriate level of a state-board approved norm-referenced test, and with the Georgia-developed Grade 3 Writing Assessment.

(c) **FIFTH GRADE ASSESSMENT.** Local systems shall assess all fifth-grade students with the complete battery of the appropriate level of a state-board approved norm-referenced test, and with the Georgia-developed Grade 5 Writing Assessment.

(d) **EIGHTH GRADE ASSESSMENT.** Local systems shall assess all eighth-grade students with the complete battery of the appropriate level of a state-board approved norm-referenced test, and with the Georgia-developed Grade 8 Writing Assessment..

(e) **GRADUATION ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS.**

1. The local school system shall assess all students who entered ninth grade after July 1, 1991, with the state graduation assessment as one requirement for receiving a regular high school diploma. The graduation assessment shall measure English language arts, writing, mathematics, science and social studies skills, as well as process and application skills as assessed in a range of academic content, and may provide for specific performance measures. Students shall demonstrate skills in all tested areas in English.

(i) All students entering grade nine after July 1, 1991, shall be required to post passing scores on the English language arts test, mathematics test and the writing test as one requirement for earning a high school diploma.

(ii) Students entering grade nine after July 1, 1993, shall also be required to pass the social studies test to be eligible to receive a diploma.

(iii) Students entering grade nine after July 1, 1994, shall also be required to pass the science test to be eligible to receive a diploma.

2. The graduation assessment shall be administered according to the guidelines and procedures in the **Examiners' Manual(s)** and the **Student Assessment Handbook**.

3. The local system shall assess the following students if they are enrolled in school or present themselves for testing.

(i) All students classified by the local system as 11th graders who have not achieved minimum competence scores on the graduation assessments. Exceptions may be made for certain students identified in (i)1 (Students with Disabilities) and (i)2 (Limited English Proficient Students).

(ii) All students who are enrolled for the third year in high school (grades 9-12), have accumulated at least nine Carnegie units (or 12 Carnegie units if the school is operating a 4x4 block schedule in which students may earn 8 units per year) or 135 quarter hours and have not achieved a passing score on the graduation assessments. Exceptions may be made for certain students identified in (i)1 (Students with Disabilities) and (i)2 (Limited English Proficient Students).

(iii) All 11th- and 12th-grade students covered by Rules 160-4-2-.30 High School Graduation Requirements, 160-4-2-.06 High School Graduation Requirements, 160-4-2-.36 High School Graduation Requirements, and 160-4-2-.46 High School Graduation Requirements who have not achieved passing scores on the graduation assessment and former students who have met all graduation requirements except passing the graduation assessments. This group shall include 11th- and 12th-grade students transferring into a Georgia school system from private schools, home study programs, other states or countries. Such students shall be under the same requirements as their graduating class.

(I) Students who have dropped out of school without having met all of the assessment and other graduation requirements and have returned without having been enrolled in any Georgia public school for one academic year or more. Such students shall meet the graduation assessment criteria for passing in effect for the class in which they reenroll.

(II) Students who have dropped out of school having met all graduation assessment requirements in effect when they were last enrolled in a Georgia public school shall be eligible for exemption from the graduation assessment requirements in effect for the class in which they reenroll.

(III) Students who have graduated with a special education diploma or a certificate of performance and who have met all graduation requirements for a regular high school diploma except passing the graduation assessments shall meet the passing criteria in effect at the time of their graduation. Such students shall be eligible to take the graduation assessments during the regularly scheduled administration dates.

4. There shall be no limit to the number of times a student may retake the assessment until he or she meets the passing criteria. Upon meeting these criteria, students who have met all other graduation requirements shall be eligible to receive a regular diploma.

5. School systems shall be responsible for notifying students and parents/guardians of the requirements for obtaining a high school diploma and for ensuring that no student is denied the opportunity to seek a diploma, in accordance with federal law (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title II of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973).

(f) BASIC SKILLS TESTS: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

1. The local school system shall test all students who entered ninth grade prior to July 1, 1991, with the Georgia High School Basic Skills Tests (BSTs) as one requirement for receiving a regular high school diploma. Students shall achieve a state board-established criterion score on each test: reading, mathematics, and writing.

2. The BSTs shall be administered according to the guidelines and procedures in the **Examiners' Manual(s)** and the **Student Assessment Handbook**.

3. The local system shall test all individuals covered by Rule 160-4-2-.30 High School Graduation Requirements who have met all graduation requirements except passing the BSTs if they are enrolled in school or present themselves for testing.

(i) Students who have dropped out of school without having met all of the Basic Skills Tests and other graduation requirements and have returned without having been enrolled in any Georgia public school for one academic year or more. Such students shall meet the graduation test criteria for passing in effect for the class in which they reenroll.

(ii) Students who have dropped out of school having met all graduation test requirements in effect when they were last enrolled in a Georgia public school shall be eligible for exemption from the graduation assessment requirements in effect for the class in which they reenroll.

(iii) Students who have graduated with a special education diploma or a certificate of performance and who have met all graduation requirements for a regular high school diploma except passing the graduation tests shall meet the passing criteria in effect at the time of their graduation. Such students shall be eligible to take the BSTs during the regularly scheduled administration dates.

4. There shall be no limit to the number of times a student may retake the tests. Upon passing the BSTs, students who have met all other graduation requirements shall be eligible to receive a regular diploma.

5. School systems shall be responsible for notifying students and parents/guardians of the requirements for obtaining a high school diploma and for ensuring that no student is denied the opportunity to seek a diploma, in accordance with federal law (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title II of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973).

(g) NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (NAEP) REQUIREMENTS. Local school systems shall participate in the NAEP assessment programs when included in the state's sample.

(h) CRITERION-REFERENCED COMPETENCY TESTS. The Georgia Department of Education shall develop criterion-referenced competency tests for the core courses required of all Georgia students. These tests shall be administered periodically as students complete units of study. The results shall be individually reported to be used for diagnostic, remedial and enrichment purposes.

(i) ADDITIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. Local school systems shall provide students with disabilities the opportunity to participate in the state assessment program. Decisions related to participation of an individual student with disabilities and identification of any needed modifications in administration shall be made and documented during the individualized education program (IEP) review. Students who have been identified and placed as disabled and have IEPs shall participate in the testing program in a manner consistent with their IEPs. Students with disabilities shall be coded as disabled on the test answer sheets if modifications are made in test administration. If a student is served through section 504 and not through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, written documentation of a student's disability must be on file with the school system. Instructional modifications necessary to provide free and appropriate education shall be documented. Testing modifications consistent with other instructional modifications shall be documented. Testing modifications shall be made only when appropriate documentation is on file.

(i) Decisions of the IEP committee regarding test administration, including designation of modifications, if any, shall be included in or attached to the IEP report. The decision to exclude a student with disabilities shall be stated in writing with justification. When this exclusion involves the BSTs or graduation assessment, the signature of a parent or legal guardian and/or the student, if 18 years old or older, shall be required. Documentation of this decision shall become a part of the student's record. It shall be explained to all parties that this decision may be reversed for future graduation assessment administrations.

(ii) In certain situations, individual needs of students with disabilities may warrant modifications specific to writing assessments (as contrasted to multiple choice format tests). These allowances shall be restricted to the conditions indicated and shall be permitted only when necessary. In all cases, modifications shall be consistent with the student's primary form of written communication in his or her instructional program and shall be in accordance with the designated modifications selected by the IEP committee. Students who are unable to provide a handwritten response due to a physical impairment may use a typewriter, word processor, or other communication device which results in a written product. Dictation shall not be allowed. Physically impaired students include those with orthopedic or other health impairments involving adequate motor control for writing, or those who fatigue easily when writing and who are, therefore, unable to complete a handwritten response within the constraints of the testing situation. Use of typewriters, word processors, or other such communication devices by learning disabled students shall not be permitted unless the disability involves visual-motor coordination to such an extent that the IEP committee determines that handwriting is extremely laborious or illegible. Students with visual impairments may be permitted to use a typewriter or word processor or may compose responses in Braille when deemed necessary by the IEP committee. Students who have composed their original responses in Braille may read those responses to a scribe. Because of the effects on test validity, text editing programs such as spelling and grammar checkers shall not be permitted when a word processor is used during testing by a student.

(iii) If a student has no means of written communication sufficient to complete the graduation writing assessment due to a severe physical handicap disability, that student shall be eligible for exemption from only the writing portion of the graduation assessment. An exemption for this reason shall not affect that student's eligibility for a regular high school diploma. Any decision to exempt a student from the graduation writing assessment shall be clearly justified and documented in the student's IEP and permanent record.

2. LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT STUDENTS. Local school systems shall offer all students who have been identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP) the opportunity of taking tests in order to have the test information available for diagnostic and instructional planning.

(i) LEP students shall participate in all state assessments unless the school and the parent(s) or guardian(s) agree it is not in the best interest of the student to participate at this time. The decision to exclude an LEP student shall be stated in writing with justification. Administration of the assessments shall be according to established guidelines and procedures in the **Examiners' Manual(s)** and the **Student Assessment Handbook**.

(ii) LEP students shall participate in the graduation assessment unless the school and parent(s) or guardian(s) agree it is not in the best interest of the student to participate in the current administration. The decision not to test shall be reviewed before each administration period. The decision to exclude an LEP student shall be stated in writing with justification. When this exclusion involves the graduation assessment, the signature of a parent or legal guardian and/or the student, if 18 years old or older, shall be required. Documentation of this decision shall become a part of the student's record. However, the LEP student shall pass the graduation assessment in order to be eligible for a regular high school diploma.

3. TESTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. Local school systems shall adhere to all written regulations and procedures relating to testing and test administration, including the distribution and collection of test materials, test security, use of test results and department testing dates established in the **Student Assessment Handbook, System and School Test Coordinators' Manual(s), Examiners' Manual(s), Assessment Guides,** and assessment supplements and correspondence.

(i) The local system shall ensure that individual student assessment scores become a part of students' records as soon as possible after testing and that records follow students to their new schools when requested as specified in Rule 160-5-1-.14 Transfer of Student Records.

(ii) Scores for an individual student shall be made available only to said student, to appropriate personnel within the school system in which the student is enrolled and to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of each student as provided by law.

(iii) Procedures shall be followed in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 19-7-5, Reporting of Child Abuse and O.C.G.A. § 16-10-50, Hindering Apprehension and Punishment of a Criminal, for reporting individual writing assessments which fall under the designated situations.

(3) STAFF DEVELOPMENT

(a) Teachers in grades three through 12 shall participate annually in a staff development program on the use of tests to improve students' academic achievement. This program shall instruct teachers on curriculum alignment related to tests, disaggregated student test data to identify student weaknesses by subtests, and other appropriate applications as determined by the State Board of Education.

Authority O.C.G.A. § 16-10-50; 19-7-5; 20-2-131; 20-2-140; 20-2-142; 20-2-150(a); 20-2-151; 20-2-154(a); 20-2-240(a); 20-2-242; 20-2-281; 20-2-282; 50-18-70.

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160-1-3-.09 WAIVERS OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS.

(1) DEFINITIONS.

(a) Substantial hardship - a significant, unique, and demonstrable economic, technological, legal, or other type of deprivation to the individual requesting a variance or waiver.

(b) Variance - a decision to grant a modification to all or part of the literal requirements of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule

(c) Waiver - a decision not to apply all or part of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule

(2) REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Requests for waiver or variance of a high school graduation test shall be filed with the local school superintendent by the student, parent(s), or guardian. The request shall specify the following.

1. The rule(s) and requirement(s) being waived or varied, including the specific provisions and wording,

2. The specific facts which would justify a variance or waiver for the student,

3. What will be accomplished in lieu of the rule requirement(s),

4. The reason why the variance or waiver requested would serve the purpose of the underlying requirement, and

5. Permission for department staff to receive all records—including special education—pertinent to the request.

(b) Upon receipt of a request for waiver/variance, the local school superintendent shall submit within three weeks the following information to the state superintendent of schools.

1. School records, including official student transcript, current schedule/status of the student, the student's program of study, high school attendance records, and high school graduation test reports;

2. Plans of accommodations made for the student in the instructional program, including minutes of student support team meeting(s) and other action plans, if any;

3. Special education records (where applicable), including evaluation reports, eligibility reports, legible individual education plans, classroom modifications that have been implemented, test administration addenda and strategies;

4. A statement giving the number of attempts the student has made to pass the test(s) for which the waiver or variance is requested, including an explanation of extenuating circumstances known to the school if the student did not take advantage of each testing opportunity;

5. If applicable, accommodations made with regard to the test(s) in question;

6. A statement describing any extraordinary opportunities provided by the school to assist the student in preparing for the test(s), including remediation classes, tutoring sessions, etc. and the participation of the student in such activities (student or parent may have additional information);

7. A statement setting forth the superintendent's or local board of education's position with respect to the request; and

8. Any other relevant information, including a copy of the request from the student, parent(s), or legal guardian.

Authority O.C.G.A. § 20-2-240; 50-13-9.1.

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160-4-5-.02 LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE: PROGRAM FOR LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT (LEP) STUDENTS.

(1) DEFINITIONS.

(a) **Allowable service delivery models** - the provision of English language assistance provided through a pull-out program, a cluster center to which students are transported, a resource center/English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) laboratory, a scheduled class period or an alternative approved in advance by the department.

(b) **Eligible limited English proficient students** - those students, whose native language/home language/first language is other than English, having so much difficulty speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language that they cannot successfully participate in classrooms where the language of instruction is English.

(c) **ESOL curricula** - plans of instruction which are adapted to the English language proficiency of students and are designed to develop the English language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing and American cultural concepts which students need to participate in regular classroom instruction.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Assessment.

1. Eligible limited English proficient students shall receive ESOL services when they have an English-language proficiency score below the 25th percentile on the *Language Assessment Battery (LAB)*. Two forms of the *LAB* shall be used in determining performance: *Form A* in even calendar years and *Form B* in odd calendar years.

2. Students who score at or above the 25th percentile on the *LAB* shall be administered a norm-referenced achievement test in reading or reading comprehension. Students who score at or above the 40th percentile on this reading/reading comprehension test are considered English proficient. Therefore, these students are not eligible for ESOL services and shall be mainstreamed with monitoring.

3. Students who score below the 40th percentile on the reading/reading comprehension test shall be reviewed in a Language Assessment Conference attended by the student's classroom teacher(s), ESOL teacher, and other concerned parties.

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Length of time English language assistance services have been received and classroom performance may be considered in placement decisions for these students.

4. All students receiving ESOL services shall be assessed annually following assessment requirements specified in paragraphs (2)(a)1, (2)(a)2, and (2)(a)3.

(b) **ESOL Curricula.** The curriculum used to provide instruction to ESOL students shall be based on the ESOL Quality Core Curriculum.

(c) **Funding.**

1. To apply for grant funds, local units of administration (LUAs) shall submit applications to the department at times to be announced by the department. The applications shall include a statement signed by the authorized representative of the LUA assuring that only eligible students are served and that they are receiving at least five segments per week (or the yearly equivalent) of English language instruction using ESOL curricula in allowable service delivery models.

(i) The class is limited to the maximum size specified in State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.08 Class Size.

(ii) The teacher shall have the ESOL endorsement issued by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

2. For purposes of categorical funding, K-3 eligible students shall be counted for a maximum of one segment; grades 4-8 students for a maximum of two segments; and grades 9-12 students for a maximum of five segments.

Authority O.C.G.A. § 20-2-156.

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160-5-1-.14 TRANSFER OF STUDENT RECORDS.

(1) DEFINITION.

(a) **Student records** - information about students recorded or collected in any format by local school systems or individual schools that may include educational/psychological assessments, school attendance records, personal data, health information, disciplinary actions, and/or academic progress.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.

(a) After receiving a written request for student records from a public or private school, including schools operated by the Department of Juvenile Justice, the local school system or school from which the records are requested shall mail or otherwise deliver within a period of no more than 10 calendar days a copy of all requested student records to the school system or school to which a student has transferred. Additional requirements for transfer of records of students in special education programs are specified in Rules 160-4-7 Special Education.

1. Schools and school systems shall not withhold any student record because of nonpayment of fees.

(b) Schools or school systems receiving the transferred record shall notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) of students in grades seven through 12 that the record has been received.

(c) Each school system or school from which the records are requested shall maintain copies of all student records for the minimum period of time required by the *Common Records Retention Schedules for School Systems* or the local board of education records retention plan.

Authority O.C.G.A. § 20-2-240; 20-2-670; 49-4A-12; 50-18-90; 50-18-95.

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160-4-2-.46 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLING IN THE NINTH GRADE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE 1997-98 SCHOOL YEAR AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

(1) **PURPOSE.** This rule specifies programs of study that shall be offered by local boards of education. This rule becomes effective for students enrolling in the ninth grade for the first time in the 1997-1998 School Year and for subsequent years.

(2) **DEFINITIONS.**

(a) **Applied Mathematics I** - a hands-on laboratory course defined by QCC objectives that utilizes the content of units A, B, C, and 1-15, the related materials, and the methodologies developed by the Center for Occupational Research and Development (CORD).

(b) **Applied Mathematics II** - a hands-on laboratory course defined by QCC objectives that utilizes the content of units 16-33, the related materials, and the methodologies developed by the Center for Occupational Research and Development (CORD).

(c) **Carnegie unit** - one unit of credit awarded for a minimum of 150 clock hours of instruction.

(d) **Carnegie unit, summer school** - one unit of credit awarded for a minimum of 120 clock hours of instruction.

(e) **Center for Occupational Research and Development (CORD)** - a consortium of states, including Georgia, formed to develop educational materials in science and mathematics.

(f) **College Preparatory (CP) Program** - a program of study requiring 22 Carnegie units as specified by the State Board of Education. Completion of this program is signified by a High School Diploma with a College Preparatory Seal.

(g) **College Preparatory with Distinction (CP+) Program** - a program of study requiring 24 Carnegie units and a grade-point average in the core courses of 3.0 or above on a four-point scale or 80 numeric grade-point average or above as specified by the State Board of Education. Completion of this program is signified by a High School Diploma with a College Preparatory Seal of Distinction.

(h) **Core Area of Study for Carnegie unit credit** - one of the 10 identified sections from which courses may be selected to count as one of the 22 Carnegie unit requirements for the College Preparatory (CP) program of study or one of the 24 Carnegie unit requirements for the College Preparatory with Distinction (CP+) program of study or one

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of the 22 Carnegie unit requirements for the Technology/Career-preparatory (TC) program of study or one of the 24 Carnegie unit requirements for the Technology/Career-preparatory (TC+) program of study.

(i) **Core Courses (c)** - courses chosen from English/language arts, mathematics, science, social studies and foreign language for a high school diploma. For a Technology/Career-preparatory program of study, four Technology/Career-preparatory units are also considered to be core courses.

(j) **Core Technology/Career/prep Courses (tc)** - courses chosen from Technology/Career-preparatory to be used to meet requirements for the Technology/Career-preparatory or Technology/Career-preparatory with Distinction Programs of study.

(k) **Early admissions** - a program in which a high school student enrolls as a full-time postsecondary student and pursues a postsecondary degree in lieu of a high school diploma.

(l) **Elective course (e)** - a course that a student may select beyond the core requirements to fulfill the Carnegie unit requirements for graduation.

(m) **Joint enrollment** - an arrangement between a local board of education and a regionally accredited postsecondary public or private institution wherein a student enrolls in postsecondary classes and earns Carnegie units of credit that count toward high school graduation requirements and hours for postsecondary credit.

(n) **Postsecondary Options** - a joint enrollment program between public schools and public postsecondary institutions wherein a student enrolls in postsecondary classes and earns Carnegie units of credit that count toward high school graduation requirements and postsecondary credit hours.

(o) **Programs of study** - the courses needed to complete the Technology/Career-preparatory (TC) or the Technology/Career-preparatory with Distinction (TC+) and/or the College Preparatory (CP) or the College Preparatory with Distinction (CP+) requirements.

(p) **Required course (r)** - a specific course that each student in a program of study shall pass to graduate from high school.

(q) **Seal** - an attachment placed on a high school diploma indicating the successful completion of one or more programs of study.

(r) **Secondary School Credential** - a document awarded to students at the completion of the high school experience.

1. **The High School Diploma** - the document with appropriate seal(s) awarded to students certifying that they have satisfied attendance requirements, Carnegie unit requirements and the state assessment requirements as referenced in Rule 160-3-1-.07 Testing Programs - Student Assessment. When a student has satisfied the educational requirements for the Technology/Career-preparatory or Technology/Career-preparatory with Distinction and/or College Preparatory and/or College Preparatory with Distinction Program(s), the high school diploma with appropriate seal(s) will be issued.

2. **The High School Certificate** - the document awarded to pupils who do not complete all of the criteria for a diploma but who meet all requirements for attendance and Carnegie units.

3. **The Special Education Diploma** - the document awarded to students with disabilities assigned to a special education program who have not met the state assessment requirements referenced in Rule 160-3-1-.07 Testing Programs - Student Assessment or who have not completed all of the requirements for a high school diploma but who have nevertheless completed their Individualized Education Programs (IEP).

(s) **Technology/Career-preparatory (TC) Program** - a program of study requiring 22 Carnegie units as specified by the State Board of Education. Completion of this program is signified by a high school diploma with a Technology/Career-preparatory Seal.

(t) **Technology/Career-preparatory with Distinction(TC+) Program** - a program of study requiring 24 Carnegie units and a grade point average in the Core Courses of 3.0 or above on a four point scale or 80 numeric grade point average as specified by the State Board of Education. Completion of this program is signified by a high school diploma with a Technology/Career-preparatory Seal.

(3) **REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) Local boards of education shall provide secondary school curriculum, instructional and support services that reflect the high school graduation and state assessment requirements and assist all students in developing their unique potential to function in society.

(b) Local boards of education shall base local graduation requirements on this rule, shall submit copies of their locally adopted policies to the Georgia Department of Education and shall have on file letters from the state superintendent of schools or designee stating that the local policies meet all state requirements.

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(c) Each local board of education shall develop policies on postsecondary enrollment as referenced in Rule 160-4-2-.34 Postsecondary Options and for joint enrollment and early admission programs not included in 160-4-2-.34 Postsecondary Options. The policies shall include the criteria for:

1. Non-Technology/Career-preparatory courses as follows:

(i) Minimum Scholastic Aptitude Test scores of 970 on combined verbal and mathematics sections;

(ii) Minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 on a four point scale in academic subject.

(iii) Written verification by high school principal of student's eligibility and intended enrollment;

(iv) Written consent of parent or guardian (if the student is a minor);

(v) The awarding of six Carnegie units of credit for each 45 quarter hours or 30 semester hours or one Carnegie unit for each seven and one-half (7.5) quarter hours or five (5) semester hours successfully completed by a student in an approved postsecondary course. Credit for participation in fewer than seven and one-half (7.5) quarter hours or five (5) semester hours shall be determined by using the same ratio stated above.

(vi) Written agreement for joint enrollment between the local school system and postsecondary institution.

2. Technology/Career-preparatory courses as follows:

(i) Technology/Career-preparatory courses offered in area technical schools or colleges;

(ii) Inclusion of technical school or college courses in which students are participating;

(iii) Written consent of parent or guardian (if the student is a minor);

(iv) Written verification by high school principal of student's eligibility and intended enrollment;

(v) The awarding of six Carnegie units of credit for each 45 quarter hours or 30 semester hours or one Carnegie unit for each seven and one-half (7.5) quarter hours or five (5) semester hours successfully completed by a student in an approved postsecondary

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course. Credit for participation in fewer than seven and one-half (7.5) quarter hours or five (5) semester hours shall be determined by using the same ratio stated above.

(vi) Written agreement for joint enrollment between the local school system and postsecondary institution.

(d) Local boards of education shall require that

1. Students who enroll from another state meet the graduation requirements for the graduating class they enter and the state assessment requirements as referenced in Rule 160-3-1-.07 Testing Programs - Student Assessment.

2. Students who enroll in the ninth grade for the first time in the 1997-98 school year and withdraw shall meet the graduation requirements specified in this rule and the assessment requirements specified in Rule 160-3-1-.07 Testing Programs - Student Assessment.

(e) Local boards of education shall include attendance, a passing score on the state assessment requirements as referenced in Rule 160-3-1-.07 Testing Programs - Student Assessment and Carnegie units of credit as requirements for graduating from any Georgia high school that receives public funds.

1. Attendance.

(i) Attendance requirements of local boards of education shall be consistent with state compulsory attendance laws.

2. State assessment requirements as referenced in Rule 160-3-1-.07 Testing Programs - Student Assessment.

(i) Students shall meet state assessment requirements as referenced in Rule 160-3-1-.07 Testing Programs - Student Assessment to be eligible for a diploma.

(ii) A student who has no means of written communication due to a severe physical disability shall not be required to take the writing portion of the state assessment requirements as specified in Rule 160-3-1-.07 Testing Programs - Student Assessment.

3. CARNEGIE UNITS.

(i) All state-supported high schools shall make available to all students the programs of study for the required College Preparatory, College Preparatory with Distinction, Technology/Career-preparatory and Technology/Career-preparatory with Distinction programs of study.

(ii) A course shall count only once for satisfying any Carnegie unit requirement for graduation. The same course cannot be used to satisfy a Carnegie unit requirement in more than one core area of study. See the following chart.

(iii) CORE AREAS OF STUDY	CP	CP+	TC	TC+
(I) English/Language Arts*	4	4	4	4
(II) Mathematics*	4	4	3**	3**
(III) Science*	3	3	3	3
(IV) Social Studies*	3	3	3	3
(V) Health and Physical Education	1	1	1	1
(VI) Computer Technology and/or Fine Arts and/or Technology/Career-preparatory and/or Foreign Language	1	1	1	1
(VII) Foreign Language*	2	2	0	0**
(VIII) Technology/Career-preparatory units*** (From core Technology/Career-preparatory courses)	0	0	4	4
(IX) Locally required or elective units	4	4	3**	4**
(X) State Electives from Core Courses- (Courses with a single asterisk) and/or Fine Arts	0	2	0	1
(iv) TOTAL UNITS (MINIMUM)	22	24	22	24

*Core Courses

**Technology/Career-preparatory students may want to utilize an elective unit as Foreign Language or as a fourth unit of mathematics depending upon the student's program of study and the student's intentions to enter a University System of Georgia institution. Determination of the appropriate number of mathematics units for each Technology/Career-preparatory program of study shall be determined by the local board of education. BY THE YEAR 2001, STUDENTS ENTERING A UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA INSTITUTION MUST HAVE 4 UNITS OF MATHEMATICS.

***Technology/Career-preparatory includes Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC).

Note: Students who wish to be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship Program should check with their counselor regarding current HOPE Scholarship requirements.

4. REQUIRED/CORE/ELECTIVE CREDIT.

(i) Carnegie unit credit for graduation shall be awarded only for courses that include concepts and skills based on the Quality Core Curriculum (QCC) or those approved by the State Board of Education.

(ii) Carnegie unit credit for core courses shall be awarded only for courses that include concepts and skills based on the QCC for grades 9-12. For example, a student who takes Algebra I in the eighth grade that meets 9-12 QCC requirements shall be awarded Carnegie unit credit. The Individualized Education Program (IEP) shall specify whether core courses taken as part of an IEP shall receive core Carnegie unit credit.

(iii) Only elective course credit or no course credit may be awarded for courses in which instruction is based on the QCC for grades K-8.

5. AREAS OF STUDY.

(i) Courses that shall earn Carnegie unit credit in English/language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, health/physical education, foreign languages, military science, music, visual arts, dance, drama, computer science, education, humanities, personal/interpersonal/ social skills and Technology/Career-preparatory are listed in Rule 160-4-2-.03 List of State-funded K-8 Subjects and 9-12 Courses.

(ii) Any student in the Technology/Career-preparatory (TC), Technology/Career-preparatory with Distinction (TC+), College Preparatory (CP), or College Preparatory with Distinction (CP+) programs of study may select any course listed in the course listing rule. The one exception to this provision is where the letter "r" appears with course names. These courses are required. They **must** be taken and cannot be substituted with any other course. Any course identified as "c" is a core course and may be selected to count as one of the core Carnegie unit requirements. Courses identified as "tc" will count as one of the four core Technology/Career-preparatory courses for a TC or TC+ program of study. A course identified as "e" is an elective course that may be selected beyond the core requirements to fulfill the Carnegie unit requirements.

(I) **English/Language Arts:** For the College Preparatory, College Preparatory with Distinction, Technology/Career-preparatory and Technology/Career-preparatory with Distinction programs of study, at least one-half Carnegie unit of credit in American literature/composition shall be required. This course shall be taught a minimum of two quarters or one semester. All the courses that may satisfy the remaining Carnegie units of credit for a College Preparatory, College Preparatory with Distinction, Technology/Career-preparatory or Technology/Career-preparatory with Distinction program are identified with a "c." The other courses identified with an "e" are electives. Grammar/composition shall be a component of all courses and shall be integrated into the course of study, not isolated.

(II) **Mathematics:** For the College Preparatory (CP) and College Preparatory with Distinction programs of study, four Carnegie units of credit of approved mathematics will be required. The student record shall show credit or equivalency for each of the core courses of Algebra I (27.061); Euclidean

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Geometry (27.063) or Informal Geometry (27.062); and Algebra II (27.064) and an additional course listed in the College Preparatory Mathematics (27.06) or Advanced Mathematics (27.07) categories. For the student who takes Applied Mathematics I (27.445) and Applied Mathematics II (27.446), the record shall show credit for Applied Mathematics I (27.445), Applied Mathematics II (27.446), Euclidean Geometry (27.063) or Informal Geometry (27.062), and Algebra II (27.064).

The Technology/Career-preparatory (TC) and Technology Career-preparatory with Distinction programs of study require that a student earn three Carnegie units of mathematics which shall include, as a minimum, Algebra I or its equivalent. To meet the requirements for Algebra I or its equivalent, a student shall earn a Carnegie unit in (1) Algebra I, or (2) Fundamentals of Algebra, or (3) a locally developed course equivalent to Algebra I that has been approved by the State Board of Education, or (4) earn two Carnegie units by passing both Applied Mathematics I and II.

(III) **Science:** Students receiving the College Preparatory (CP) or the College Preparatory (CP+) with Distinction and/or the Technology/Career-preparatory (TC) or Technology/Career-preparatory with Distinction (TC+) shall earn three (3) Carnegie units in science. Students earning the College Preparatory (CP) or College Preparatory with Distinction seal shall pass a physical science and a life science course.

Students earning the Technology/Career-preparatory (TC) or Technology/Career-preparatory with Distinction (TC+) seal shall meet the requirements for the College Preparatory (CP) or College Preparatory with Distinction seal or shall pass any three units of science including one physical science, one life science or two units of applied biology/chemistry.

Science courses that meet the science requirement for graduation shall be year-long courses with the exception of the third Carnegie unit. All courses meeting the science requirements for graduation must be laboratory-based.

(IV) Social Sciences: Three Carnegie units of credit shall be required in social studies for the College Preparatory (CP), College Preparatory (CP+), Technology/Career-preparatory or Technology/Career-preparatory with Distinction (TC+) seal(s). One Carnegie unit shall be required in United States history. One Carnegie unit shall be required from the world studies area, e.g., world history or world geography. World history shall be required for the College Preparatory and College Preparatory with Distinction seals. One quarter or one semester of citizenship education (government) shall be required. One quarter or one semester of Principles of Economics/Business/Free Enterprise shall be required. Systems organized on the quarter system shall add one other one-quarter social studies course from the political science/government area or from the economics area or from the international relations area to the Citizenship Education and Principles of Economics/Business/Free Enterprise courses to complete the Carnegie unit requirement.

(V) Health and Physical Education: For each program of study, one Carnegie unit of health and physical education is required. Students shall combine two semesters or three quarters of Health (17.011), Health and Personal Fitness (36.041), or Advanced Personal Fitness (36.051) to satisfy this requirement. Health and physical education courses may be taken as electives for all programs of study. Courses in physical education shall be taken to enhance lifelong fitness and physical activities rather than development of athletic performance.

(VI) Foreign Language: Two Carnegie units of the same foreign language shall be required for the College Preparatory (CP) and College Preparatory with Distinction (CP+) programs of study. Students whose native language is not English may be considered to have met the foreign language requirement by exercising the credit in lieu of enrollment option if they are proficient in their native language. A formal examination is not necessary if other evidence of proficiency is available. Any course or combination of courses listed below may be selected to earn Carnegie unit credit to satisfy the requirements in foreign language for Core Area of Study VI. Any of the courses may be used to satisfy the elective unit requirements.

For a student who is hearing impaired, American Sign Language may be taken as an elective or as a core course to fulfill the requirements of the College Preparatory (CP) or College Preparatory with Distinction (CP+) seal. If American Sign Language is to be used to fulfill the college preparatory requirement of two years of the same foreign language, adherence to the requirements in the following paragraph is required.

For the purpose of fulfilling the foreign language requirement for a College Preparatory (CP) or College Preparatory with Distinction (CP+) seal, a demonstrated proficiency in American Sign Language shall be accepted as a foreign language if it is determined that a deaf student has a hearing loss which significantly impacts upon the student's ability to

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learn a foreign language. The Individualized Education Program (IEP) Committee shall determine if American Sign Language is to be substituted for the foreign language requirement. The IEP Committee shall state in the IEP that American Sign Language is substituting for the foreign language and that two years of American Sign Language must be taken to complete the requirement.

For students who are not hearing impaired, American Sign Language may be taken for one unit of elective credit or for the third unit of foreign language credit.

(VI) Any of the courses may be used to satisfy the elective unit requirements.

(VII) Technology/Career-preparatory: To receive only the Technology/Career-preparatory (TC) or Technology/Career-preparatory with distinction seal, a student shall complete at least four Technology/Career-preparatory units, three of which must be concentrated in one occupational or related program areas. One of the four units may include the Program of Education and Career Exploration (PECE), Coordinated Vocational Academic Education (CVAE) or Related Vocational Instruction (RVI).

To receive both the College Preparatory (CP) or College Preparatory with Distinction (CP+) and the Technology/Career-preparatory (TC) or Technology/Career-preparatory with Distinction (TC+) seal, a student shall complete at least four units from Technology/Career-preparatory courses. Any course or combination of courses may be selected to earn Carnegie unit credit to satisfy the Core Area of Study VI.

Any of the courses may be used to satisfy the elective unit requirements.

6. REQUIRED PROCEDURES FOR AWARDING CARNEGIE UNITS OF CREDIT.

(i) A Carnegie unit of credit for graduation shall be awarded to students only for successful completion of state-approved courses of study based on a minimum of 150 clock-hours of instruction provided during the regular school year or a minimum of 120 clock-hours of instruction in summer school.

(ii) Carnegie units of credit for graduation shall be awarded to high school students participating in any joint enrollment program using the ratio referenced in Rule 160-4-2-.34 Postsecondary Options.

7. LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

(i) Local boards of education shall provide instructional, support and delivery services. These services shall include, but are not limited to, the following.

(I) A continuous guidance component beginning with the ninth grade. The purposes of the guidance component are to familiarize students with graduation requirements, to help them identify the likely impact of individual career objectives on the program of work studies they plan to follow and to provide annual advisement sessions to report progress and offer alternatives in meeting graduation requirements and career objectives.

(II) Record keeping and reporting services that document student progress toward graduation and include information for the school, parents and students.

(III) Diagnostic and continuous evaluation services that measure individual student progress in meeting competency expectations for graduation.

(IV) Instructional programs, curriculum and course guides and remedial opportunities to assist each student in meeting graduation requirements.

(V) Appropriate curriculum and assessment procedures for students who have been identified as having disabilities that prevent them from meeting the prescribed competency performance requirements.

Authority O. C. G. A. § 20-2-131; 20-2-140; 20-2-142; 20-2-150(a); 20-2-151(a), (b); 20-2-154(a); 20-2-160; 20-2-161.1; 20-2-161.2; 20-2-281(a), (c).

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Effective: August 3, 1998

APPENDIX C

STANDARDS

STANDARD NUMBER A 2 - PUBLIC AWARENESS
AND INFORMATION

STANDARD NUMBER I 17.1 - ADMINISTRATION
OF STATEWIDE TESTS

STANDARD NUMBER I 17.2 - PROMOTION
AND DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

STANDARD NUMBER I 17.3 - NOTIFICATION OF
TEST RESULTS

STANDARD NUMBER: A 2
VALIDATION LEVEL: System
BROAD CLASSIFICATION: School District Organization
SUBAREA CLASSIFICATION: Public Awareness and Information

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. 20-2-242, 20-2-282
GBOE Rule 160-3-1-.07 (II)

STANDARD STATEMENT

Information is distributed to the public on a continuing basis relative to the costs, quality and performance of the system's elementary and secondary schools.

INDICATORS OF LEGAL ADHERENCE

- 1a. Information is reported to the public at least annually describing the performance (collective achievement of students enrolled) by system and school.
- 1b. A current copy of the Georgia Public Education Report Card is maintained at the central office.
- 1c. A copy of the Report Card for each system and for each school within the system is provided to the legal organ or a widely circulated local newspaper.

STANDARD NUMBER: I 17.1
VALIDATION LEVEL: System
BROAD CLASSIFICATION: Instructional Programs
SUBAREA CLASSIFICATION: Administration of Statewide Tests

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. 20-2-281
GBOE Rule 160-3-1-.07 [II], 160-5-1-.02 [AF]

REFERENCE: Student Assessment Handbook
System and School Test Coordinators' Manual(s)
Examiners' Manual(s)
Assessment Guides

STANDARD STATEMENT

The state assessment program is conducted according to schedules and procedures established by the DOE.

INDICATOR OF LEGAL ADHERENCE

- 1a. State-mandated tests are administered according to the guidelines prescribed by the DOE.

STANDARD NUMBER:	I 17.2
VALIDATION LEVEL:	School/Special Entity
BROAD CLASSIFICATION:	Instructional Programs
SUBAREA CLASSIFICATION:	Promotion and Diploma Requirements
AUTHORITY:	O.C.G.A. 20-2-151, 20-2-281 GBOE Rule 160-3-1-.07 [II], 160-4-2-.06 [IHF(2)], 160-4-2-.36 [IHF(3)], 160-4-2-.46 [IHF(4)]
REFERENCE:	<u>Student Assessment Handbook</u> <u>System and School Test Coordinators' Manual(s)</u> <u>Examiners' Manual(s)</u> <u>Assessment Guides</u>

STANDARD STATEMENT

The graduation assessment requirements and the kindergarten readiness assessment requirement are implemented as required by state law and the GBOE.

INDICATORS OF LEGAL ADHERENCE

- 1a. Students who have received a high school diploma have passed the appropriate state graduation assessment on either the initial test or a retest, unless exempted.
- 1b. No student remains for more than two years in a program earning kindergarten FTE funds.
- 1c. The Georgia Kindergarten Assessment Program (GKAP-R) is administered only by certified teachers who have been trained as required by the department.
- 1d. Placement decisions for kindergarten students are supported as follows.
 1. Documentation that supports an individual retention decision is on file in the student's permanent record.
 2. Information obtained by the GKAP-R is used as part of the required written documentation.
 3. Parents/Guardians are notified of the final placement decision.
 4. The student receives developmentally appropriate instruction through an alternative program during the second year spent in kindergarten.

STANDARD NUMBER: I 17.3
VALIDATION LEVEL: School/Special Entity
BROAD CLASSIFICATION: Instructional Programs
SUBAREA CLASSIFICATION: Notification of Test Results

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. 20-2-281
GBOE Rule 160-3-1-.07 [(II)]

REFERENCE: Student Assessment Handbook

STANDARD STATEMENT

Students, parents and appropriate school personnel are provided information as to the results of the student assessment program.

INDICATORS OF LEGAL ADHERENCE

- 1a. School personnel provide copies of individual score reports to students and parents.
- 1b. Individual assessment scores are made a part of each student's official permanent records to provide accessibility for appropriate school personnel and for schools to which students may transfer.

APPENDIX D

**SAMPLE FORMS REQUIRED BY THE
STUDENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

**Georgia Department of Education
Research, Evaluation, and Testing Division
Superintendent's Certification
Adherence to Prescribed Test Administration Procedures**

Check the appropriate response. Give a full explanation for all items for which the response was "NO". Attach the explanation on an additional sheet.

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Test materials were properly inventoried and stored in a secure location prior to test administration. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. A building level official was responsible for test material distribution and storage while materials were in the school and was held accountable for all test booklets sent to that building. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. This system adhered to all written regulations and procedures relating to testing and test administration, including the distribution and collection of test materials, test security, use of test results and department testing dates established in the Student Assessment Handbook, System and School Test Coordinators' Manual(s), Assessment Guides , and assessment supplements and correspondence. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. If any possible unethical behavior occurred regarding testing policies and procedures, the Professional Practices Section of the Professional Standards Commission has been notified. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. The system superintendent reviewed and approved system testing administration plans. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Building level personnel were oriented to appropriate administration procedures. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Students with disabilities received accommodations in accordance with their IEPs or IAPs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. All students appropriately participated in the Statewide Student Assessment Program. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. System and/or building administrative personnel monitored testing sites. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. The system has accounted for and disposed of testing materials in accordance with instructions in the Student Assessment Handbook, System and School Test Coordinators' Manual(s) and Assessment Guides . |

_____	_____
System	Code
_____	_____
System Superintendent	Date
_____	_____
System Test Coordinator	Date

Return this completed form by
November 30, 2000, to:

Millard Clark
Georgia Department of Education
Research, Evaluation, and Testing
1754 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5030

**Form DE 0385
Revised July 2000**

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND TESTING DIVISION
 2000-2001 STATEWIDE TESTING SYSTEM INFORMATION
 (PLEASE COMPLETE OR CORRECT ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED.)

SYSTEM NAME: _____ SYSTEM CODE: _____

SUPERINTENDENT: _____

SYSTEMWIDE TEST COORDINATOR: _____

COORDINATOR'S ADDRESS: _____

SHIPPING ADDRESS: (If Different) _____

(Not a P.O. Box) _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ (EXT) _____

(AREA CODE)

FAX NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SYSTEM ENROLLMENT AND TESTING NEEDS

THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS SHOULD REFLECT YOUR ACTUAL ENROLLMENTS.
 INCLUDE IN YOUR TOTAL ENROLLMENT NUMBERS ALL STUDENTS WHO WILL BE
 PARTICIPATING IN THE TESTING PROCESS. DO NOT INFLATE THESE NUMBERS AS
 THE DEPARTMENT WILL ADJUST FOR GROWTH AND REASONABLE ADDITIONAL
 MATERIALS.

	# of Students	# of Classrooms	# of Braille Tests	# of Large Print Tests
Kindergarten				
Grade 3				
Grade 4				
Grade 5				
Grade 6				
Grade 7				
Grade 8				
Grade 11				

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Revised July 2000

TESTS MUST BE ADMINISTERED WITHIN THE TESTING WINDOWS. PLEASE SPECIFY YOUR SYSTEM'S EXACT ADMINISTRATION DATES, WHERE REQUIRED.

	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
<i>Writing Assessments</i>				
Grade 3			March 26-April 18	
Grade 5		January 22-26		
Grade 8		January 22-26		
GHSWT				
Oct	Oct 2			
Oct (makeup)	Oct 3			
March			March 6	
March (makeup)			March 7	
July				July 17
GHSWT				
Sept	September 11-15			
Nov		November 13-17		
3/26 - 4/6 - Select one week for administration				
July -				July 23-27
CRCT - 4/16 - 5/4 - Select one week for administration				
NRT - 3/12 - 4/6 Select 5-8 administration days within two consecutive weeks				

SO THAT MATERIALS WILL NOT BE DELIVERED TO YOUR SYSTEM DURING WINTER OR SPRING BREAKS, PLEASE LIST THOSE DATES BELOW.

WINTER BREAK _____
 SPRING BREAK _____

PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL ALL COPIES OF THE FORM IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 29, 2000.
 RETURN TO:

MILLARD CLARK
 RESEARCH, EVALUATION, AND TESTING DIVISION
 GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 1754 TWIN TOWERS EAST
 ATLANTA, GA 30334-5030

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
(Insert Date)
MATERIALS DISPOSITION
GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION TESTS

System Name: _____ Code: _____

Number of Language Arts test books received: _____

Number of Language Arts test books destroyed: _____

Number of Language Arts test books not accounted for:* _____

Number of Math test books received: _____

Number of Math test books destroyed: _____

Number of Math test books not accounted for:* _____

Number of Science test books received: _____

Number of Science test books destroyed: _____

Number of Science test books not accounted for:* _____

Number of Social Studies test books received: _____

Number of Social Studies test books destroyed: _____

Number of Social Studies test books not accounted for:* _____

*If there are discrepancies or irregularities, please attach a full explanation.

SAMPLE

I hereby certify that I have personally destroyed, or witnessed the destruction of all Georgia High School Graduation Test materials in our system.

(Signature) Test Coordinator

Date

Return this completed form by *(Insert Date)* to:

Millard Clark
Research, Evaluation and Testing Division
Georgia Department of Education
1754 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5030

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
(Insert Date)
MATERIALS DISPOSITION
GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL WRITING TEST**

System Name: _____ Code: _____

Number of GHSWT Writing topics received: _____

Number of GHSWT Writing topics destroyed: _____

Number of GHSWT Writing topics not accounted for:* _____

*If there are discrepancies or irregularities, please attach a full explanation.

I hereby certify that I have personally destroyed, or witnessed the destruction of all Georgia High School Writing Test and materials in our system .

(Signature) Test Coordinator

Date

Return this completed form by *(Insert Date)* to:

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Research, Evaluation and Testing Division
Georgia Department of Education
1754 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5030



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
(Insert Date)
MATERIALS DISPOSITION
GEORGIA GRADE 5 WRITING AND MGWA

SAMPLE

System Name: _____ Code: _____

Number of Grade 5 Writing topics received: _____

Number of Grade 5 Writing topics destroyed: _____

Number of Grade 5 Writing topics not accounted for:* _____

Number of Grade 8 Writing topics received: _____

Number of Grade 8 Writing topics destroyed: _____

Number of Grade 8 Writing topics not accounted for:* _____

*If there are discrepancies or irregularities, please attach a full explanation.

I hereby certify that I have personally destroyed, or witnessed the destruction of all Georgia Grade 5 Writing Test and MGWA materials in our system

(Signature) Test Coordinator

Date

Return this completed form by (Insert Date) to:

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Research, Evaluation and Testing Division
Georgia Department of Education
1754 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5030

Form DE 1008

APPENDIX E

**EXAMPLES OF SYSTEM PROCEDURES
FOR TEST ADMINISTRATION**

ANY COUNTY SCHOOLS
 Examiner's Certification
 Adherence to Prescribed Test Administration Procedures
 (Insert Date – Test)

Check appropriate response and explain any problems relating to security or administration procedures which may have occurred. Use an additional sheet as necessary.

- | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| YES | NO | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. The <i>Examiner's Manual</i> was thoroughly reviewed prior to the first testing session. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. All Testing Materials were carefully counted when received. Any discrepancies were reported to the School Test Coordinator and were successfully resolved. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. All testing materials were kept in a secure location while in the examiner's possession and no one was allowed to record, copy or make a conscious mental note of any testing item, answer documents and/or student responses. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. All procedures for testing as given in the <i>Examiner's Manual</i> , including reading of all directions to students <u>word for word</u> , were followed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. No student left the room during a testing session. If an emergency situation did necessitate a student's leaving, an explanation can be found on the back of this sheet. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Proper classroom control was maintained and students were on task during the testing period. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. While students were assisted with procedural aspects of the test, no assistance was offered which could have influenced a student's response to any test item. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. All answer sheets were inspected. Bubbling was darkened and erasures completed where needed, any stray marks were removed and all demographic information was completed as required. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. The use of reference materials was not allowed unless specified in the examiner's manual. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. A roster of students was maintained and turned in to the School Test Coordinator along with an answer document for each student taking all or part of the test. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. All testing materials issued were returned to the test coordinator. |

Examiner's _____ Date _____

	LA	Math	Sci	Soc Stud
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# Booklets Returned				

Georgia High School Graduation Test Roster

Teacher _____ School _____ Date _____

Last Name, First Name	Student Number	LA	Math	Sci	SS	Answer Documents Turned In	Coding
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APPENDIX F

EXAMPLE OF NEWS RELEASE



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May 27, 1998

Linda C. Schrenko
State Superintendent of Schools

Schrenko and Isakson Declare
"ITBS Scores Validate
Reading Is Indeed First"

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For More Information Call
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ATLANTA - State Superintendent of Schools Linda Schrenko announced today that statewide results of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) indicate that Georgia's educational priorities are in the right place.

According to Schrenko, "Georgia is exceeding the national average in almost every academic area measured by the ITBS, and we are tracking steady, measurable gains which clearly demonstrate year-to-year improvement.

One of our most encouraging results this year is the reading improvement of the same group of students across the state. As third graders in 1996 these students' reading scores were in the 51st percentile. Today, as fifth graders the same students scored in the 53rd percentile. This steady, measurable improvement is exactly what we want to continue seeing for all of Georgia's students," Schrenko added.

State Board of Education Chairman Johnny Isakson added, "Education has clearly become Georgia's top priority over the last several years and our State Superintendent and her staff clearly deserve accolades for steering our state toward these ongoing improvements. These ITBS scores make me even more confident that we will attain our goal of an average statewide SAT score of 1,000 by the year 2001."

ITBS results are measured against the national average which falls at the 50th percentile. Georgia's students scored as follows:

1998 Third-Grade Math - eleventh percentile above the national average with a score of 61;
a result of a five-year positive trend.

1998 Third-Grade Reading - third percentile above the national average with a score of 53;
a result of a three-year positive trend.

1998 Fifth-Grade Math - eighth percentile above the national average with a score of 58;
a result of a five-year positive trend.

1998 Fifth-Grade Reading - third percentile above the national average with a score of 53;
a one percentile improvement over the 1997 score.

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8 Eighth-Grade Math - fifth percentile above the national average score of 55; result of a four-year positive trend.

8 Eighth-Grade Reading - second percentile below the national average score of 48; change over the last three years.

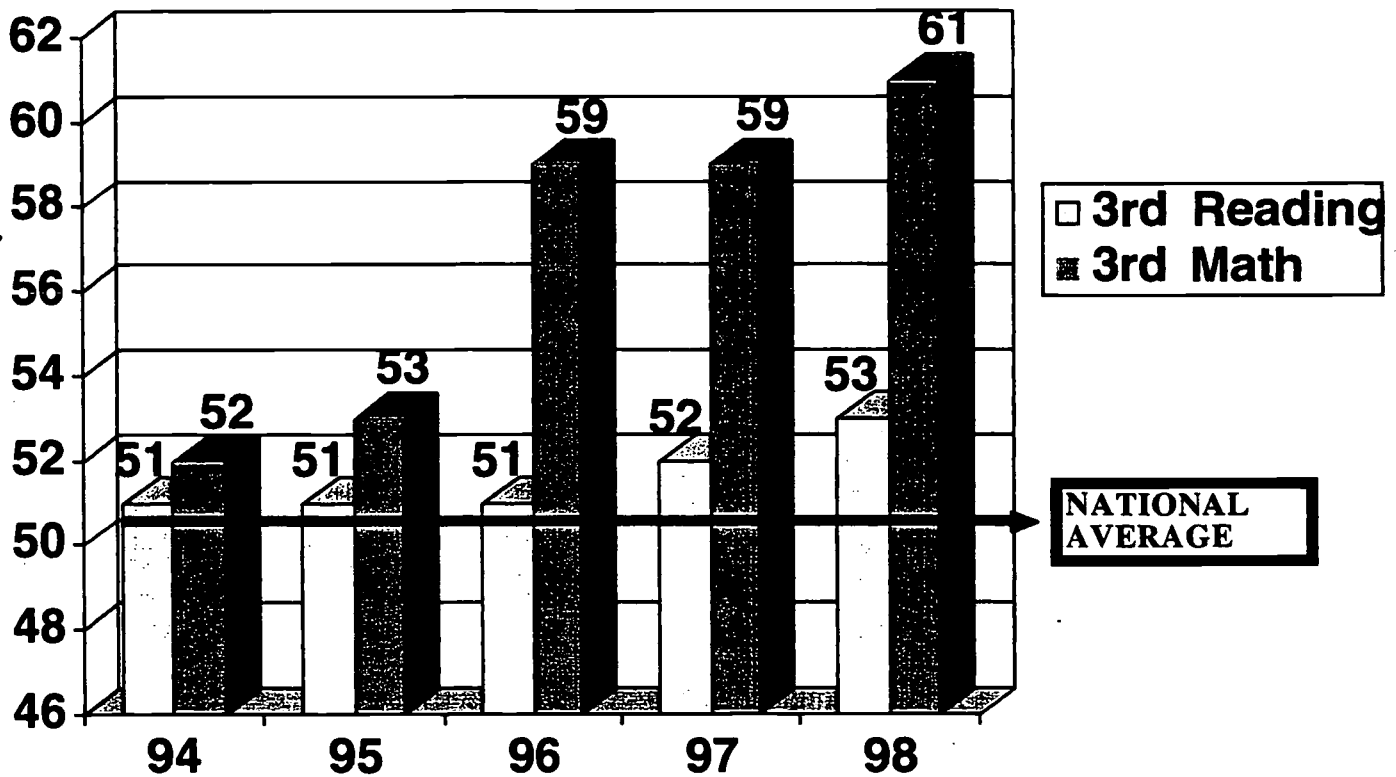
the one area which shows a deficiency (eighth-grade reading), we are already executing plans for a middle school after-school remedial reading program. We are putting our education dollars where they are needed most. This means we expect continued improvement in years to come," Schrenko concluded.

ITBS was traditionally administered in grades three, five, and eight in reading and math only. Beginning in the spring of 1997, the administration required a complete battery of subtests including: language, social studies, science, and sources of information.

Complete batteries for language, social studies, science, and sources of information will be available next week.

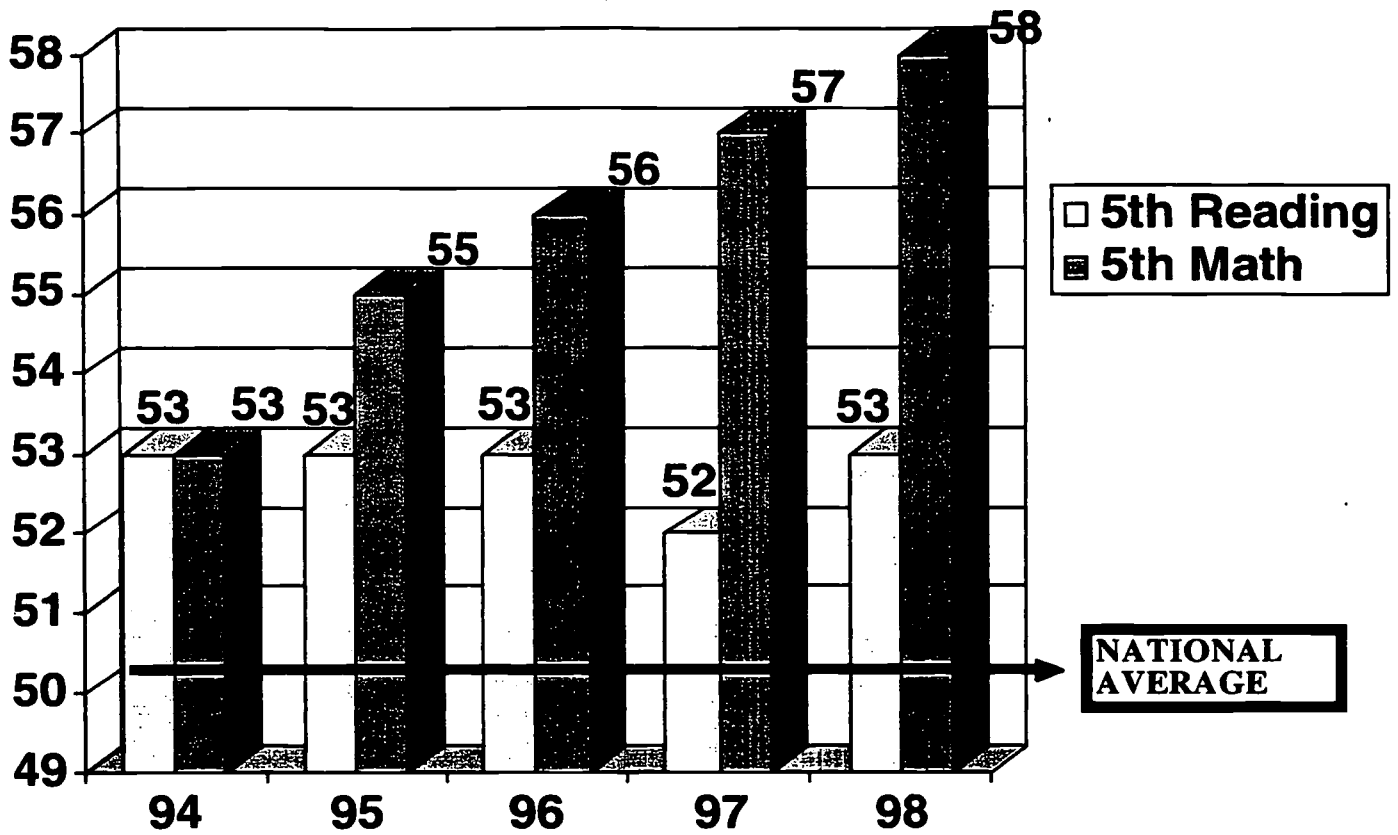
Many local school systems are currently receiving their local ITBS scores and state summaries will be released to all systems next week.

Third-Grade Reading Comprehension and Math ITBS

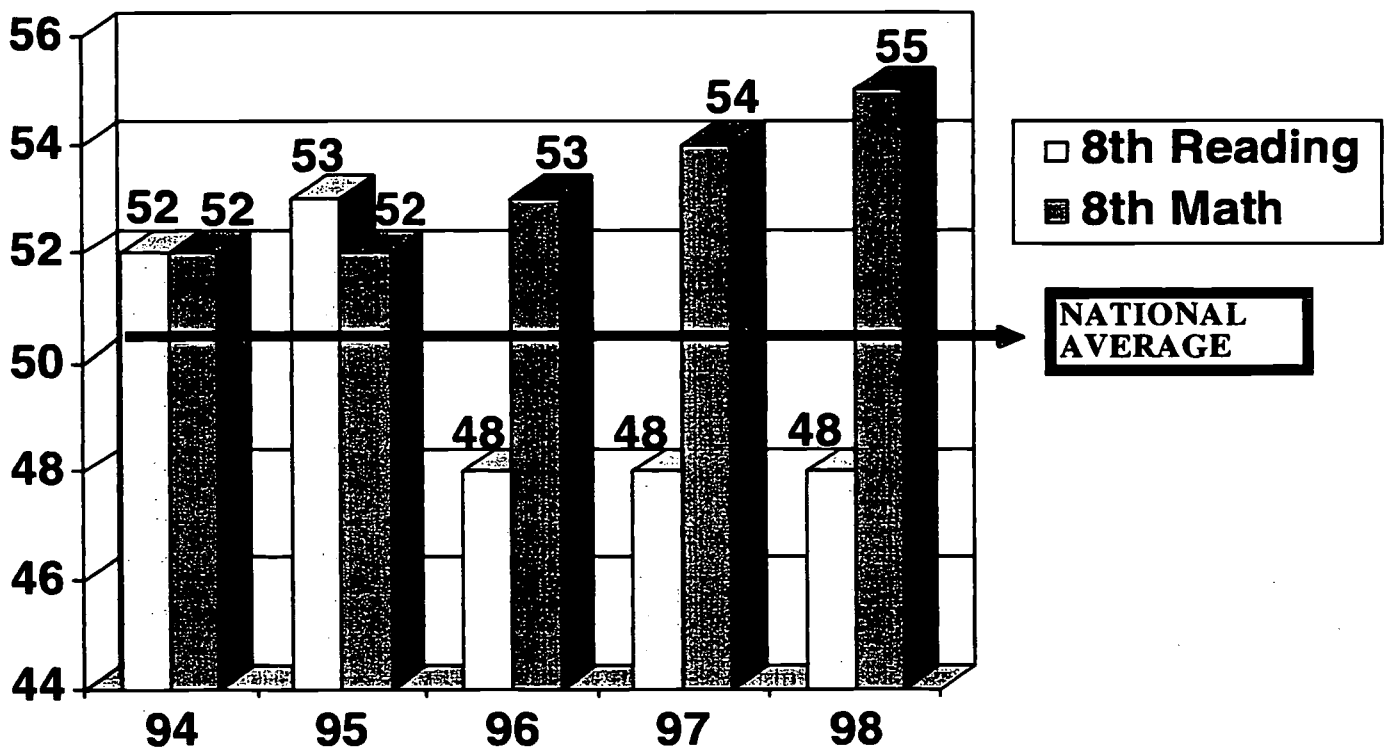


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5th-Grade Reading Comprehension and Math ITBS



8th-Grade Reading Comprehension and Math ITBS



For more information on the Georgia Public Education Report Card please refer to the DOE web site:
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APPENDIX G

GLOSSARY AND ACRONYMS

GLOSSARY

achievement test: A test that measures the extent to which a student has acquired certain information or mastered certain skills.

content validity: The extent to which a test matches the curriculum objectives and subject content of a given program.

educational significance: Judgment that test performance, or the difference in test performance by separate groups, is meaningful or important in practical terms. This term is often contrasted with statistical significance.

empirical norm dates: The actual dates on which a test publisher tested the students in the norm group. Publishers recommend these dates to schools as the dates that should be used for administering the tests. Testing at times other than the empirical norm dates means that students may have received more or less instruction than the norm group.

error of measurement: A statistical estimate of the difference between an observed score and the corresponding "true" score (the score that would be obtained if the assessment were perfectly reliable).

field testing: Trying out a test or item with a large number of students prior to using it operationally.

grade equivalent score (GE): A score expressed in years and months which represents the average performance of students at that given level. A second grader who scores 4.0 on a test intended for second graders is not doing fourth grade work. Such a score indicates that the student is performing at a superior level for a second grader.

item analysis: The process of evaluating individual test items to assure their quality with respect to certain characteristics. Item analysis involves determining such factors as the difficulty value and discriminating power of the item. All such characteristics are then used to judge the overall quality of the item.

item banks: Collections of assessment items. Generally, these are used for constructing tests that measure selected learning objectives. With sufficient numbers of items, multiple test forms that assess the same objectives can be constructed.

normal curve equivalent (NCE): A measurement scale developed for the Title I (Chapter 1) evaluation requirements. The scale ranges from 1 to 99, with units equal in size across the score range. The equivalence of units makes it possible to average scores across groups and aggregate results across tests.

norm group: The sample of students to whom a test has been given in order to estimate how well the student population in general would perform on the measure. A norm group should be as representative as possible of the variation expected within the general population. Key

dimensions to be represented in a norm group include ethnicity, socioeconomic status, size of school system, location of system (urban, rural or suburban), public vs. nonpublic schools and geographical regions of the country.

norm-referenced test (NRT): A test that is designed to provide information on how well a student performs in comparison to other students. The scores on a norm-referenced test have meaning in terms of their relation to the scores made by an external reference group (see norm group).

norm tables: Tables presented in test handbooks or available from test publishers that show the relationship of different types of scores to one another (e.g., raw scores to percentiles). Tables are usually provided for each test level and time of testing (norms dates) as well as by grade level of the student tested.

out-of-level testing: Administering a test at a level below or above the one generally recommended for a student based on his or her grade level. Such testing is done to accommodate the ability levels of students who are either much above or below the average of students their age and thus would not be able to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they possess.

p value: An index which signifies the percentage of examinees who answered a test item correctly.

percentile rank: An indication of a student's standing in comparison with all students in the norm group who took the same test. Percentile ranks range from a low of 1 to a high of 99. A percentile rank stands for the percentage of students who obtained scores equal to or less than a given score.

pilot testing: Trying out a test or item with a small number of students to see if it works before giving it to a large group of students.

raw score: The number of test items answered correctly by a student. Because different tests have different numbers of items, raw scores cannot be compared from one test to another.

reliability: The extent to which a test can be depended upon to provide consistent, unambiguous information. Reliability is usually reported as a correlation coefficient, with the closer the coefficient to +1.00, the higher the reliability.

scaled score: A score that expresses the results of a particular test for all forms and levels on a single common scale. Scaled scores allow comparisons to be made from grade to grade or level to level of a test and from year to year with the same test.

standard score: A general term referring to any of the several types of "transformed" scores. Raw scores are expressed in terms of standard scores for reasons of convenience, comparability and ease of interpretation. For example, the raw scores of two tests can be expressed in comparable terms by using standard scores.

standardized (or uniform) assessment procedure: A clearly described assessment procedure (for example, a test) with administration directions which were developed so that

everyone will administer the procedure in the same way. Student performance will not vary, for example, because administrators give different directions or allow differing lengths of time.

standardized test: A commercially published test designed to provide a systematic sample of individual performance. The test is administered according to prescribed directions, scored in conformance with definite rules and interpreted in reference to certain normative information.

stanine: Score bands which have nine intervals. Stanines of 1, 2 or 3 indicate below-average performance. Stanines of 4, 5 or 6 indicate average performance, while stanines of 7, 8 or 9 indicate above-average performance.

Stanford 9: The Stanford Achievement Test Series, Ninth Edition

statistical significance: A judgment, based on the application of statistical calculation, that a certain test score or the difference in scores between separate groups are "really" different, that is, not just apparently different because of chance fluctuations. While statistical significance gives the appearance of scientific truth, it must be understood that results of statistical analyses are very dependent on the number of students tested. The smaller the number of scores analyzed, the bigger the difference required for it to be statistically significant. For this reason, many persons talk about both statistical and educational significance when referring to test scores.

test specifications: Descriptions of the distribution of items for a test. These distributions are frequently used during test construction to specify the number or percent of items that assess various content categories.

validity: The characteristic of a test that refers to whether the items in the instrument are a fair measure of the content or construct the test says it is measuring. There are various types of validity. Content validity is of major importance in achievement tests; predictive validity is a critical characteristic of aptitude or ability tests; and construct validity is a requirement for many psychological tests.

ACRONYMS

AP	-	Advanced Placement
CRCT	-	Criterion-Referenced Competency Test
EIP	-	Early Intervention Program
EPD	-	Educational Planning District
ESOL	-	English to Speakers of Other Languages
GAA	-	Georgia Alternate Assessment
GDOE	-	Georgia Department of Education
GHSGT	-	Georgia High School Graduation Tests
GHSWT	-	Georgia High School Writing Test
GKAP-R	-	Georgia Kindergarten Assessment Program-Revised
IAP	-	Individualized Accommodation Plan
IDEA	-	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	-	Individualized Education Program
LEP	-	Limited English Proficient
LUA	-	Local Unit of Administration
MGWA	-	Middle Grades Writing Assessment
NRT	-	Norm-referenced Test
O.C.G.A.	-	Official Code of Georgia Annotated
PSAT	-	Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test
QBE	-	Quality Basic Education
QCC	-	Quality Core Curriculum
RFP	-	Request for Proposals
SAA	-	Structured Assessment Activity
SAT	-	Scholastic Assessment Test
SIA	-	Special Instructional Assistance
SRC	-	State Required Code
SST	-	Student Support Team

APPENDIX H

Test Coordinator Names and Telephone Numbers

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CALHOUN CITY SCHOOLS	Neal, Judy	(706) 629-2900	
CARROLLTON CITY SCHOOLS	Low, Wina	(770) 834-1868	
CARTERSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS	Dixon-Anderson, Kathy	(770) 387-7481	
CHICKAMAUGA CITY SCHOOLS	Ligon, Jim	(706) 375-3189	
COMMERCE CITY SCHOOLS	McWilliams, Dennis	(706) 335-5500	
DALTON CITY SCHOOLS	Weaver, William B.	(706) 278-8766	
DECATUR CITY SCHOOLS	McElroy, Patricia D.	(404) 370-4405	
DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS	O'Neal, Lojuanna	(912) 272-3440 x221	
GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS	Beasley, Judith	(770) 536-5275	
JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOLS	Rooks, Dr. Patty	(706) 367-2883	
TROUP COUNTY SCHOOLS	Contorna, Tanya	(706) 812-7920	
MARIETTA CITY SCHOOLS	Price, Dr. Patrick C.	(770) 427-4631	
PELHAM CITY SCHOOLS	Marshall, Odessa	(912) 294-6041	
ROME CITY SCHOOLS	Palmer, Jane	(706) 236-5050	
THOMASVILLE CITY SCHOOLS	McIntire, Hugh	(912) 225-2600	
TRION CITY SCHOOLS	Trosclair, Dennis	(706) 734-7316	
VALDOSTA CITY SCHOOLS	Benson, Aretha	(912) 333-8500	
VIDALIA CITY SCHOOLS	Claroni, Lucy	(912) 537-3089	

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MOUNTAINBROOK SCHOOL	Velez, Ann	(706) 272-2140	
BURWELL PSY ED CTR	Jenkins, Frieda	(706) 812-7920	
CLAYTON CO. REHAB	Blakely, Dr. Ray	(404) 608-2549	
CLAY / FLINT RIVER CTR	Blakely, Dr. Ray	(404) 608-2549	
ALPINE PSYCH. ED.PROGRAM	Adams, Shirley J.	(770) 532-9981	
GEORGIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF	Keefer, Helen	(404) 777-2238	
DHR OUTDOOR THERAPEUTIC	James, Shelly	(706) 865-3141	
FD ROOSEVELT WILDERNESS CAMP	Ruzycki, Judy	(706) 655-5915	
DEPT. OF JUEVENILE JUSTICE	Satterfield, Coy	(404) 463-8798	
SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY SCHOOLS	Goetze, Greg	(770) 464-2611	
ATLANTA AREA SCH. FOR THE DEAF	Mullins, Cathy	(404) 296-7101	
HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS	Pickett, Tony	(770) 957-6601	
CHATHAM-EFFINGHAM CENTER	Lafiosca, Gina	(912) 201-7678	
ECKERD WILDERNESS EDUC. SYS.	Leviness, Elaine	(912) 723-3629	
SOUTH METRO PSYCH ED CTR	Blakely, Dr. Ray	(404) 362-2020	
ADVANCED ACADEMY OF GEORGIA	Ward, Jo Anne	770-836-4449	
ECKERD WILDERNESS EDU SYS	Wedemeyer, Jane	(706)-747-1481	
SAVANNAH YDC	Perry, Carolyn	(912) 652-3884	
ADVANCED ACADEMY	Ward, Joann	(770) 836-4449	

APPENDIX I

State Summary Data Tables

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MEAN READINESS SCORE AND PERCENT READY FOR GRADE ONE BY SYSTEM -- SPRING, 2000

SYSTEM	READINESS SCORE	PERCENT NOT READY	PERCENT READY W/ SIA	PERCENT READY
GEORGIA	186	2	6	92
APPLING COUNTY	187	0	3	97
ATKINSON COUNTY	179	13	6	81
ATLANTA CITY	181	5	10	85
BACON COUNTY	187	1	2	97
BAKER COUNTY	195	3	0	98
BALDWIN COUNTY	186	2	7	91
BANKS COUNTY	190	1	4	95
BARROW COUNTY	190	0	4	95
BARTOW COUNTY	189	1	3	96
BEN HILL COUNTY	186	1	6	93
BERRIEN COUNTY	189	2	2	96
BIBB COUNTY	182	3	8	88
BLECKLEY COUNTY	187	1	6	93
BRANTLEY COUNTY	185	2	7	92
BREMEN CITY	186	1	4	95
BROOKS COUNTY	182	5	7	88
BRYAN COUNTY	190	1	3	95
BUFORD CITY	187	2	5	93
BULLOCH COUNTY	185	2	7	92
BURKE COUNTY	185	3	5	92
BUTTS COUNTY	182	1	11	87
CALHOUN CITY	184	5	8	86
CALHOUN COUNTY	179	11	6	83
CAMDEN COUNTY	187	1	5	94
CANDLER COUNTY	181	4	10	86
CARROLL COUNTY	184	1	6	93
CARROLLTON CITY	183	2	7	91
CARTERSVILLE CITY	(Assessment not administered)			
CATOOSA COUNTY	188	1	3	96
CHARLTON COUNTY	187	2	7	91
CHATHAM COUNTY	186	2	6	93
CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY	191	0	4	96
CHATTOOGA COUNTY	181	0	10	90
CHEROKEE COUNTY	189	1	3	96
CHICKAMAUGA CITY	192	1	4	94
CLARKE COUNTY	181	2	9	89
CLAY COUNTY	(Incomplete data reported)			
CLAYTON COUNTY	183	2	6	92
CLINCH COUNTY	186	1	8	91
COBB COUNTY	187	1	4	95
COFFEE COUNTY	185	3	6	91
COLQUITT COUNTY	188	1	6	93
COLUMBIA COUNTY	188	1	3	96
COMMERCE CITY	189	0	4	96
COOK COUNTY	190	1	3	96
COWETA COUNTY	189	1	4	95
CRAWFORD COUNTY	186	3	6	91

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GEORGIA	186	2	6	92
CRISP COUNTY	187	1	5	94
DADE COUNTY	189	0	6	94
DALTON PUBLIC	185	3	5	92
DAWSON COUNTY	187	0	2	97
DECATUR CITY	187	2	5	94
DECATUR COUNTY	188	1	5	94
DEKALB COUNTY	184	2	6	91
DODGE COUNTY	188	2	4	94
DOOLY COUNTY	180	9	7	84
DOUGHERTY COUNTY	188	1	5	94
DOUGLAS COUNTY	189	1	4	95
DUBLIN CITY	185	3	6	91
EARLY COUNTY	180	5	9	86
ECHOLS COUNTY	187	2	9	89
EFFINGHAM COUNTY	189	1	3	96
ELBERT COUNTY	183	2	8	90
EMANUEL COUNTY	185	1	6	93
EVANS COUNTY	189	0	2	98
FANNIN COUNTY	185	0	6	94
FAYETTE COUNTY	191	1	2	98
FLOYD COUNTY	186	1	4	95
FORSYTH COUNTY	192	1	2	98
FRANKLIN COUNTY	188	1	5	93
FULTON COUNTY	188	1	4	95
GAINESVILLE CITY	178	5	14	81
GILMER COUNTY	187	1	7	92
GLASCOCK COUNTY	188	0	0	100
GLYNN COUNTY	182	1	9	89
GORDON COUNTY	186	2	6	92
GRADY COUNTY	186	1	6	94
GREENE COUNTY	189	1	3	96
GWINNETT COUNTY	186	1	5	93
HABERSHAM COUNTY	188	3	5	93
HALL COUNTY	185	2	6	92
HANCOCK COUNTY	180	3	17	80
HARALSON COUNTY	182	1	10	89
HARRIS COUNTY	189	1	3	97
HART COUNTY	189	2	6	92
HEARD COUNTY	186	1	7	93
HENRY COUNTY	188	0	3	97
HOUSTON COUNTY	186	1	5	94
IRWIN COUNTY	183	4	6	90
JACKSON COUNTY	189	1	3	96
JASPER COUNTY	180	7	7	86
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	185	1	4	95
JEFFERSON CITY	190	2	4	94

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SYSTEM	READINESS SCORE	PERCENT NOT READY	PERCENT READY W/ SIA	PERCENT READY
GEORGIA	186	2	6	92
JEFFERSON COUNTY	185	1	5	94
JENKINS COUNTY	184	5	4	91
JOHNSON COUNTY	182	1	14	85
JONES COUNTY	188	2	4	94
LAMAR COUNTY	187	2	6	92
LANIER COUNTY	188	0	1	99
LAURENS COUNTY	187	3	6	92
LEE COUNTY	193	0	2	98
LIBERTY COUNTY	183	4	7	89
LINCOLN COUNTY	188	4	5	91
LONG COUNTY	186	3	5	92
LOWNDES COUNTY	189	1	5	94
LUMPKIN COUNTY	183	1	8	92
MACON COUNTY	179	6	8	85
MADISON COUNTY	187	1	4	95
MARIETTA CITY	187	1	5	94
MARION COUNTY	181	4	7	88
MCDUFFIE COUNTY	185	2	6	92
MCINTOSH COUNTY	(Assessment not administered)			
MERIWETHER COUNTY	182	1	9	89
MILLER COUNTY	182	7	9	84
MITCHELL COUNTY	189	4	3	93
MONROE COUNTY	187	0	4	96
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	188	1	4	95
MORGAN COUNTY	188	2	4	94
MURRAY COUNTY	187	4	5	91
MUSCOGEE COUNTY	185	2	6	92
NEWTON COUNTY	183	2	8	89
OCONEE COUNTY	190	1	3	96
OGLETHORPE COUNTY	184	4	5	91
PAULDING COUNTY	190	1	2	97
PEACH COUNTY	179	4	8	88
PELHAM CITY	184	2	6	92
PICKENS COUNTY	183	3	7	91
PIERCE COUNTY	192	0	4	96
PIKE COUNTY	184	1	7	92
POLK COUNTY	186	4	6	90
PULASKI COUNTY	182	2	10	88
PUTNAM COUNTY	182	2	4	94
QUITMAN COUNTY	197	0	0	100
RABUN COUNTY	186	2	4	93
RANDOLPH COUNTY	187	0	9	91
RICHMOND COUNTY	185	2	6	92
ROCKDALE COUNTY	189	1	4	95
ROME CITY	186	2	6	92
SCHLEY COUNTY	185	0	2	98

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SYSTEM	READINESS SCORE	PERCENT NOT READY	PERCENT READY W/ SIA	PERCENT READY
<u>GEORGIA</u>	186	2	6	92
SCREVEN COUNTY	182	2	7	91
SEMINOLE COUNTY	183	3	9	88
SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY	186	2	7	91
SPALDING COUNTY	184	3	9	89
STEPHENS COUNTY	183	1	7	91
STEWART COUNTY	188	3	7	90
SUMTER COUNTY	185	2	7	91
TALBOT COUNTY	170	12	22	66
TALIAFERRO COUNTY	186	0	8	92
TATTNALL COUNTY	183	3	7	90
TAYLOR COUNTY	176	8	19	73
TELFAIR COUNTY	186	2	4	95
TERRELL COUNTY	189	1	5	94
THOMAS COUNTY	186	1	4	96
THOMASVILLE CITY	182	3	13	84
TIFT COUNTY	187	2	4	93
TOOMBS COUNTY	185	2	6	92
TOWNS COUNTY	180	4	7	88
TREUTLEN COUNTY	186	2	8	90
TRION CITY	187	0	4	96
TROUP COUNTY	187	1	5	94
TURNER COUNTY	178	7	9	83
TWIGGS COUNTY	180	3	12	85
UNION COUNTY	192	2	1	97
UPSON COUNTY	183	4	6	90
VALDOSTA CITY	186	2	4	94
VIDALIA CITY	181	4	12	85
WALKER COUNTY	185	1	5	94
WALTON COUNTY	187	2	4	94
WARE COUNTY	184	2	9	89
WARREN COUNTY	176	5	15	79
WASHINGTON COUNTY	190	0	2	98
WAYNE COUNTY	191	1	2	97
WEBSTER COUNTY	181	0	8	93
WHEELER COUNTY	185	1	7	91
WHITE COUNTY	186	1	6	93
WHITFIELD COUNTY	187	2	5	93
WILCOX COUNTY	185	4	5	90
WILKES COUNTY	183	2	7	91
WILKINSON COUNTY	178	1	12	88
WORTH COUNTY	186	2	5	93

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SYSTEM	SCALED SCORE	PERCENT NOT READY	PERCENT READY W/ SIA	PERCENT READY
GEORGIA	186	2	6	92
GROUP 1: LARGE SYSTEMS WITH FEWER THAN 22% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
CHEROKEE COUNTY	189	1	3	96
COBB COUNTY	187	1	4	95
COLUMBIA COUNTY	188	1	3	96
FAYETTE COUNTY	191	1	2	98
FORSYTH COUNTY	192	1	2	98
GWINNETT COUNTY	186	1	5	93
HENRY COUNTY	188	0	3	97
PAULDING COUNTY	190	1	2	97
COMPARISON GROUP	188	1	4	95
GROUP 2: LARGE SYSTEMS WITH 25% TO 42% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
BARTOW COUNTY	189	1	3	96
CARROLL COUNTY	184	1	6	93
COWETA COUNTY	189	1	4	95
DOUGLAS COUNTY	189	1	4	95
FLOYD COUNTY	186	1	4	95
FULTON COUNTY	188	1	4	95
GLYNN COUNTY	182	1	9	89
HALL COUNTY	185	2	6	92
HOUSTON COUNTY	186	1	5	94
NEWTON COUNTY	183	2	8	89
ROCKDALE COUNTY	189	1	4	95
WHITFIELD COUNTY	187	2	5	93
COMPARISON GROUP	187	1	5	94
GROUP 3: LARGE SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN 48% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
ATLANTA CITY	181	5	10	85
BIBB COUNTY	182	3	8	88
CHATHAM COUNTY	186	2	6	93
CLARKE COUNTY	181	2	9	89
CLAYTON COUNTY	183	2	6	92
DEKALB COUNTY	184	2	6	91
DOUGHERTY COUNTY	188	1	5	94
LIBERTY COUNTY	183	4	7	89
MUSCOGEE COUNTY	185	2	6	92
RICHMOND COUNTY	185	2	6	92
SPALDING COUNTY	184	3	9	89
TROUP COUNTY	187	1	5	94
COMPARISON GROUP	184	3	7	90

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SYSTEM	SCALED SCORE	PERCENT NOT READY	PERCENT READY W/ SIA	PERCENT READY
GEORGIA	186	2	6	92
GROUP 4: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH FEWER THAN 32% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
BARROW COUNTY	190	0	4	95
CALHOUN CITY	184	5	8	86
CATOOSA COUNTY	188	1	3	96
DAWSON COUNTY	187	0	2	97
EFFINGHAM COUNTY	189	1	3	96
JONES COUNTY	188	2	4	94
LEE COUNTY	193	0	2	98
OCONEE COUNTY	190	1	3	96
PIKE COUNTY	184	1	7	92
COMPARISON GROUP	189	1	4	95
GROUP 5: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 34% TO 38% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
BRYAN COUNTY	190	1	3	95
CAMDEN COUNTY	187	1	5	94
CARTERSVILLE CITY	(Assessment not administered)			
DADE COUNTY	189	0	6	94
GORDON COUNTY	186	2	6	92
HABERSHAM COUNTY	188	3	5	93
HARRIS COUNTY	189	1	3	97
LOWNDES COUNTY	189	1	5	94
LUMPKIN COUNTY	183	1	8	92
PICKENS COUNTY	183	3	7	91
STEPHENS COUNTY	183	1	7	91
WALTON COUNTY	187	2	4	94
WHITE COUNTY	186	1	6	93
COMPARISON GROUP	187	2	5	93
GROUP 6: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 39% TO 45% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
CARROLLTON CITY	183	2	7	91
FANNIN COUNTY	185	0	6	94
FRANKLIN COUNTY	188	1	5	93
GILMER COUNTY	187	1	7	92
HARALSON COUNTY	182	1	10	89
HART COUNTY	189	2	6	92
JACKSON COUNTY	189	1	3	96
MADISON COUNTY	187	1	4	95
MONROE COUNTY	187	0	4	96
MORGAN COUNTY	188	2	4	94
MURRAY COUNTY	187	4	5	91
OGLETHORPE COUNTY	184	4	5	91
POLK COUNTY	186	4	6	90
RABUN COUNTY	186	2	4	93
UNION COUNTY	192	2	1	97
COMPARISON GROUP	186	2	5	93

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<u>GEORGIA</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>92</u>
GROUP 7: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 46% TO 55% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
BALDWIN COUNTY	186	2	7	91
BANKS COUNTY	190	1	4	95
BERRIEN COUNTY	189	2	2	96
BLECKLEY COUNTY	187	1	6	93
BRANTLEY COUNTY	185	2	7	92
BULLOCH COUNTY	185	2	7	92
BUTTS COUNTY	182	1	11	87
CHATTOOGA COUNTY	181	0	10	90
COLQUITT COUNTY	188	1	6	93
CRAWFORD COUNTY	186	3	6	91
DALTON PUBLIC	185	3	5	92
DECATUR CITY	187	2	5	94
ELBERT COUNTY	183	2	8	90
GRADY COUNTY	186	1	6	94
HEARD COUNTY	186	1	7	93
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	185	1	4	95
LAMAR COUNTY	187	2	6	92
LAURENS COUNTY	187	3	6	92
MARIETTA CITY	187	1	5	94
MCDUFFIE COUNTY	185	2	6	92
PIERCE COUNTY	192	0	4	96
THOMAS COUNTY	186	1	4	96
TIFT COUNTY	187	2	4	93
UPSON COUNTY	183	4	6	90
VIDALIA CITY	181	4	12	85
WALKER COUNTY	185	1	5	94
WAYNE COUNTY	191	1	2	97
COMPARISON GROUP	186	2	6	92

GROUP 8: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 57% TO 64% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
APPLING COUNTY	187	0	3	97
BEN HILL COUNTY	186	1	6	93
CHARLTON COUNTY	187	2	7	91
COFFEE COUNTY	185	3	6	91
COOK COUNTY	190	1	3	96
DECATUR COUNTY	188	1	5	94
DODGE COUNTY	188	2	4	94
DUBLIN CITY	185	3	6	91
GAINESVILLE CITY	178	5	14	81
PEACH COUNTY	179	4	8	88
ROME CITY	186	2	6	92
VALDOSTA CITY	186	2	4	94
WARE COUNTY	184	2	9	89
WORTH COUNTY	186	2	5	93
COMPARISON GROUP	185	2	6	91

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GEORGIA	186	2	6	92
GROUP 9: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 65% TO 70% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
CRISP COUNTY	187	1	5	94
EARLY COUNTY	180	5	9	86
EMANUEL COUNTY	185	1	6	93
EVANS COUNTY	189	0	2	98
PUTNAM COUNTY	182	2	4	94
SCREVEN COUNTY	182	2	7	91
TATTNALL COUNTY	183	3	7	90
THOMASVILLE CITY	182	3	13	84
TOOMBS COUNTY	185	2	6	92
TURNER COUNTY	178	7	9	83
WASHINGTON COUNTY	190	0	2	98
COMPARISON GROUP	184	2	6	91
GROUP 10: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN 74% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
BROOKS COUNTY	182	5	7	88
BURKE COUNTY	185	3	5	92
GREENE COUNTY	189	1	3	96
JEFFERSON COUNTY	185	1	5	94
MACON COUNTY	179	6	8	85
MERIWETHER COUNTY	182	1	9	89
MITCHELL COUNTY	189	4	3	93
SUMTER COUNTY	185	2	7	91
TWIGGS COUNTY	180	3	12	85
COMPARISON GROUP	184	3	7	90
GROUP 11: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH FEWER THAN 22% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
BREMEN CITY	186	1	4	95
CHICKAMAUGA CITY	192	1	4	94
TRION CITY	187	0	4	96
COMPARISON GROUP	188	0	4	96
GROUP 12: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 33% TO 43% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
BUFORD CITY	187	2	5	93
COMMERCE CITY	189	0	4	96
JEFFERSON CITY	190	2	4	94
SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY	186	2	7	91
TOWNS COUNTY	180	4	7	88
COMPARISON GROUP	187	2	5	93

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GEORGIA	186	2	6	92
GROUP 13: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 47% TO 59% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
BACON COUNTY	187	1	2	97
ECHOLS COUNTY	187	2	9	89
GLASCOCK COUNTY	188	0	0	100
LINCOLN COUNTY	188	4	5	91
MILLER COUNTY	182	7	9	84
WILCOX COUNTY	185	4	5	90
WILKES COUNTY	183	2	7	91
COMPARISON GROUP	185	3	5	92
GROUP 14: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 60% TO 67% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
CANDLER COUNTY	181	4	10	86
CLINCH COUNTY	186	1	8	91
JASPER COUNTY	180	7	7	86
LANIER COUNTY	188	0	1	99
MARION COUNTY	181	4	7	88
MCINTOSH COUNTY	(Assessment not administered)			
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	188	1	4	95
PULASKI COUNTY	182	2	10	88
SCHLEY COUNTY	185	0	2	98
SEMINOLE COUNTY	183	3	9	88
TREUTLEN COUNTY	186	2	8	90
WILKINSON COUNTY	178	1	12	88
COMPARISON GROUP	183	3	7	90
GROUP 15: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 68% TO 73% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY	191	0	4	96
JENKINS COUNTY	184	5	4	91
JOHNSON COUNTY	182	1	14	85
LONG COUNTY	186	3	5	92
PELHAM CITY	184	2	6	92
TAYLOR COUNTY	176	8	19	73
TELFAIR COUNTY	186	2	4	95
WHEELER COUNTY	185	1	7	91
COMPARISON GROUP	183	3	8	89

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SYSTEM	SCALED SCORE	PERCENT NOT READY	PERCENT READY W/ SIA	PERCENT READY
<u>GEORGIA</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>92</u>

GROUP 16: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 75% TO 90% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH

ATKINSON COUNTY	179	13	6	81
BAKER COUNTY	195	3	0	98
CLAY COUNTY	(Incomplete data reported)			
DOOLY COUNTY	180	9	7	84
HANCOCK COUNTY	180	3	17	80
IRWIN COUNTY	183	4	6	90
RANDOLPH COUNTY	187	0	9	91
STEWART COUNTY	188	3	7	90
TALBOT COUNTY	170	12	22	66
WARREN COUNTY	176	5	15	79
WEBSTER COUNTY	181	0	8	93
COMPARISON GROUP	181	6	9	85

GROUP 17: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN 90% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH

CALHOUN COUNTY	179	11	6	83
QUITMAN COUNTY	197	0	0	100
TALIAFERRO COUNTY	186	0	8	92
TERRELL COUNTY	189	1	5	94
COMPARISON GROUP	187	3	5	92

Table 3a

ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed Alphabetically Spring 2000
Grade 3

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	55	3.9	58	3.9	58
601 APPLING	3.8	52	4.4	66	3.8	54	4.0	57	4.0	58	4.0	59	3.9	57
602 ATKINSON	3.5	45	4.5	70	3.9	57	3.3	41	3.2	37	3.7	51	3.7	48
761 ATLANTA CITY	3.6	48	4.1	60	3.7	50	3.5	44	3.5	44	3.5	45	3.6	47
603 BACON	3.6	48	4.3	64	4.0	60	3.8	53	3.5	46	3.8	54	3.8	54
604 BAKER	3.5	45	4.1	59	3.6	46	3.4	42	3.3	40	3.6	48	3.5	44
605 BALDWIN	3.8	54	4.4	67	4.1	64	4.1	61	4.1	63	3.8	56	4.0	61
606 BANKS	4.0	59	4.4	68	4.1	63	4.5	69	4.1	61	4.1	61	4.1	63
607 BARROW	3.8	54	4.0	57	4.0	63	4.2	62	4.0	60	4.0	60	3.9	58
608 BARTOW	4.0	58	4.4	66	4.3	68	4.2	65	3.9	56	4.1	62	4.0	62
609 BEN HILL	3.3	39	3.6	48	3.4	39	3.5	46	3.5	43	3.3	37	3.4	40
610 BERRIEN	3.5	45	4.2	63	3.7	50	3.6	49	3.6	48	3.6	48	3.7	49
611 BIBB	3.6	49	4.4	67	3.9	59	3.7	51	3.9	54	3.8	56	3.9	56
612 BLECKLEY	3.9	56	4.4	68	4.1	65	4.2	63	4.0	58	4.0	59	4.0	61
613 BRANTLEY	4.0	57	4.3	63	4.0	61	4.0	57	3.6	50	4.0	59	3.9	57
763 BREMEN CITY	4.4	67	5.4	84	4.7	79	5.1	79	4.8	76	4.5	73	4.6	77
614 BROOKS	3.3	37	3.8	53	3.5	43	3.2	37	3.1	33	3.3	38	3.4	39
615 BRYAN	4.1	60	4.4	68	4.2	67	4.5	68	4.0	60	4.2	67	4.1	65
764 BUFORD CITY	4.4	67	4.6	73	4.3	70	5.0	77	4.7	74	4.3	68	4.4	72
616 BULLOCH	3.8	55	4.4	65	4.1	63	4.2	65	3.9	55	4.1	62	4.0	60
617 BURKE	3.4	43	3.7	51	3.6	47	3.6	47	3.6	48	3.7	51	3.6	46
618 BUTTS	3.3	39	3.6	48	3.5	40	3.3	40	3.4	41	3.5	43	3.4	40
619 CALHOUN	3.3	36	3.9	56	3.4	36	3.0	34	3.2	36	3.3	39	3.3	36
765 CALHOUN CITY	3.8	55	4.3	64	4.1	64	4.5	68	4.0	59	3.9	59	4.0	61
620 CAMDEN	3.9	56	4.8	78	4.2	67	4.2	65	3.9	55	4.1	61	4.1	63
621 CANDLER	3.5	46	4.1	58	3.9	57	3.6	48	3.5	46	3.8	54	3.8	50
622 CARROLL	3.5	43	3.7	49	3.6	48	3.6	47	3.3	40	3.5	43	3.5	44
766 CARROLLTON CITY	3.7	50	3.7	50	3.5	44	3.6	50	3.4	42	3.5	44	3.6	45
767 CARTERSVILLE CITY	4.3	64	4.6	73	4.5	75	4.5	69	4.2	64	4.2	65	4.3	68
623 CATOOSA	4.0	57	4.4	65	4.0	63	4.1	61	4.1	61	4.0	60	4.0	60
624 CHARLTON	3.6	48	3.8	54	3.9	55	4.0	57	3.8	53	3.8	53	3.8	54
626 CHATTAHOOCHEE	3.4	41	3.7	52	3.7	50	3.6	47	3.4	42	3.6	46	3.6	45
627 CHATTOOGA	3.8	53	3.5	45	3.7	53	3.9	54	3.8	53	3.7	52	3.7	50
628 CHEROKEE	4.3	65	4.7	75	4.5	75	4.8	74	4.3	67	4.3	70	4.4	71
769 CHICKAMAUGA CITY	4.1	61	4.4	69	3.9	59	4.1	60	4.2	64	4.0	60	4.1	62
629 CLARKE	3.6	48	3.6	49	3.8	53	3.7	51	3.6	47	3.7	52	3.6	48

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	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	55	3.9	58	3.9	58
630 CLAY	2.7	22	3.3	37	3.2	30	2.8	26	2.8	24	3.0	27	2.9	25
631 CLAYTON	3.5	43	4.0	58	3.7	50	3.5	46	3.5	45	3.7	49	3.6	47
632 CLINCH	3.8	52	4.2	61	4.0	62	4.2	64	3.8	54	3.6	47	3.9	56
633 COBB	4.2	63	4.5	71	4.3	71	4.5	69	4.1	62	4.2	67	4.2	67
634 COFFEE	3.6	48	4.2	61	3.9	59	3.9	55	3.6	48	3.7	52	3.8	53
635 COLQUITT	3.8	53	4.4	66	4.0	60	4.2	64	3.9	56	4.0	60	4.0	59
636 COLUMBIA	4.3	66	4.7	76	4.5	75	4.9	75	4.5	69	4.5	73	4.4	73
771 COMMERCE CITY	4.2	62	4.9	79	4.3	69	4.5	68	4.0	59	4.3	68	4.3	67
637 COOK	3.6	47	4.4	65	3.8	53	3.9	54	3.6	49	3.7	50	3.8	53
638 COWETA	4.0	59	4.2	61	4.2	67	4.2	64	4.1	60	4.1	62	4.0	61
639 CRAWFORD	3.6	48	4.0	57	3.7	49	3.6	48	3.5	46	3.6	46	3.6	47
640 CRISP	3.5	46	4.1	58	3.9	56	3.8	53	3.5	45	3.6	45	3.7	48
641 DADE	3.6	48	4.2	61	3.7	50	3.6	48	3.5	45	3.8	53	3.7	50
772 DALTON CITY	3.8	53	4.0	58	3.9	58	4.0	58	3.6	48	3.7	52	3.8	53
642 DAWSON	4.2	62	4.6	72	4.2	67	4.7	72	4.5	71	4.2	65	4.3	69
643 DECATUR	3.8	55	4.6	74	4.0	63	4.5	68	4.0	59	4.1	63	4.1	63
773 DECATUR CITY	4.0	58	4.0	57	4.2	66	4.1	61	4.0	58	4.0	60	4.0	60
644 DEKALB	3.6	48	4.4	65	4.0	62	3.7	51	3.7	51	3.7	52	3.8	54
645 DODGE	4.0	57	4.7	76	4.1	64	4.2	63	4.1	60	4.2	67	4.1	65
646 DOOLY	3.2	36	4.4	65	3.5	42	3.1	36	3.2	35	3.6	45	3.4	41
647 DOUGHERTY	3.5	44	4.2	61	3.7	53	3.6	49	3.6	50	3.7	49	3.7	50
648 DOUGLAS	4.0	57	4.4	67	4.0	62	4.2	62	4.0	59	4.0	60	4.0	60
774 DUBLIN CITY	3.6	48	4.0	58	3.8	55	3.6	48	3.4	42	3.8	53	3.7	48
649 EARLY	3.4	42	4.2	61	3.9	55	4.5	69	3.9	56	3.6	46	3.9	55
650 ECHOLS	3.6	49	4.2	61	3.8	55	3.7	50	3.9	54	3.6	49	3.8	51
651 EFFINGHAM	4.0	58	4.1	59	4.2	66	4.4	66	4.0	61	4.1	63	4.0	61
652 ELBERT	3.8	52	4.4	68	3.8	55	3.8	53	3.6	49	3.8	55	3.8	54
653 EMANUEL	3.7	51	3.8	55	3.9	56	4.1	61	3.7	51	3.6	48	3.8	53
654 EVANS	3.3	36	3.4	39	3.5	44	3.1	36	3.1	31	3.3	39	3.3	35
655 FANNIN	4.2	63	4.2	61	4.0	62	4.2	63	3.9	56	4.1	62	4.0	60
656 FAYETTE	4.5	69	4.6	74	4.7	80	4.8	74	4.4	69	4.4	72	4.4	73
657 FLOYD	3.9	57	4.2	61	4.0	60	4.1	61	4.0	59	3.9	58	4.0	59
658 FORSYTH	4.3	66	4.7	75	4.5	74	4.7	72	4.2	66	4.4	71	4.4	71
659 FRANKLIN	3.9	57	4.4	65	3.9	57	4.0	58	4.0	58	4.0	59	3.9	58

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GEORGIA	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	55	3.9	58	3.9	58
660 FULTON	4.2	62	4.6	73	4.4	72	4.3	65	4.0	60	4.3	68	4.2	67
776 GAINESVILLE CITY	4.0	60	4.4	65	4.2	66	4.5	69	3.9	55	4.1	62	4.1	63
661 GILMER	3.7	52	4.0	57	3.8	54	4.0	57	3.9	57	3.8	56	3.9	55
662 GLASCOCK	3.8	54	4.3	63	4.0	63	4.8	73	3.9	57	4.1	62	4.0	62
663 GLYNN	3.5	46	3.7	50	3.7	49	3.6	48	3.6	46	3.6	48	3.6	47
664 GORDON	3.8	53	4.2	60	4.0	61	4.0	58	3.9	54	4.0	59	3.9	57
665 GRADY	3.7	50	3.9	55	4.0	62	4.0	60	3.7	52	3.8	54	3.8	54
666 GREENE	3.5	45	4.5	70	3.9	57	3.6	48	3.6	48	3.7	52	3.9	55
726 GRIFFIN-SPALDING	3.6	47	3.8	54	3.6	48	3.6	50	3.6	47	3.7	50	3.6	48
667 GWINNETT	4.3	66	5.0	80	4.5	75	4.6	71	4.3	67	4.4	72	4.4	72
668 HABERSHAM	4.0	58	4.4	65	4.2	66	4.3	65	4.1	61	3.9	58	4.0	61
669 HALL	3.9	57	4.0	57	4.0	63	4.1	61	3.9	57	3.9	58	3.9	58
670 HANCOCK	3.6	49	4.4	66	3.9	55	3.3	40	3.5	44	3.6	47	3.7	50
671 HARALSON	3.6	50	3.7	51	3.9	56	3.9	55	3.8	53	3.7	51	3.8	52
672 HARRIS	4.3	65	4.7	76	4.5	75	5.0	78	4.4	68	4.3	69	4.5	74
673 HART	3.8	55	4.5	70	4.1	64	4.1	61	4.1	61	4.1	62	4.0	61
674 HEARD	3.9	56	4.2	61	3.9	59	4.1	61	4.0	58	3.8	55	3.9	58
675 HENRY	3.8	55	4.4	65	4.0	60	4.1	60	4.0	59	4.1	62	4.0	60
676 HOUSTON	4.0	58	4.4	67	4.2	67	4.5	68	4.1	63	4.1	63	4.1	64
677 IRWIN	3.6	47	3.6	48	3.7	53	4.0	56	3.6	49	3.7	50	3.6	48

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	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	55	3.9	58	3.9	58
678 JACKSON	4.0	57	4.4	67	4.2	66	4.2	63	4.0	57	4.1	61	4.0	61
679 JASPER	3.8	52	4.2	62	3.6	47	3.8	52	3.8	52	3.7	51	3.8	52
680 JEFF DAVIS	3.6	49	4.1	60	3.8	53	3.8	53	3.7	51	3.7	49	3.8	52
681 JEFFERSON	3.3	39	3.8	53	3.6	46	3.3	40	3.2	36	3.5	44	3.4	41
779 JEFFERSON CITY	3.8	54	4.5	70	4.0	61	4.0	59	3.9	57	4.0	59	4.0	59
682 JENKINS	3.4	41	3.6	46	3.9	59	3.7	51	3.6	49	3.6	48	3.7	48
683 JOHNSON	3.3	38	3.4	39	3.5	43	3.3	40	3.2	34	3.1	33	3.3	37
684 JONES	4.0	59	4.1	59	4.0	63	4.0	57	3.9	56	3.9	58	3.9	57
685 LAMAR	3.5	45	3.8	54	3.6	48	3.7	50	3.6	46	3.6	47	3.6	48
686 LANIER	3.4	43	4.1	59	3.8	54	4.0	56	3.9	54	3.7	50	3.8	53
687 LAURENS	3.8	55	4.5	70	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	56	4.1	63	4.0	60
688 LEE	4.0	60	5.3	82	4.2	66	4.5	68	4.2	64	4.3	68	4.3	68
689 LIBERTY	3.5	43	3.8	54	3.7	50	3.5	46	3.6	49	3.7	49	3.6	47
690 LINCOLN	3.7	50	4.1	59	3.7	52	3.9	55	3.9	54	3.7	50	3.8	52
691 LONG	3.4	43	3.6	48	4.0	61	3.8	53	3.5	45	3.8	53	3.6	48
692 LOWNDES	4.1	61	4.7	75	4.4	72	4.7	72	4.1	63	4.2	66	4.3	68
693 LUMPKIN	4.0	60	4.5	70	4.1	64	4.4	66	4.0	60	4.0	60	4.1	63
694 MACON	2.9	28	3.5	43	3.4	38	3.1	35	3.2	34	3.1	30	3.2	33
695 MADISON	3.7	52	4.2	61	3.9	55	4.0	57	3.9	56	3.8	56	3.9	55
781 MARIETTA CITY	4.0	57	4.6	73	4.2	67	4.3	65	4.0	58	4.1	63	4.1	64
696 MARION	3.5	47	4.2	60	3.9	57	4.3	66	3.9	54	3.9	58	3.9	57
697 MCDUFFIE	3.7	50	4.4	67	4.0	61	4.0	58	3.7	51	3.8	56	3.9	57
698 MCINTOSH	3.4	40	3.5	43	3.7	49	3.5	46	3.3	37	3.4	39	3.4	40
699 MERLWETHER	3.0	30	3.5	42	3.3	35	3.1	34	3.1	31	3.3	38	3.2	33
700 MILLER	3.5	45	4.2	60	4.3	71	6.0	88	4.2	65	4.1	63	4.3	69
701 MITCHELL	3.0	31	3.7	50	3.4	36	3.6	49	3.2	36	3.3	38	3.3	38
702 MONROE	3.7	51	3.7	50	3.7	50	3.8	53	3.6	49	3.8	56	3.7	50
703 MONTGOMERY	3.3	39	3.5	43	3.4	40	3.1	36	3.1	34	3.3	37	3.3	35
704 MORGAN	3.6	50	4.2	62	3.9	59	4.0	60	3.9	56	3.8	56	3.9	56
705 MURRAY	3.7	52	4.2	62	3.9	58	3.9	54	3.6	48	3.8	56	3.8	54
706 MUSCOGEE	3.6	48	4.0	58	3.8	54	3.6	49	3.6	47	3.7	50	3.7	50
707 NEWTON	3.8	53	4.4	65	4.0	63	3.9	55	3.9	54	3.8	56	3.9	57
708 OCONEE	4.3	64	4.5	70	4.5	74	4.6	71	4.1	63	4.3	68	4.3	69
709 OGLETHORPE	4.0	58	4.2	61	4.0	62	4.1	62	3.8	52	4.0	60	4.0	58
710 PAULDING	3.9	56	4.2	62	3.9	57	4.0	60	3.9	55	4.0	59	3.9	57

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	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	55	3.9	58	3.9	58
711 PEACH	3.5	44	3.6	48	3.6	47	3.4	43	3.5	43	3.6	45	3.5	44
784 PELHAM CITY	3.9	56	4.6	73	4.4	73	4.2	64	3.8	53	4.3	68	4.1	64
712 PICKENS	3.6	48	4.0	57	3.7	51	4.0	57	3.9	54	3.7	51	3.8	52
713 PIERCE	3.8	55	4.0	57	3.9	58	4.1	61	3.8	52	3.9	57	3.9	56
714 PIKE	3.7	51	4.2	62	3.9	59	3.9	54	3.9	56	3.9	58	3.9	56
715 POLK	3.6	47	3.7	50	3.7	53	3.8	52	3.6	48	3.6	49	3.6	48
716 PULASKI	3.8	52	4.3	64	3.9	59	3.6	50	3.7	51	3.7	52	3.8	54
717 PUTNAM	3.7	51	4.1	59	4.0	60	3.8	53	3.6	48	3.9	58	3.8	53
718 QUITMAN	3.0	29	3.4	38	3.4	36	3.0	33	3.0	27	3.0	29	3.2	31
719 RABUN	4.5	70	4.8	78	4.7	80	5.1	79	4.5	69	4.5	75	4.5	76
720 RANDOLPH	3.2	35	3.6	47	3.5	43	2.9	30	2.9	25	3.1	32	3.2	33
721 RICHMOND	3.5	43	3.8	55	3.7	50	3.6	49	3.6	47	3.7	50	3.6	48
722 ROCKDALE	4.2	64	4.6	74	4.3	70	4.7	72	4.2	66	4.3	68	4.3	69
785 ROME CITY	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.2	61	4.2	62	4.0	60	3.9	59	4.0	59
625 SAVANNAH-CHATHAM	3.7	51	4.1	58	3.9	57	3.8	53	3.6	49	3.8	54	3.8	52
723 SCHLEY	3.6	48	4.4	67	4.0	61	4.0	57	3.9	55	3.9	57	3.9	57
724 SCREVEN	3.4	42	3.9	56	4.0	62	3.6	49	3.2	37	3.6	46	3.6	47
725 SEMINOLE	3.4	41	3.7	53	3.5	41	3.3	41	3.3	39	3.6	46	3.4	41
786 SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY	3.5	46	4.1	60	3.6	48	4.0	59	3.6	50	3.6	45	3.8	50
727 STEPHENS	4.0	59	4.4	66	4.3	69	4.2	64	4.1	61	4.1	64	4.1	64
728 STEWART	3.2	36	4.2	60	3.7	50	3.5	43	3.9	55	3.5	44	3.6	47
729 SUMTER	3.4	41	4.2	60	3.5	43	3.5	45	3.3	41	3.5	44	3.5	44
730 TALBOT	2.8	24	2.8	25	3.2	30	2.7	26	3.0	29	3.0	29	2.9	25
731 TALLAHERRO	2.9	28	3.3	37	3.6	47	3.4	42	3.1	31	3.3	37	3.2	33
732 TATTNALL	3.6	49	4.3	64	3.8	54	3.7	50	3.7	43	3.7	50	3.7	50
733 TAYLOR	3.3	36	3.6	48	3.5	42	3.1	35	3.2	35	3.5	43	3.3	37
734 TELFAIR	3.6	49	4.1	59	3.8	54	5.1	78	4.3	67	3.8	55	4.0	61
735 TERRELL	3.2	36	4.1	60	3.4	39	3.1	36	3.2	36	3.6	45	3.4	40
736 THOMAS	3.8	53	4.5	70	4.0	62	4.2	64	3.9	55	4.1	61	4.0	61
745 THOMASTON-UPSON	3.6	48	4.2	62	3.7	52	3.7	50	3.6	47	3.7	50	3.7	50
789 THOMASVILLE CITY	3.5	46	4.4	68	3.8	54	3.6	50	3.5	44	3.8	53	3.8	51
737 TIFT	3.6	50	4.3	64	4.1	65	4.1	61	3.7	51	3.9	57	3.9	58
738 TOOMBS	4.0	57	4.4	66	4.0	62	4.2	64	4.1	61	4.1	62	4.0	61
739 TOWNS	4.3	65	4.9	79	4.3	70	4.5	70	4.1	63	4.1	63	4.3	69

Table 3a, continued

ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed Alphabetically Spring 2000
Grade 3

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	55	3.9	58	3.9	58
740 TREUTLEN	3.4	43	4.0	57	3.9	57	3.5	44	3.5	43	3.7	51	3.6	48
791 TRION CITY	4.5	70	4.7	76	4.3	71	5.0	78	4.5	70	4.5	73	4.5	74
741 TROUP	3.8	52	4.2	62	3.9	57	4.0	58	3.9	55	3.8	54	3.9	56
742 TURNER	3.8	53	5.2	81	4.6	77	4.0	57	4.1	61	4.1	61	4.2	66
743 TWIGGS	3.1	35	3.6	48	3.5	44	3.1	36	3.1	32	3.3	37	3.3	36
744 UNION	4.5	68	4.7	76	4.5	74	4.6	70	4.4	68	4.2	67	4.3	70
792 VALDOSTA CITY	3.4	42	4.3	64	3.7	51	3.5	46	3.5	44	3.6	49	3.7	49
793 VIDALIA CITY	3.6	49	3.8	55	3.8	54	3.7	52	3.6	50	3.8	54	3.8	51
746 WALKER	3.8	52	4.1	58	4.0	62	4.2	64	4.0	58	3.8	53	3.9	57
747 WALTON	3.8	53	4.2	61	3.8	55	4.0	59	3.8	53	3.8	54	3.9	55
748 WARE	3.9	57	4.5	70	4.1	65	4.0	59	3.9	55	4.0	60	4.0	60
749 WARREN	3.0	30	3.5	44	3.3	32	2.8	27	3.0	30	3.3	37	3.1	30
750 WASHINGTON	3.5	46	4.1	60	3.6	47	3.9	54	3.4	41	3.8	54	3.7	49
751 WAYNE	3.8	54	4.3	64	3.9	57	4.0	59	4.0	58	4.1	61	3.9	58
752 WEBSTER	3.1	32	3.7	53	3.5	42	3.5	44	3.3	40	3.5	44	3.4	41
753 WHEELER	4.1	61	4.4	67	3.9	57	4.2	65	4.1	61	3.8	53	4.0	59
754 WHITE	4.1	61	4.2	62	4.2	67	4.3	65	4.1	62	4.1	63	4.1	63
755 WHITEFIELD	3.6	50	3.9	56	3.9	59	3.9	55	3.6	49	3.7	52	3.8	52
756 WILCOX	3.7	50	4.2	62	4.3	68	4.1	62	3.9	54	3.7	52	3.9	57
757 WILKES	3.3	38	3.9	56	3.7	51	3.6	47	3.5	43	3.6	45	3.6	45
758 WILKINSON	3.5	45	4.0	58	3.9	55	4.0	56	3.6	50	3.6	46	3.8	51
759 WORTH	3.6	48	3.7	49	3.6	48	3.6	47	3.5	46	3.7	51	3.6	47

Table 4a

ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 3

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	55	3.9	58	3.9	58
Comparison Group 1: Large systems with fewer than 22% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
628 CHEROKEE	4.3	65	4.7	75	4.5	75	4.8	74	4.3	67	4.3	70	4.4	71
633 COBB	4.2	63	4.5	71	4.3	71	4.5	69	4.1	62	4.2	67	4.2	67
636 COLUMBIA	4.3	66	4.7	76	4.5	75	4.9	75	4.5	69	4.5	73	4.4	73
656 FAYETTE	4.5	69	4.6	74	4.7	80	4.8	74	4.4	69	4.4	72	4.4	73
658 FORSYTH	4.3	66	4.7	75	4.5	74	4.7	72	4.2	66	4.4	71	4.4	71
667 GWINNETT	4.3	66	5.0	80	4.5	75	4.6	71	4.3	67	4.4	72	4.4	72
675 HENRY	3.8	55	4.4	65	4.0	60	4.1	60	4.0	59	4.1	62	4.0	60
710 PAULDING	3.9	56	4.2	62	3.9	57	4.0	60	3.9	55	4.0	59	3.9	57
Comparison Group	4.2		4.6		4.4		4.5		4.2		4.3		4.3	
Comparison Group 2: Large systems with 25% to 42% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
608 BARTOW	4.0	58	4.4	66	4.3	68	4.2	65	3.9	56	4.1	62	4.0	62
622 CARROLL	3.5	43	3.7	49	3.6	48	3.6	47	3.3	40	3.5	43	3.5	44
638 COWETA	4.0	59	4.2	61	4.2	67	4.2	64	4.1	60	4.1	62	4.0	61
648 DOUGLAS	4.0	57	4.4	67	4.0	62	4.2	62	4.0	59	4.0	60	4.0	60
657 FLOYD	3.9	57	4.2	61	4.0	60	4.1	61	4.0	59	3.9	58	4.0	59
660 FULTON	4.2	62	4.6	73	4.4	72	4.3	65	4.0	60	4.3	68	4.2	67
663 GLYNN	3.5	46	3.7	50	3.7	49	3.6	48	3.6	46	3.6	48	3.6	47
669 HALL	3.9	57	4.0	57	4.0	63	4.1	61	3.9	57	3.9	58	3.9	58
676 HOUSTON	4.0	58	4.4	67	4.2	67	4.5	68	4.1	63	4.1	63	4.1	64
707 NEWTON	3.8	53	4.4	65	4.0	63	3.9	55	3.9	54	3.8	56	3.9	57
722 ROCKDALE	4.2	64	4.6	74	4.3	70	4.7	72	4.2	66	4.3	68	4.3	69
755 WHITFIELD	3.6	50	3.9	56	3.9	59	3.9	55	3.6	49	3.7	52	3.8	52
Comparison Group	3.9		4.2		4.0		4.1		3.9		3.9		3.9	

Table 4a, continued

ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 3

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	55	3.9	58	3.9	58
Comparison Group 3: Large systems with more than 48% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
761 ATLANTA CITY	3.6	48	4.1	60	3.7	50	3.5	44	3.5	44	3.5	45	3.6	47
611 BIBB	3.6	49	4.4	67	3.9	59	3.7	51	3.9	54	3.8	56	3.9	56
629 CLARKE	3.6	48	3.6	49	3.8	53	3.7	51	3.6	47	3.7	52	3.6	48
631 CLAYTON	3.5	43	4.0	58	3.7	50	3.5	46	3.5	45	3.7	49	3.6	47
644 DEKALB	3.6	48	4.4	65	4.0	62	3.7	51	3.7	51	3.7	52	3.8	54
647 DOUGHERTY	3.5	44	4.2	61	3.7	53	3.6	49	3.6	50	3.7	49	3.7	50
726 GRIFFIN-SPALDING	3.6	47	3.8	54	3.6	48	3.6	50	3.6	47	3.7	50	3.6	48
689 LIBERTY	3.5	43	3.8	54	3.7	50	3.5	46	3.6	49	3.7	49	3.6	47
706 MUSCOGEE	3.6	48	4.0	58	3.8	54	3.6	49	3.6	47	3.7	50	3.7	50
721 RICHMOND	3.5	43	3.8	55	3.7	50	3.6	49	3.6	47	3.7	50	3.6	48
625 SAVANNAH-CHATHAM	3.7	51	4.1	58	3.9	57	3.8	53	3.6	49	3.8	54	3.8	52
741 TROUP	3.8	52	4.2	62	3.9	57	4.0	58	3.9	55	3.8	54	3.9	56
Comparison Group	3.6		4.0		3.8		3.6		3.6		3.6		3.7	
Comparison Group 4: Mid-sized systems with fewer than 32% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
607 BARROW	3.8	54	4.0	57	4.0	63	4.2	62	4.0	60	4.0	60	3.9	58
765 CALHOUN CITY	3.8	55	4.3	64	4.1	64	4.5	68	4.0	59	3.9	59	4.0	61
623 CATOOSA	4.0	57	4.4	65	4.0	63	4.1	61	4.1	61	4.0	60	4.0	60
642 DAWSON	4.2	62	4.6	72	4.2	67	4.7	72	4.5	71	4.2	65	4.3	69
651 EFFINGHAM	4.0	58	4.1	59	4.2	66	4.4	66	4.0	60	4.1	63	4.0	61
684 JONES	4.0	59	4.1	59	4.0	63	4.0	57	3.9	56	3.9	58	3.9	57
688 LEE	4.0	60	5.3	82	4.2	66	4.5	68	4.2	64	4.3	68	4.3	68
708 OCONEE	4.3	64	4.5	70	4.5	74	4.6	71	4.1	63	4.3	68	4.3	69
714 PIKE	3.7	51	4.2	62	3.9	59	3.9	54	3.9	56	3.9	58	3.9	56
Comparison Group	4.0		4.4		4.1		4.3		4.1		4.1		4.1	



Table 4a, continued

ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 3

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	55	3.9	58	3.9	58
Comparison Group 5: Mid-sized systems with 34% TO 38% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
615 BRYAN	4.1	60	4.4	68	4.2	67	4.5	68	4.0	60	4.2	67	4.1	65
620. CAMDEN	3.9	56	4.8	78	4.2	67	4.2	65	3.9	55	4.1	61	4.1	63
767 CARTERSVILLE CITY	4.3	64	4.6	73	4.5	75	4.5	69	4.2	64	4.2	65	4.3	68
641 DADE	3.6	48	4.2	61	3.7	50	3.6	48	3.5	45	3.8	53	3.7	50
664 GORDON	3.8	53	4.2	60	4.0	61	4.0	58	3.9	54	4.0	59	3.9	57
668 HABERSHAM	4.0	58	4.4	65	4.2	66	4.3	65	4.1	61	3.9	58	4.0	61
672 HARRIS	4.3	65	4.7	76	4.5	75	5.0	78	4.4	68	4.3	69	4.5	74
692 LOWNDES	4.1	61	4.7	75	4.4	72	4.7	72	4.1	63	4.2	66	4.3	68
693 LUMPKIN	4.0	60	4.5	70	4.1	64	4.4	66	4.0	60	4.0	60	4.1	63
712 PICKENS	3.6	48	4.0	57	3.7	51	4.0	57	3.9	54	3.7	51	3.8	52
727 STEPHENS	4.0	59	4.4	66	4.3	69	4.2	64	4.1	61	4.1	64	4.1	64
747 WALTON	3.8	53	4.2	61	3.8	55	4.0	59	3.8	53	3.8	54	3.9	55
754 WHITE	4.1	61	4.2	62	4.2	67	4.3	65	4.1	62	4.1	63	4.1	63
Comparison Group	4.0		4.4		4.1		4.3		4.0		4.0		4.1	

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 3

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
<u>GEORGIA</u>	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	55	3.9	58	3.9	58
Comparison Group 6: Mid-sized systems with 39% TO 45% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
766 CARROLLTON CITY	3.7	50	3.7	50	3.5	44	3.6	50	3.4	42	3.5	44	3.6	45
655 FANNIN	4.2	63	4.2	61	4.0	62	4.2	63	3.9	56	4.1	62	4.0	60
659 FRANKLIN	3.9	57	4.4	65	3.9	57	4.0	58	4.0	58	4.0	59	3.9	58
661 GILMER	3.7	52	4.0	57	3.8	54	4.0	57	3.9	57	3.8	56	3.9	55
671 HARALSON	3.6	50	3.7	51	3.9	56	3.9	55	3.8	53	3.7	51	3.8	52
673 HART	3.8	55	4.5	70	4.1	64	4.1	61	4.1	61	4.1	62	4.0	61
678 JACKSON	4.0	57	4.4	67	4.2	66	4.2	63	4.0	57	4.1	61	4.0	61
695 MADISON	3.7	52	4.2	61	3.9	55	4.0	57	3.9	56	3.8	56	3.9	55
702 MONROE	3.7	51	3.7	50	3.7	50	3.8	53	3.6	49	3.8	56	3.7	50
704 MORGAN	3.6	50	4.2	62	3.9	59	4.0	60	3.9	56	3.8	56	3.9	56
705 MURRAY	3.7	52	4.2	62	3.9	58	3.9	54	3.6	48	3.8	56	3.8	54
709 OGLETHORPE	4.0	58	4.2	61	4.0	62	4.1	62	3.8	52	4.0	60	4.0	58
715 POLK	3.6	47	3.7	50	3.7	53	3.8	52	3.6	48	3.6	49	3.6	48
719 RABUN	4.5	70	4.8	78	4.7	80	5.1	79	4.5	69	4.5	75	4.5	76
744 UNION	4.5	68	4.7	76	4.5	74	4.6	70	4.4	68	4.2	67	4.3	70
Comparison Group	3.9		4.2		4.0		4.1		3.9		3.9		3.9	



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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 3

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	55	3.9	58	3.9	58
Comparison Group 7: Mid-sized systems with 46% TO 55% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
605 BALDWIN	3.8	54	4.4	67	4.1	64	4.1	61	4.1	63	3.8	56	4.0	61
606 BANKS	4.0	59	4.4	68	4.1	63	4.5	69	4.1	61	4.1	61	4.1	63
610 BERRIEN	3.5	45	4.2	63	3.7	50	3.6	49	3.6	48	3.6	48	3.7	49
612 BLECKLEY	3.9	56	4.4	68	4.1	65	4.2	63	4.0	58	4.0	59	4.0	61
613 BRANTLEY	4.0	57	4.3	63	4.0	61	4.0	57	3.6	50	4.0	59	3.9	57
616 BULLOCH	3.8	55	4.4	65	4.1	63	4.2	65	3.9	55	4.1	62	4.0	60
618 BUTTS	3.3	39	3.6	48	3.5	45	3.3	40	3.4	41	3.5	43	3.4	40
627 CHATTOOGA	3.8	53	3.5	45	3.7	53	3.9	54	3.8	53	3.7	52	3.7	50
635 COLQUITT	3.8	53	4.4	66	4.0	60	4.2	64	3.9	56	4.0	60	4.0	59
639 CRAWFORD	3.6	48	4.0	57	3.7	49	3.6	48	3.5	46	3.6	46	3.6	47
772 DALTON CITY	3.8	53	4.0	58	3.9	58	4.0	58	3.6	48	3.7	52	3.8	53
773 DECATUR CITY	4.0	58	4.0	57	4.2	66	4.1	61	4.0	58	4.0	60	4.0	60
652 ELBERT	3.8	52	4.4	68	3.8	55	3.8	53	3.6	49	3.8	55	3.8	54
665 GRADY	3.7	50	3.9	55	4.0	62	4.0	60	3.7	52	3.8	54	3.8	54
674 HEARD	3.9	56	4.2	61	3.9	59	4.1	61	4.0	58	3.8	55	3.9	58
680 JEFF DAVIS	3.6	49	4.1	60	3.8	53	3.8	53	3.7	51	3.7	49	3.8	52
685 LAMAR	3.5	45	3.8	54	3.6	48	3.7	50	3.6	46	3.6	47	3.6	48
687 LAURENS	3.8	55	4.5	70	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	56	4.1	63	4.0	60
781 MARIETTA CITY	4.0	57	4.6	73	4.2	67	4.3	65	4.0	58	4.1	63	4.1	64
697 MCDUFFIE	3.7	50	4.4	67	4.0	61	4.0	58	3.7	51	3.8	56	3.9	57
713 PIERCE	3.8	55	4.0	57	3.9	58	4.1	61	3.8	52	3.9	57	3.9	56
736 THOMAS	3.8	53	4.5	70	4.0	62	4.2	64	3.9	55	4.1	61	4.0	61
745 THOMASTON-UPSON	3.6	48	4.2	62	3.7	52	3.7	50	3.6	47	3.7	50	3.7	50
737 TIFT	3.6	50	4.3	64	4.1	65	4.1	61	3.7	51	3.9	57	3.9	58
793 VIDALIA CITY	3.6	49	3.8	55	3.8	54	3.7	52	3.6	50	3.8	54	3.8	51
746 WALKER	3.8	52	4.1	58	4.0	62	4.2	64	4.0	58	3.8	53	3.9	57
751 WAYNE	3.8	54	4.3	64	3.9	57	4.0	59	4.0	58	4.1	61	3.9	58
Comparison Group	3.8		4.2		3.9		4.0		3.8		3.9		3.9	
Comparison Group 8: Mid-sized systems with 57% TO 64% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
601 APPLING	3.8	52	4.4	66	3.8	54	4.0	57	4.0	58	4.0	59	3.9	57
609 BEN HILL	3.3	39	3.6	48	3.4	39	3.5	46	3.5	43	3.3	37	3.4	40
624 CHARLTON	3.6	48	3.8	54	3.9	55	4.0	57	3.8	53	3.8	53	3.8	54

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 3

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	55	3.9	58	3.9	58
634 COFFEE	3.6	48	4.2	61	3.9	59	3.9	55	3.6	48	3.7	52	3.8	53
637 COOK	3.6	47	4.4	65	3.8	53	3.9	54	3.6	49	3.7	50	3.8	53
643 DECATUR	3.8	55	4.6	74	4.0	63	4.5	68	4.0	59	4.1	63	4.1	63
645 DODGE	4.0	57	4.7	76	4.1	64	4.2	63	4.1	60	4.2	67	4.1	65
774 DUBLIN CITY	3.6	48	4.0	58	3.8	55	3.6	48	3.4	42	3.8	53	3.7	48
776 GAINESVILLE CITY	4.0	60	4.4	65	4.2	66	4.5	69	3.9	55	4.1	62	4.1	63
711 PEACH	3.5	44	3.6	48	3.6	47	3.4	43	3.5	43	3.6	45	3.5	44
785 ROME CITY	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.0	61	4.2	62	4.0	60	3.9	59	4.0	59
792 VALDOSTA CITY	3.4	42	4.3	64	3.7	51	3.5	46	3.5	44	3.6	49	3.7	49
748 WARE	3.9	57	4.5	70	4.1	65	4.0	59	3.9	55	4.0	60	4.0	60
759 WORTH	3.6	48	3.7	49	3.6	48	3.6	47	3.5	46	3.7	51	3.6	47
Comparison Group	3.7		4.2		3.8		3.9		3.7		3.8		3.8	

Table 4a, continued

ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 3

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	55	3.9	58	3.9	58
Comparison Group 9: Mid-sized systems with 65% TO 70% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
640 CRISP	3.5	46	4.1	58	3.9	56	3.8	53	3.5	45	3.6	45	3.7	48
649 EARLY	3.4	42	4.2	61	3.9	55	4.5	69	3.9	56	3.6	46	3.9	55
653 EMANUEL	3.7	51	3.8	55	3.9	56	4.1	61	3.7	51	3.6	48	3.8	53
654 EVANS	3.3	36	3.4	39	3.5	44	3.1	36	3.1	31	3.3	39	3.3	35
717 PUTNAM	3.7	51	4.1	59	4.0	60	3.8	53	3.6	48	3.9	58	3.8	53
724 SCREVEN	3.4	42	3.9	56	4.0	62	3.6	49	3.2	37	3.6	46	3.6	47
732 TATNALL	3.6	49	4.3	64	3.8	54	3.7	50	3.5	43	3.7	50	3.7	50
789 THOMASVILLE CITY	3.5	46	4.4	68	3.8	54	3.6	50	3.5	44	3.8	53	3.8	51
738 TOOMS	4.0	57	4.4	66	4.0	62	4.2	64	4.1	61	4.1	62	4.0	61
742 TURNER	3.8	53	5.2	81	4.6	77	4.0	57	4.1	61	4.1	61	4.2	66
750 WASHINGTON	3.5	46	4.1	60	3.6	47	3.9	54	3.4	41	3.8	54	3.7	49
Comparison Group	3.6		4.2		3.9		3.8		3.6		3.7		3.8	
Comparison Group 10: Mid-sized systems with more than 74% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
614 BROOKS	3.3	37	3.8	53	3.5	43	3.2	37	3.1	33	3.3	38	3.4	39
617 BURKE	3.4	43	3.7	51	3.6	47	3.6	47	3.6	48	3.7	51	3.6	46
666 GREENE	3.5	45	4.5	70	3.9	57	3.6	48	3.6	48	3.7	52	3.9	55
681 JEFFERSON	3.3	39	3.8	53	3.6	46	3.3	40	3.2	36	3.5	44	3.4	41
694 MACON	2.9	28	3.5	43	3.4	38	3.1	35	3.2	34	3.1	30	3.2	33
699 MERIWETHER	3.0	30	3.5	42	3.3	35	3.1	34	3.1	31	3.3	38	3.2	33
701 MITCHELL	3.0	31	3.7	50	3.4	36	3.6	49	3.2	36	3.3	38	3.3	38
729 SUMTER	3.4	41	4.2	60	3.5	43	3.5	45	3.3	41	3.5	44	3.5	44
743 TWIGGS	3.1	35	3.6	48	3.5	44	3.1	36	3.1	32	3.3	37	3.3	36
Comparison Group	3.2		3.8		3.5		3.3		3.3		3.4		3.4	



Table 4a, continued

ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 3

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	55	3.9	58	3.9	58
Comparison Group 11: Small systems with fewer than 22% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
763 BREMEN CITY	4.4	67	5.4	84	4.7	79	5.1	79	4.8	76	4.5	73	4.6	77
769 CHICKAMAUGA CITY	4.1	61	4.4	69	3.9	59	4.1	60	4.2	64	4.0	60	4.1	62
791 TRION CITY	4.5	70	4.7	76	4.3	71	5.0	78	4.5	70	4.5	73	4.5	74
Comparison Group	4.3		4.8		4.3		4.7		4.5		4.3		4.4	
Comparison Group 12: Small systems with 33% TO 43% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
764 BUFORD CITY	4.4	67	4.6	73	4.3	70	5.0	77	4.7	74	4.3	68	4.4	72
771 COMMERCE CITY	4.2	62	4.9	79	4.3	69	4.5	68	4.0	59	4.3	68	4.3	67
779 JEFFERSON CITY	3.8	54	4.5	70	4.0	61	4.0	59	3.9	57	4.0	59	4.0	59
786 SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY	3.5	46	4.1	60	3.6	48	4.0	59	3.6	50	3.6	45	3.8	50
739 TOWNS	4.3	65	4.9	79	4.3	70	4.5	70	4.1	63	4.1	63	4.3	69
Comparison Group	4.0		4.6		4.1		4.4		4.1		4.1		4.2	
Comparison Group 13: Small systems with 47% TO 59% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
603 BACON	3.6	48	4.3	64	4.0	60	3.8	53	3.5	46	3.8	54	3.8	54
650 ECHOLS	3.6	49	4.2	61	3.8	55	3.7	50	3.9	54	3.6	49	3.8	51
662 GLASCOCK	3.8	54	4.3	63	4.0	63	4.8	73	3.9	57	4.1	62	4.0	62
690 LINCOLN	3.7	50	4.1	59	3.7	52	3.9	55	3.9	54	3.7	50	3.8	52
700 MILLER	3.5	45	4.2	60	4.3	71	6.0	88	4.2	65	4.1	63	4.3	69
756 WILCOX	3.7	50	4.2	62	4.3	68	4.1	62	3.9	54	3.7	52	3.9	57
757 WILKES	3.3	38	3.9	56	3.7	51	3.6	47	3.5	43	3.6	45	3.6	45
Comparison Group	3.6		4.2		4.0		4.3		3.8		3.8		3.9	

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 3

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	55	3.9	58	3.9	58
Comparison Group 14: Small systems with 60% TO 67% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
621 CANDLER	3.5	46	4.1	58	3.9	57	3.6	48	3.5	46	3.8	54	3.8	50
632 CLINCH	3.8	52	4.2	61	4.0	62	4.2	64	3.8	54	3.6	47	3.9	56
679 JASPER	3.8	52	4.2	62	3.6	47	3.8	52	3.8	52	3.7	51	3.8	52
686 LANIER	3.4	43	4.1	59	3.8	54	4.0	56	3.9	54	3.7	50	3.8	53
696 MARION	3.5	47	4.2	60	3.9	57	4.3	66	3.9	54	3.9	58	3.9	57
698 MCINTOSH	3.4	40	3.5	43	3.7	49	3.5	46	3.3	37	3.4	39	3.4	40
703 MONTGOMERY	3.3	39	3.5	43	3.4	40	3.1	36	3.1	34	3.3	37	3.3	35
716 PULASKI	3.8	52	4.3	64	3.9	59	3.6	50	3.7	51	3.7	52	3.8	54
723 SCHLEY	3.6	48	4.4	67	4.0	61	4.0	57	3.9	55	3.9	57	3.9	57
725 SEMINOLE	3.4	41	3.7	53	3.5	41	3.3	41	3.3	39	3.6	46	3.4	41
740 TREUTLEN	3.4	43	4.0	57	3.9	57	3.5	44	3.5	43	3.7	51	3.6	48
758 WILKINSON	3.5	45	4.0	58	3.9	55	4.0	56	3.6	50	3.6	46	3.8	51
Comparison Group	3.5		4.0		3.8		3.7		3.6		3.7		3.7	
Comparison Group 15: Small systems with 68% TO 73% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
626 CHATTAHOOCHEE	3.4	41	3.7	52	3.7	50	3.6	47	3.4	42	3.6	46	3.6	45
682 JENKINS	3.4	41	3.6	46	3.9	59	3.7	51	3.6	49	3.6	48	3.7	48
683 JOHNSON	3.3	38	3.4	39	3.5	43	3.3	40	3.2	34	3.1	33	3.3	37
691 LONG	3.4	43	3.6	48	4.0	61	3.8	53	3.5	45	3.8	53	3.6	48
784 PELHAM CITY	3.9	56	4.6	73	4.4	73	4.2	64	3.8	53	4.3	68	4.1	64
733 TAYLOR	3.3	36	3.6	48	3.5	42	3.1	35	3.2	35	3.5	43	3.3	37
734 TELFAIR	3.6	49	4.1	59	3.8	54	5.1	78	4.3	67	3.8	55	4.0	61
753 WHEELER	4.1	61	4.4	67	3.9	57	4.2	65	4.1	61	3.8	53	4.0	59
Comparison Group	3.5		3.9		3.8		3.9		3.6		3.7		3.7	

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 3

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	3.8	54	4.4	65	4.0	62	4.0	59	3.9	55	3.9	58	3.9	58
Comparison Group 16: Small systems with 75% TO 90% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
602 ATKINSON	3.5	45	4.5	70	3.9	57	3.3	41	3.2	37	3.7	51	3.7	48
604 BAKER	3.5	45	4.1	59	3.6	46	3.4	42	3.3	40	3.6	48	3.5	44
630 CLAY	2.7	22	3.3	37	3.2	30	2.8	26	2.8	24	3.0	27	2.9	25
646 DOOLY	3.2	36	4.4	65	3.5	42	3.1	36	3.2	35	3.6	45	3.4	41
670 HANCOCK	3.6	49	4.4	66	3.9	55	3.3	40	3.5	44	3.6	47	3.7	50
677 IRWIN	3.6	47	3.6	48	3.7	53	4.0	56	3.6	49	3.7	50	3.6	48
720 RANDOLPH	3.2	35	3.6	47	3.5	43	2.9	30	2.9	25	3.1	32	3.2	33
728 STEWART	3.2	36	4.2	60	3.7	50	3.5	43	3.9	55	3.5	44	3.6	47
730 TALBOT	2.8	24	2.8	25	3.2	30	2.7	26	3.0	29	3.0	29	2.9	25
749 WARREN	3.0	30	3.5	44	3.3	32	2.8	27	3.0	30	3.3	37	3.1	30
752 WEBSTER	3.1	32	3.7	53	3.5	42	3.5	44	3.3	40	3.5	44	3.4	41
Comparison Group	3.2		3.8		3.5		3.2		3.2		3.4		3.4	
Comparison Group 17: Small systems with more than 90% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
619 CALHOUN	3.3	36	3.9	56	3.4	36	3.0	34	3.2	36	3.3	39	3.3	36
718 QUITMAN	3.0	29	3.4	38	3.4	36	3.0	33	3.0	27	3.0	29	3.2	31
731 TALIAFERRO	2.9	28	3.3	37	3.6	47	3.4	42	3.1	31	3.3	37	3.2	33
735 TERRELL	3.2	36	4.1	60	3.4	39	3.1	36	3.2	36	3.6	45	3.4	40
Comparison Group	3.1		3.7		3.5		3.1		3.1		3.3		3.3	

Table 3b

ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed Alphabetically Spring 1999
Grade 5

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
<u>GEORGIA</u>	6.0	53	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.4	60	6.0	56	6.2	59	6.1	58
601 APPLING	5.9	53	6.6	63	5.8	54	6.7	63	6.0	56	6.2	59	6.1	57
602 ATKINSON	5.3	44	6.1	55	5.4	42	5.5	47	5.1	40	5.2	44	5.3	43
761 ATLANTA CITY	5.7	49	6.5	61	5.6	49	5.5	47	5.8	51	5.6	50	5.7	50
603 BACON	5.1	41	5.3	41	5.3	42	5.6	49	5.1	39	5.3	45	5.2	41
604 BAKER	4.8	35	6.3	58	5.2	38	5.3	43	4.5	29	5.2	43	5.1	39
605 BALDWIN	6.0	53	6.9	65	6.5	63	6.3	59	6.0	56	6.1	56	6.1	58
606 BANKS	5.8	50	5.5	47	5.6	47	5.7	50	5.7	51	5.6	48	5.5	46
607 BARROW	6.0	54	6.5	61	6.5	64	6.9	65	6.2	60	6.2	58	6.2	60
608 BARTOW	5.8	50	6.6	62	6.2	59	6.3	59	5.6	49	5.9	54	6.0	55
609 BEN HILL	5.1	39	5.9	52	5.3	41	5.7	51	5.3	43	5.3	45	6.0	55
610 BERRIEN	5.4	46	6.3	57	5.6	48	5.8	51	5.8	51	5.5	47	5.6	48
611 BIBB	5.8	50	7.2	67	5.9	55	5.6	49	5.8	53	6.1	56	6.0	55
612 BLECKLEY	6.0	55	7.4	70	6.7	68	7.1	68	6.7	65	6.3	59	6.6	64
613 BRANTLEY	5.9	53	6.5	60	5.6	50	6.1	57	5.7	50	5.7	51	5.8	52
763 BREMEN CITY	6.8	66	7.2	67	6.7	68	8.5	79	7.2	70	7.2	69	7.1	71
614 BROOKS	5.5	46	6.6	63	6.0	56	5.9	53	5.5	47	5.6	49	5.8	52
615 BRYAN	6.1	56	6.6	63	6.3	61	7.1	68	6.1	57	6.3	60	6.2	60
764 BUFORD CITY	6.2	56	6.6	63	6.5	64	7.0	67	6.2	59	6.2	58	6.2	60
616 BULLOCH	6.2	57	7.4	69	6.7	67	7.2	69	6.3	61	6.7	65	6.6	65
617 BURKE	5.0	39	5.6	48	5.5	46	5.1	41	5.1	37	5.1	41	5.1	39
618 BUTTS	5.2	41	6.2	56	5.4	43	5.3	42	4.9	35	5.6	48	5.2	42
619 CALHOUN	5.3	44	6.3	57	5.6	49	5.3	44	5.1	40	5.2	43	5.3	43
765 CALHOUN CITY	6.4	59	7.7	74	6.7	67	7.5	72	6.5	62	6.6	63	6.8	67
620 CAMDEN	6.0	55	7.5	72	6.6	67	6.5	61	6.2	59	6.4	61	6.4	62
621 CANDLER	5.5	46	5.9	52	5.8	54	6.0	55	5.5	47	5.6	49	5.6	48
622 CARROLL	5.6	48	6.2	56	5.6	47	5.9	54	5.6	48	5.7	51	5.6	49
766 CARROLLTON CITY	6.2	57	7.4	69	6.5	65	6.6	62	6.1	57	6.6	63	6.4	62
767 CARTERSVILLE CITY	6.6	62	7.4	69	7.2	74	7.5	72	7.1	68	6.7	65	7.0	69
623 CATOOSA	6.2	58	7.3	68	6.3	60	7.2	68	6.9	66	6.7	64	6.6	64
624 CHARLTON	5.2	42	5.3	42	5.6	49	5.5	49	5.3	43	5.1	41	5.2	42
626 CHATTAHOOCHEE	5.2	43	6.3	57	5.7	50	6.4	60	5.8	53	6.0	55	5.8	52
627 CHATTOOGA	5.7	49	5.9	53	5.3	42	5.6	49	5.6	49	5.7	51	5.5	47
628 CHEROKEE	6.4	60	7.7	73	6.7	69	7.6	72	7.0	68	6.9	67	7.0	69
769 CHICKAWAUGA CITY	6.4	60	6.7	63	6.4	62	7.4	71	7.0	68	6.3	60	6.6	64
629 CLARKE	5.7	49	6.2	55	5.8	54	5.9	54	5.5	47	5.9	54	5.7	50

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed Alphabetically Spring 1999
Grade 5

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	6.0	53	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.4	60	6.0	56	6.2	59	6.1	58
630 CLAY	4.9	37	5.7	50	5.4	42	6.8	64	6.0	55	5.3	44	5.6	48
631 CLAYTON	5.4	45	6.2	56	5.5	46	5.4	46	5.4	45	5.6	47	5.4	45
632 CLINCH	5.3	43	6.5	61	5.7	51	5.2	42	5.3	44	5.5	47	5.4	46
633 COBB	6.4	60	7.5	72	6.8	70	7.2	69	6.7	64	6.9	67	6.8	67
634 COFFEE	5.5	46	6.5	61	6.0	57	6.2	58	5.8	53	6.0	55	5.9	54
635 COLQUITT	6.0	54	7.3	67	5.8	53	6.4	60	6.0	55	6.1	56	6.1	57
636 COLUMBIA	6.6	62	7.5	71	6.7	68	7.6	72	7.1	69	7.0	68	7.0	69
771 COMMERCE CITY	6.5	61	7.7	74	7.2	73	7.7	74	6.5	63	7.3	71	7.1	70
637 COOK	5.3	44	6.0	54	5.1	37	5.8	52	5.3	44	5.3	45	5.4	44
638 COWETA	6.1	56	6.6	61	6.5	64	7.2	68	6.4	62	6.5	61	6.4	62
639 CRAWFORD	6.0	53	6.6	63	6.1	59	6.7	63	6.0	56	6.6	63	6.1	59
640 CRISP	5.3	44	6.0	54	5.8	53	5.9	54	5.1	39	5.4	46	5.4	46
641 DADE	6.0	54	6.6	63	6.1	58	6.3	59	6.0	56	6.6	63	6.1	58
772 DALTON CITY	5.6	49	6.3	57	5.8	53	5.9	54	5.8	52	5.8	52	5.7	51
642 DAWSON	6.1	56	6.5	60	5.8	54	6.8	65	6.2	60	6.0	55	6.1	58
643 DECATUR	5.8	52	6.6	63	6.0	57	6.4	60	5.8	53	6.1	56	6.0	55
773 DECATUR CITY	7.2	69	7.5	71	7.1	72	7.3	69	6.8	65	7.4	72	7.1	70
644 DEKALB	5.6	48	6.6	63	6.0	57	5.7	51	5.7	51	6.1	56	5.9	53
645 DODGE	6.6	62	8.4	79	6.6	66	7.3	70	6.5	63	6.9	67	6.9	69
646 DOOLY	4.6	34	6.0	54	5.5	45	4.8	32	4.5	29	5.1	40	4.9	36
647 DOUGHERTY	5.2	42	5.8	51	5.5	45	5.3	45	5.1	40	5.6	48	5.3	43
648 DOUGLAS	6.1	55	7.3	68	6.4	62	6.7	64	6.3	60	6.5	62	6.3	61
774 DUBLIN CITY	5.7	49	6.3	57	6.2	60	5.6	49	5.2	41	5.6	50	5.6	49
649 EARLY	5.4	45	6.9	66	5.3	42	7.0	67	5.7	50	5.8	51	5.9	54
650 ECHOLS	6.0	54	6.3	57	6.5	65	6.4	60	6.2	58	6.1	55	6.0	56

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed Alphabetically Spring 1999
Grade 5

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	6.0	53	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.4	60	6.0	56	6.2	59	6.1	58
651 EFFINGHAM	6.0	55	6.4	58	6.6	66	6.7	63	6.0	56	6.3	60	6.1	58
652 ELBERT	5.6	48	6.8	65	5.8	53	6.3	58	5.9	54	5.8	52	5.9	54
653 EMANUEL	5.6	48	6.4	59	5.7	50	6.5	61	6.1	57	5.9	52	5.9	53
654 EVANS	5.1	41	5.2	39	5.6	47	5.5	49	5.2	41	5.2	44	5.2	41
655 FANNIN	6.3	58	6.5	60	6.3	61	7.0	67	6.5	63	6.5	62	6.3	61
656 FAYETTE	6.9	66	7.7	73	7.6	78	7.7	73	7.2	69	7.4	72	7.3	73
657 FLOYD	6.0	55	6.5	60	5.9	55	6.5	61	6.1	58	6.0	55	6.0	57
658 FORSYTH	6.7	65	8.0	76	7.7	71	7.7	74	7.2	70	7.3	71	7.3	72
659 FRANKLIN	6.0	54	6.3	57	6.2	59	6.5	61	6.3	60	5.9	54	6.0	56
660 FULTON	6.4	60	7.7	74	7.0	71	7.1	68	6.7	65	7.1	69	6.9	69
776 GAINESVILLE CITY	6.0	54	6.7	63	6.0	57	6.0	55	6.0	55	6.4	61	6.1	59
661 GILMER	6.0	54	6.3	57	5.9	55	6.3	59	6.2	58	6.0	55	6.0	55
662 GLASCOCK	6.8	65	7.8	75	7.1	72	7.5	71	6.3	61	6.9	67	6.9	69
663 GLYNN	5.7	49	5.9	53	6.1	58	6.2	58	6.0	56	5.9	54	5.9	53
664 GORDON	6.1	56	7.3	68	6.2	60	7.1	68	6.5	62	6.4	61	6.4	62
665 GRADY	5.9	52	6.4	59	6.4	63	6.3	59	5.6	49	6.2	57	6.0	57
666 GREENE	5.2	42	6.3	57	5.3	41	5.0	38	4.8	32	5.0	39	5.2	42
726 GRIFFIN-SPALDING	5.5	46	6.3	57	5.4	42	5.8	52	5.4	45	5.8	52	5.6	48
667 GWINNETT	6.6	63	7.8	75	7.0	71	7.4	70	6.9	66	7.2	70	7.1	70
668 HABERSHAM	6.4	60	7.6	72	6.5	64	7.2	68	6.8	65	6.7	65	6.7	66
669 HALL	6.0	55	6.1	54	6.3	60	6.6	62	6.1	58	6.2	57	6.0	57
670 HANCOCK	5.4	45	6.4	59	5.7	50	5.1	39	5.1	37	5.7	50	5.4	45
671 HARALSON	5.7	49	5.9	52	5.6	47	6.1	56	5.6	49	5.6	50	5.6	48
672 HARRIS	6.3	59	6.6	63	6.5	65	7.0	67	6.4	62	6.6	63	6.4	63
673 HART	6.0	54	7.4	69	6.4	62	6.7	64	6.0	56	6.4	61	6.2	60
674 HEARD	5.8	50	5.8	52	5.6	47	7.1	68	5.8	52	5.7	51	5.8	52
675 HENRY	6.0	54	6.8	65	6.1	59	6.3	59	6.2	60	6.4	61	6.1	59
676 HOUSTON	6.0	54	6.7	64	6.3	60	6.8	64	6.5	63	6.5	62	6.3	61
677 IRWIN	5.5	46	6.3	57	6.5	65	5.9	54	5.5	47	5.8	51	5.7	51
678 JACKSON	5.9	53	6.2	55	6.2	59	6.3	59	6.0	55	6.1	56	6.0	55

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed Alphabetically Spring 1999
Grade 5

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	6.0	53	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.4	60	6.0	55	6.2	59	6.1	58
679 JASPER	5.8	52	7.1	67	5.6	49	5.8	51	5.4	45	6.4	60	5.9	53
680 JEFF DAVIS	5.5	47	6.1	54	5.7	52	6.1	57	5.7	51	5.7	50	5.7	51
681 JEFFERSON	4.9	38	5.5	46	5.5	46	5.5	47	5.0	37	5.1	42	5.1	40
779 JEFFERSON CITY	6.3	58	7.5	71	6.8	70	7.5	71	6.3	61	7.1	69	6.8	67
682 JENKINS	5.6	48	5.9	53	5.9	56	6.0	55	5.7	50	5.8	52	5.7	50
683 JOHNSON	5.2	42	5.8	51	6.0	57	5.3	42	4.9	34	5.7	50	5.4	46
684 JONES	6.0	55	6.3	58	6.2	60	6.3	59	5.9	54	6.1	56	6.0	56
685 LAMAR	5.3	44	5.5	46	5.3	42	5.5	48	5.3	44	5.3	45	5.3	42
686 LANIER	5.5	47	6.3	56	5.7	52	6.1	56	5.6	49	5.9	52	5.7	51
687 LAURENS	5.8	52	6.7	64	5.7	52	6.5	61	5.9	54	6.2	57	6.0	56
688 LEE	6.0	55	7.9	75	6.6	66	7.0	67	6.4	62	6.6	64	6.6	65
689 LIBERTY	5.5	47	6.3	57	5.8	53	5.8	52	5.6	49	6.0	55	5.7	50
690 LINCOLN	5.9	52	6.7	63	5.9	55	6.4	60	6.1	58	6.1	56	6.0	56
691 LONG	5.1	40	4.9	37	5.6	49	5.6	50	5.6	48	5.4	45	5.2	41
692 LOWNDES	6.2	57	7.5	71	6.6	67	7.4	71	6.8	66	6.6	63	6.8	66
693 LUMPKIN	6.2	57	7.4	70	6.7	67	7.3	69	6.7	65	6.6	64	6.7	66
694 MACON	4.5	31	5.9	53	5.3	39	4.6	30	4.4	27	4.8	34	4.8	33
695 MADISON	6.2	58	7.4	70	6.4	62	7.1	67	6.3	61	6.7	65	6.5	64
781 MARIETTA CITY	6.2	57	7.3	67	6.7	69	6.6	62	6.3	61	6.7	65	6.5	64
696 MARION	5.7	49	5.3	41	5.0	36	5.9	52	5.0	36	5.1	41	5.1	40
697 MCDUFFIE	5.5	47	6.4	58	5.5	45	6.1	57	5.6	48	5.7	51	5.7	49
698 MCINTOSH	4.8	36	4.6	32	5.3	42	5.1	40	4.9	34	4.6	32	4.8	33
699 MERIWETHER	5.0	39	5.7	48	5.3	40	4.9	37	4.9	34	5.1	40	5.0	37
700 MILLER	5.6	48	5.8	51	5.6	50	6.8	64	5.6	49	5.9	53	5.7	51
701 MITCHELL	4.6	33	5.6	47	4.8	33	4.9	37	4.3	26	5.0	38	4.8	33
702 MONROE	5.8	50	5.7	50	5.5	45	5.9	54	5.6	49	5.6	50	5.6	48
703 MONTGOMERY	5.4	46	6.0	53	5.6	49	5.7	50	5.6	48	5.7	51	5.5	47
704 MORGAN	6.6	62	8.7	82	7.0	71	7.7	73	7.6	74	7.3	71	7.3	73
705 MURRAY	5.8	50	6.7	64	5.7	52	6.1	56	5.8	52	5.9	53	5.9	53
706 MUSCOGEE	5.7	49	6.1	54	5.7	52	6.1	56	5.8	53	6.0	55	5.8	52

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed Alphabetically Spring 1999
Grade 5

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	6.0	53	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.4	60	6.0	56	6.2	59	6.1	58
707 NEWTON	5.8	52	6.5	61	6.3	60	6.2	58	6.1	57	5.9	54	6.0	56
708 O'CONNOR	6.9	66	7.6	72	6.9	70	7.7	74	7.2	70	7.3	70	7.2	71
709 OGLETHORPE	6.2	57	7.4	70	6.7	69	6.7	62	6.0	55	6.4	61	6.4	62
710 PAULDING	6.0	53	6.5	61	5.8	54	6.4	60	5.8	52	6.2	57	6.0	55
711 PEACH	5.4	45	5.7	50	5.4	43	5.5	47	5.3	44	5.5	47	5.4	44
784 PELHAM CITY	5.2	41	6.4	59	5.3	42	5.9	54	5.6	48	5.7	51	5.6	48
712 PICKENS	6.0	55	6.7	64	6.3	61	6.8	64	6.2	59	6.4	61	6.2	60
713 PIERCE	6.1	55	6.3	57	6.1	58	6.1	56	5.3	44	6.0	55	5.8	52
714 PIKE	5.9	53	6.5	61	5.7	52	5.8	52	5.6	48	5.9	53	5.8	53
715 POLK	5.9	52	6.3	58	6.1	58	6.4	60	6.0	56	6.2	57	6.0	56
716 PULASKI	5.8	52	7.4	69	6.5	63	7.9	76	5.6	49	6.2	59	6.4	62
717 PUTNAM	5.7	49	6.2	56	5.7	51	6.1	56	5.6	48	6.1	56	5.7	52
718 QUITMAN	3.8	21	4.4	26	4.3	20	4.0	21	4.6	31	4.3	27	4.2	22
719 RABUN	6.5	61	6.4	59	6.1	58	6.9	66	6.4	61	6.4	61	6.2	60
720 RANDOLPH	4.8	35	5.1	39	5.2	38	4.2	26	4.2	24	4.6	31	4.5	28
721 RICHMOND	5.4	44	6.2	56	5.6	48	5.7	50	5.4	46	5.9	53	5.6	47
722 ROCKDALE	6.7	64	7.7	74	6.9	70	7.6	72	7.0	68	7.2	70	7.1	70
785 ROME CITY	6.1	56	7.2	67	6.5	63	6.7	64	6.3	61	6.4	60	6.4	62
625 SAVANNAH-CHATHAM	5.7	49	6.3	58	5.7	53	5.9	53	5.6	48	5.9	54	5.7	51
723 SCHLEY	6.0	53	7.0	66	6.2	59	6.1	57	6.0	56	5.9	53	6.0	56
724 SCREVEN	5.3	44	6.1	54	5.9	56	5.1	40	4.9	34	5.1	40	5.3	42
725 SEMINOLE	5.4	45	6.6	61	5.5	46	5.6	49	5.1	39	5.7	51	5.5	47
786 SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY	5.6	48	5.8	51	5.8	53	5.9	52	5.3	44	5.8	51	5.6	48
727 STEPHENS	5.8	50	6.6	62	5.7	50	6.3	59	6.1	58	6.1	56	6.0	56
728 STEWART	5.0	38	6.5	59	6.0	56	4.9	37	5.0	36	5.1	41	5.3	43
729 SUMTER	4.9	38	5.7	49	5.2	39	4.9	35	4.7	32	5.0	38	4.9	35
730 TALBOT	4.0	24	4.3	25	4.8	33	4.0	22	4.1	22	4.2	25	4.1	21
731 TALLAHERRO	4.3	30	4.5	30	4.7	29	4.4	27	3.9	18	4.8	35	4.3	24
732 TATTNALL	5.0	39	5.7	50	5.4	43	5.7	51	5.0	37	5.2	42	5.2	41
733 TAYLOR	5.1	40	5.5	47	5.4	42	6.1	55	5.5	46	5.3	45	5.4	43

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed Alphabetically Spring 1999
Grade 5

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	6.0	53	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.4	60	6.0	56	6.2	59	6.1	58
734 TELFAIR	5.7	49	6.6	62	5.6	49	5.5	49	5.6	48	5.7	51	5.7	50
735 TERRELL	4.8	35	6.3	56	5.1	37	4.8	34	5.0	36	5.6	48	5.1	39
736 THOMAS	5.4	46	7.3	68	5.6	49	5.9	53	5.7	50	6.0	55	5.9	53
745 THOMASTON-UPSON	5.9	52	7.3	67	5.9	55	6.1	57	5.8	53	6.2	57	6.0	56
789 THOMASVILLE CITY	5.4	45	6.8	64	5.7	50	5.6	49	5.3	44	5.7	50	5.6	56
737 TIFT	5.6	49	6.4	59	5.9	55	5.9	53	5.6	49	5.6	48	5.7	50
738 TOOMBS	5.8	52	6.8	64	6.0	57	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.1	56	6.1	58
739 TOWNS	6.3	59	6.8	65	6.3	61	7.1	68	6.6	64	6.2	58	6.4	62
740 TREUTLEN	5.4	45	6.5	59	5.7	51	6.7	63	5.2	40	5.3	45	5.7	50
791 TRION CITY	7.2	69	9.7	88	7.2	74	7.5	71	6.7	65	7.3	71	7.4	75
741 TROUP	5.7	49	6.4	59	5.7	51	6.0	54	5.7	50	5.9	53	5.7	51
742 TURNER	5.8	50	6.8	65	6.5	65	5.9	54	5.4	46	5.5	47	5.9	53
743 TWIGGS	5.0	39	5.6	47	5.5	46	5.1	38	5.0	36	5.0	38	5.0	38
744 UNION	6.3	59	6.7	64	6.7	67	7.0	66	6.5	63	6.2	57	6.4	62
792 VALDOSTA CITY	5.1	40	5.9	52	5.6	47	5.1	38	5.1	39	5.3	44	5.2	41
793 VIDALIA CITY	6.2	57	6.7	64	6.5	63	6.6	62	6.0	57	6.5	61	6.2	60
746 WALKER	5.6	48	6.3	58	5.8	54	6.5	61	6.0	55	6.2	57	6.0	55
747 WALTON	5.7	50	6.3	57	5.9	56	6.2	58	5.8	53	5.9	54	5.9	53
748 WARE	6.0	54	7.2	67	6.5	65	6.1	57	5.8	53	6.3	59	6.1	58
749 WARREN	4.5	31	5.5	47	4.6	28	4.0	21	4.2	24	4.6	31	4.4	26
750 WASHINGTON	5.4	45	6.5	61	5.7	50	5.7	50	5.3	44	5.8	52	5.6	48
751 WAYNE	5.8	51	6.3	58	5.9	55	6.0	55	5.9	54	5.9	53	5.9	53
752 WEBSTER	5.4	44	6.6	62	5.5	44	6.1	56	5.1	38	5.1	40	5.4	46
753 WHEELER	5.5	46	6.4	58	5.9	56	5.9	53	5.8	52	5.7	50	5.7	50
754 WHITE	6.5	60	6.9	65	6.6	66	7.0	66	6.3	61	6.7	65	6.5	64
755 WHITFIELD	5.6	49	6.3	57	6.0	57	6.3	59	6.0	55	6.1	55	5.9	54
756 WILCOX	5.8	51	6.7	64	6.1	59	5.9	53	5.5	46	5.7	51	5.8	52
757 WILKES	5.6	48	6.5	60	5.8	53	5.9	54	5.7	50	5.9	52	5.7	51
758 WILKINSON	5.4	46	6.3	57	6.1	58	6.3	58	5.6	49	5.6	50	5.8	52
759 WORTH	5.5	47	5.7	50	5.5	47	5.5	49	5.4	45	5.5	47	5.4	45

Table 4b

ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 5

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	6.0	53	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.4	60	6.0	56	6.2	59	6.1	58
Comparison Group 1: Large systems with fewer than 22% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
628 CHEROKEE	6.4	60	7.7	73	6.7	69	7.6	72	7.0	68	6.9	67	7.0	69
633 COBB	6.4	60	7.5	72	6.8	70	7.2	69	6.7	64	6.9	67	6.8	67
636 COLUMBIA	6.6	62	7.5	71	6.7	68	7.6	72	7.1	69	7.0	68	7.0	69
656 FAYETTE	6.9	66	7.7	73	7.6	78	7.7	73	7.2	69	7.4	72	7.3	73
658 FORSYTH	6.7	65	8.0	76	7.0	71	7.7	74	7.2	70	7.3	71	7.3	72
667 GWINNETT	6.6	63	7.8	75	7.0	71	7.4	70	6.9	66	7.2	70	7.1	70
675 HENRY	6.0	54	6.8	65	6.1	59	6.3	59	6.2	60	6.4	61	6.1	59
710 PAULDING	6.0	53	6.5	61	5.8	54	6.4	60	5.8	52	6.2	57	6.0	55
Comparison Group	6.5		7.4		6.7		7.2		6.8		6.9		6.8	
Comparison Group 2: Large systems with 25% to 42% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
608 BARTOW	5.8	50	6.6	62	6.2	59	6.3	59	5.6	49	5.9	54	6.0	55
622 CARROLL	5.6	48	6.2	56	5.6	47	5.9	54	5.6	48	5.7	51	5.6	49
638 COWETA	6.1	56	6.6	61	6.5	64	7.2	68	6.4	62	6.5	61	6.4	62
648 DOUGLAS	6.1	55	7.3	68	6.4	62	6.7	64	6.3	60	6.5	62	6.3	61
657 FLOYD	6.0	55	6.5	60	5.9	55	6.5	61	6.1	58	6.0	55	6.0	57
660 FULTON	6.4	60	7.7	74	7.0	71	7.1	68	6.7	65	7.1	69	6.9	69
663 GLYNN	5.7	49	5.9	53	6.1	58	6.2	58	6.0	56	5.9	54	5.9	53
669 HALL	6.0	55	6.1	54	6.3	60	6.6	62	6.1	58	6.2	57	6.0	57
676 HOUSTON	6.0	54	6.7	64	6.3	60	6.8	64	6.5	63	6.5	62	6.3	61
707 NEWTON	5.8	52	6.5	61	6.3	60	6.2	58	6.1	57	5.9	54	6.0	56
722 ROCKDALE	6.7	64	7.7	74	6.9	70	7.6	72	7.0	68	7.2	70	7.1	70
755 WHITFIELD	5.6	49	6.3	57	6.0	57	6.3	59	6.0	55	6.1	55	5.9	54
Comparison Group	6.0		6.7		6.3		6.6		6.2		6.3		6.2	

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 5

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	6.0	53	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.4	60	6.0	56	6.2	59	6.1	58
Comparison Group 3: Large systems with more than 48% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
761 ATLANTA CITY	5.7	49	6.5	61	5.6	49	5.5	47	5.8	51	5.6	50	5.7	50
611 BIBB	5.8	50	7.2	67	5.9	55	5.6	49	5.8	53	6.1	56	6.0	55
629 CLARKE	5.7	49	6.2	55	5.8	54	5.9	54	5.5	47	5.9	54	5.7	50
631 CLAYTON	5.4	45	6.2	56	5.5	46	5.4	46	5.4	45	5.6	48	5.4	45
644 DEKALB	5.6	48	6.6	63	6.0	57	5.7	51	5.7	51	6.1	56	5.9	53
647 DOUGHERTY	5.2	42	5.8	51	5.5	45	5.3	45	5.1	40	5.6	48	5.3	43
726 GRIFFIN-SPALDING	5.5	46	6.3	57	5.4	42	5.8	52	5.4	45	5.8	52	5.6	48
689 LIBERTY	5.5	47	6.3	57	5.8	53	5.8	52	5.6	49	6.0	55	5.7	50
706 MUSCOGEE	5.7	49	6.1	54	5.7	52	6.1	56	5.8	53	6.0	55	5.8	52
721 RICHMOND	5.4	44	6.2	56	5.6	48	5.7	50	5.4	46	5.9	53	5.6	47
625 SAVANNAH-CHATHAM	5.7	49	6.3	58	5.7	53	5.9	53	5.6	48	5.9	54	5.7	51
741 TROUP	5.7	49	6.4	59	5.7	51	6.0	54	5.7	50	5.9	53	5.7	51
Comparison Group	5.6		6.3		5.7		5.7		5.6		5.9		5.7	
Comparison Group 4: Mid-sized systems with fewer than 32% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
607 BARROW	6.0	54	6.5	61	6.5	64	6.9	65	6.2	60	6.2	58	6.2	60
765 CALHOUN CITY	6.4	59	7.7	74	6.7	67	7.5	72	6.5	62	6.6	63	6.8	67
623 CATOOSA	6.2	58	7.3	68	6.3	60	7.2	68	6.9	66	6.7	64	6.6	64
642 DAWSON	6.1	56	6.5	60	5.8	54	6.8	65	6.2	60	6.0	55	6.1	58
651 EFFINGHAM	6.0	55	6.4	58	6.6	66	6.7	63	6.0	56	6.3	60	6.1	58
684 JONES	6.0	55	6.3	58	6.2	60	6.3	59	5.9	54	6.1	56	6.0	56
688 LEE	6.0	55	7.9	75	6.6	66	7.0	67	6.4	62	6.6	64	6.6	65
708 OCONEE	6.9	66	7.6	72	6.9	70	7.7	74	7.2	70	7.3	70	7.2	71
714 PIKE	5.9	53	6.5	61	5.7	52	5.8	52	5.6	48	5.9	53	5.8	53
Comparison Group	6.2		7.0		6.4		6.9		6.3		6.4		6.4	

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Grade 5

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	6.0	53	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.4	60	6.0	56	6.2	59	6.1	58
Comparison Group 5: Mid-sized systems with 34% TO 38% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
615 BRYAN	6.1	56	6.6	63	6.3	61	7.1	68	6.1	57	6.3	60	6.2	60
620 CAMDEN	6.0	55	7.5	72	6.6	67	6.5	61	6.2	59	6.4	61	6.4	62
767 CARTERSVILLE CITY	6.6	62	7.4	69	7.2	74	7.5	72	7.1	68	6.7	65	7.0	69
641 DADE	6.0	54	6.6	63	6.1	58	6.3	59	6.0	56	6.6	63	6.1	58
664 GORDON	6.1	56	7.3	68	6.2	60	7.1	68	6.5	62	6.4	61	6.4	62
668 HABERSHAM	6.4	60	7.6	72	6.5	64	7.2	68	6.8	65	6.7	65	6.7	66
672 HARRIS	6.3	59	6.6	63	6.5	65	7.0	67	6.4	62	6.6	63	6.4	63
692 LOWNDES	6.2	57	7.5	71	6.6	67	7.4	71	6.8	66	6.6	63	6.8	66
693 LUMPKIN	6.2	57	7.4	70	6.7	67	7.3	69	6.7	65	6.6	64	6.7	66
712 PICKENS	6.0	55	6.7	64	6.3	61	6.8	64	6.2	59	6.4	61	6.2	60
727 STEPHENS	5.8	50	6.6	62	5.7	50	6.3	59	6.1	58	6.1	56	6.0	56
747 WALTON	5.7	50	6.3	57	5.9	56	6.2	58	5.8	53	5.9	54	5.9	53
754 WHITE	6.5	60	6.9	65	6.6	66	7.0	66	6.3	61	6.7	65	6.5	64
Comparison Group	6.1		7.0		6.4		6.9		6.4		6.5		6.4	

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 5

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	6.0	53	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.4	60	6.0	56	6.2	59	6.1	58
Comparison Group 6: Mid-sized systems with 39% TO 45% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
766 CARROLLTON CITY	6.2	57	7.4	69	6.5	65	6.6	62	6.1	57	6.6	63	6.4	62
655 FANNIN	6.3	58	6.5	60	6.3	61	7.0	67	6.5	63	6.5	62	6.3	61
659 FRANKLIN	6.0	54	6.3	57	6.2	59	6.5	61	6.3	60	5.9	54	6.0	56
661 GILMER	6.0	54	6.3	57	5.9	55	6.3	59	6.2	58	6.0	55	6.0	55
671 HARALSON	5.7	49	5.9	52	5.6	47	6.1	56	5.6	49	5.6	50	5.6	48
673 HART	6.0	54	7.4	69	6.4	62	6.7	64	6.0	56	6.4	61	6.2	60
678 JACKSON	5.9	53	6.2	55	6.2	59	6.3	59	6.0	55	6.1	56	6.0	55
695 MADISON	6.2	58	7.4	70	6.4	62	7.1	67	6.3	61	6.7	65	6.5	64
702 MONROE	5.8	50	5.7	50	5.5	45	5.9	54	5.6	49	5.6	50	5.6	48
704 MORGAN	6.6	62	8.7	82	7.0	71	7.7	73	7.6	74	7.3	71	7.3	73
705 MURRAY	5.8	50	6.7	64	5.7	52	6.1	56	5.8	52	5.9	53	5.9	53
709 OGLETHORPE	6.2	57	7.4	70	6.7	69	6.7	62	6.0	55	6.4	61	6.4	62
715 POLK	5.9	52	6.3	58	6.1	58	6.4	60	6.0	56	6.2	57	6.0	56
719 RABUN	6.5	61	6.4	59	6.1	58	6.9	66	6.4	61	6.4	61	6.2	60
744 UNION	6.3	59	6.7	64	6.7	67	7.0	66	6.5	63	6.2	57	6.4	62
Comparison Group	6.1		6.8		6.2		6.6		6.2		6.3		6.2	

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 5

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	6.0	53	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.4	60	6.0	56	6.2	59	6.1	58
Comparison Group 7: Mid-sized systems with 46% TO 55% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
605 BALDWIN	6.0	53	6.9	65	6.5	63	6.3	59	6.0	56	6.1	56	6.1	58
606 BANKS	5.8	50	5.5	47	5.6	47	5.7	50	5.7	51	5.6	48	5.5	46
610 BERRIEN	5.4	46	6.3	57	5.6	48	5.8	51	5.8	51	5.5	47	5.6	48
612 BLECKLEY	6.0	55	7.4	70	6.7	68	7.1	68	6.7	65	6.3	59	6.6	64
613 BRANTLEY	5.9	53	6.5	60	5.6	50	6.1	57	5.7	51	5.7	51	5.8	52
616 BULLOCH	6.2	57	7.4	69	6.7	67	7.2	69	6.3	61	6.7	65	6.6	65
618 BUTTS	5.2	41	6.2	56	5.4	43	5.3	42	4.9	35	5.6	48	5.2	42
627 CHATTOGA	5.7	49	5.9	53	5.3	42	5.6	49	5.6	49	5.7	51	5.5	47
635 COLQUITT	6.0	54	7.3	67	5.8	53	6.4	60	6.0	55	6.1	56	6.1	57
639 CRAWFORD	6.0	53	6.6	63	6.1	59	6.7	63	6.0	56	6.6	63	6.1	59
772 DALTON CITY	5.6	49	6.3	57	5.8	53	5.9	54	5.8	52	5.8	52	5.7	51
773 DECATUR CITY	7.2	69	7.1	71	7.1	72	7.3	69	6.8	65	7.4	72	7.1	70
652 ELBERT	5.6	48	6.8	65	5.8	53	6.3	58	5.9	54	5.8	52	5.9	54
665 GRADY	5.9	52	6.4	59	6.4	63	6.3	59	5.6	49	6.2	57	6.0	57
674 HEARD	5.8	50	5.8	52	5.6	47	7.1	68	5.8	52	5.7	51	5.8	52
680 JEFF DAVIS	5.5	47	6.1	54	5.7	52	6.1	57	5.7	51	5.7	50	5.7	51
685 LAMAR	5.3	44	5.5	46	5.3	42	5.5	48	5.3	44	5.3	45	5.3	42
687 LAURENS	5.8	52	6.7	64	5.7	52	6.5	61	5.9	54	6.2	57	6.0	56
781 MARIETTA CITY	6.2	57	7.3	67	6.7	69	6.6	62	6.3	61	6.7	65	6.5	64
697 MCDUFFIE	5.5	47	6.4	58	5.5	45	6.1	57	5.6	48	5.7	51	5.7	49
713 PIERCE	6.1	55	6.3	57	6.1	58	6.1	56	5.3	44	6.0	55	5.8	52
736 THOMAS	5.4	46	7.3	68	5.6	49	5.9	53	5.7	50	6.0	55	5.9	53
745 THOMASTON-UPSON	5.9	52	7.3	67	5.9	55	6.1	57	5.8	53	6.2	57	6.0	56
737 TIFT	5.6	49	6.4	59	5.9	55	5.9	53	5.6	49	5.6	48	5.7	50
793 VIDALIA CITY	6.2	57	6.7	64	6.5	63	6.6	62	6.0	57	6.5	61	6.2	60
746 WALKER	5.6	48	6.3	58	5.8	54	6.5	61	6.0	55	6.2	57	6.0	55
751 WAYNE	5.8	51	6.3	58	5.9	55	6.0	55	5.9	54	5.9	53	5.9	53
Comparison Group 8: Mid-sized systems with 57% TO 64% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
601 APPLING	5.9	53	6.6	63	5.8	54	6.7	63	6.0	56	6.2	59	6.1	57
609 BEN HILL	5.1	39	5.9	52	5.3	41	5.7	51	5.3	43	5.3	45	5.3	43
624 CHARLTON	5.2	42	5.3	42	5.6	49	5.5	49	5.3	43	5.1	41	5.2	42

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Grade 5

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	6.0	53	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.4	60	6.0	56	6.2	59	6.1	58
634 COFFEE	5.5	46	6.5	61	6.0	57	6.2	58	5.8	53	6.0	55	5.9	54
637 COOK	5.3	44	6.0	54	5.1	37	5.8	52	5.3	44	5.3	45	5.4	44
643 DECATUR	5.8	52	6.6	63	6.0	57	6.4	60	5.8	53	6.1	56	6.0	55
645 DODGE	6.6	62	8.4	79	6.6	66	7.3	70	6.5	63	6.9	67	6.9	69
774 DUBLIN CITY	5.7	49	6.3	57	6.2	60	5.6	49	5.2	41	5.6	50	5.6	49
776 GAINESVILLE CITY	6.0	54	6.7	63	6.0	57	6.0	55	6.0	55	6.4	61	6.1	59
711 PEACH	5.4	45	5.7	50	5.4	43	5.5	47	5.3	44	5.5	47	5.4	44
785 ROME CITY	6.1	56	7.2	67	6.5	63	6.7	64	6.3	61	6.4	60	6.4	62
792 VALDOSTA CITY	5.1	40	5.9	52	5.6	47	5.1	38	5.1	39	5.3	44	5.2	41
748 WARE	6.0	54	7.2	67	6.5	65	6.1	57	5.8	53	6.3	59	6.1	58
759 WORTH	5.5	47	5.7	50	5.5	47	5.5	49	5.4	45	5.5	47	5.4	45
Comparison Group	5.7		6.4		5.9		6.0		5.6		5.8		5.8	



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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 5

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	6.0	53	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.4	60	6.0	56	6.2	59	6.1	58
Comparison Group 9: Mid-sized systems with 65% TO 70% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
640 CRISP	5.3	44	6.0	54	5.8	53	5.9	54	5.1	39	5.4	46	5.4	46
649 EARLY	5.4	45	6.9	66	5.3	42	7.0	67	5.7	50	5.8	51	5.9	54
653 EMANUEL	5.6	48	6.4	59	5.7	50	6.5	61	6.1	57	5.9	52	5.9	53
654 EVANS	5.1	41	5.2	39	5.6	47	5.5	49	5.2	41	5.2	44	5.2	41
717 PUTNAM	5.7	49	6.2	56	5.7	51	6.1	56	5.6	48	6.1	56	5.7	52
724 SCREVEN	5.3	44	6.1	54	5.9	56	5.1	40	4.9	34	5.1	40	5.3	42
732 TATTNALL	5.0	39	5.7	50	5.4	43	5.7	51	5.0	37	5.2	42	5.2	41
789 THOMASVILLE CITY	5.4	45	6.8	64	5.7	50	5.6	49	5.3	44	5.7	50	5.6	49
738 TOOMS	5.8	52	6.8	64	6.0	57	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.1	56	6.1	58
742 TURNER	5.8	50	6.8	65	6.5	65	5.9	54	5.4	46	5.5	47	5.9	53
750 WASHINGTON	5.4	45	6.5	61	5.7	50	5.7	50	5.3	44	5.8	52	5.6	48
Comparison Group	5.4		6.3		5.8		6.0		5.4		5.6		5.6	
Comparison Group 10: Mid-sized systems with more than 74% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
614 BROOKS	5.5	46	6.6	63	6.0	56	5.9	53	5.5	47	5.6	49	5.8	52
617 BURKE	5.0	39	5.6	48	5.5	46	5.1	41	5.1	37	5.1	41	5.1	39
666 GREENE	5.2	42	6.3	57	5.3	41	5.0	38	4.8	32	5.0	39	5.2	42
681 JEFFERSON	4.9	38	5.5	46	5.5	46	5.5	47	5.0	37	5.1	42	5.1	40
694 MACON	4.5	31	5.9	53	5.3	39	4.6	30	4.4	27	4.8	34	4.8	33
699 MERIWETHER	5.0	39	5.7	48	5.3	40	4.9	37	4.9	34	5.1	40	5.0	37
701 MITCHELL	4.6	33	5.6	47	4.8	33	4.9	37	4.3	26	5.0	38	4.8	33
729 SUMTER	4.9	38	5.7	49	5.2	39	4.9	35	4.7	32	5.0	38	4.9	35
743 TWIGGS	5.0	39	5.6	47	5.5	46	5.1	38	5.0	36	5.0	38	5.0	38
Comparison Group	5.0		5.8		5.4		5.1		4.9		5.1		5.1	

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 5

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	6.0	53	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.4	60	6.0	56	6.2	59	6.1	58
Comparison Group 11: Small systems with fewer than 22% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
763 BREMEN CITY	6.8	66	7.2	67	6.7	68	8.5	79	7.2	70	7.2	69	7.1	71
769 CHICKAMAUGA CITY	6.4	60	6.7	63	6.4	62	7.4	71	7.0	68	6.3	60	6.6	64
791 TRION CITY	7.2	69	9.7	88	7.2	74	7.5	71	6.7	65	7.3	71	7.4	75
Comparison Group	6.8		7.9		6.8		7.8		7.0		6.9		7.0	
Comparison Group 12: Small systems with 33% TO 43% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
764 BUFORD CITY	6.2	56	6.6	63	6.5	64	7.0	67	6.2	59	6.2	58	6.2	60
771 COMMERCE CITY	6.5	61	7.7	74	7.2	73	7.7	74	6.5	63	7.3	71	7.1	70
779 JEFFERSON CITY	6.3	58	7.5	71	6.8	70	7.5	71	6.3	61	7.1	69	6.8	67
786 SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY	5.6	48	5.8	51	5.8	53	5.9	52	5.3	44	5.8	51	5.6	48
739 TOWNS	6.3	59	6.8	65	6.3	61	7.1	68	6.6	64	6.2	58	6.4	62
Comparison Group	6.2		6.9		6.5		7.0		6.2		6.5		6.4	
Comparison Group 13: Small systems with 47% TO 59% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
603 BACON	5.1	41	5.3	41	5.3	42	5.6	49	5.1	39	5.3	45	5.2	41
650 ECHOLS	6.0	54	6.3	57	6.5	65	6.4	60	6.2	58	6.1	55	6.0	56
662 GLASCOCK	6.8	65	7.8	75	7.1	72	7.5	71	6.3	61	6.9	67	6.9	69
690 LINCOLN	5.9	52	6.7	63	5.9	55	6.4	60	6.1	58	6.1	56	6.0	56
700 MILLER	5.6	48	5.8	51	5.6	50	6.8	64	5.6	49	5.9	53	5.7	51
756 WILCOX	5.8	51	6.7	64	6.1	59	5.9	53	5.5	46	5.7	51	5.8	52
757 WILKES	5.6	48	6.5	60	5.8	53	5.9	54	5.7	50	5.9	52	5.7	51
Comparison Group	5.8		6.4		6.0		6.4		5.8		6.0		5.9	

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Grade 5

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	6.0	53	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.4	60	6.0	56	6.2	59	6.1	58
Comparison Group 14: Small systems with 60% TO 67% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
621 CANDLER	5.5	46	5.9	52	5.8	54	6.0	55	5.5	47	5.6	49	5.6	48
632 CLINCH	5.3	43	6.5	61	5.7	51	5.2	42	5.3	44	5.5	47	5.4	46
679 JASPER	5.8	52	7.1	67	5.6	49	5.8	51	5.4	45	6.4	60	5.9	53
686 LANIER	5.5	47	6.3	56	5.7	52	6.1	56	5.6	49	5.9	52	5.7	51
696 MARION	5.7	49	5.3	41	5.0	36	5.9	52	5.0	36	5.1	41	5.1	40
698 MCINTOSH	4.8	36	4.6	32	5.3	42	5.1	40	4.9	34	4.6	32	4.8	33
703 MONTGOMERY	5.4	46	6.0	53	5.6	49	5.7	50	5.6	48	5.7	51	5.5	47
716 PULASKI	5.8	52	7.4	69	6.5	63	7.9	76	5.6	49	6.2	59	6.4	62
723 SCHLEY	6.0	53	7.0	66	6.2	59	6.1	57	6.0	56	5.9	53	6.0	56
725 SEMINOLE	5.4	45	6.6	61	5.5	46	5.6	49	5.1	39	5.7	51	5.5	47
740 TREUTLEN	5.4	45	6.5	59	5.7	51	6.7	63	5.2	40	5.3	45	5.7	50
758 WILKINSON	5.4	46	6.3	57	6.1	58	6.3	58	5.6	49	5.6	50	5.8	52
Comparison Group	5.5		6.3		5.7		6.0		5.4		5.6		5.6	
Comparison Group 15: Small systems with 68% TO 73% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
626 CHATTAHOOCHEE	5.2	43	6.3	57	5.7	50	6.4	60	5.8	53	6.0	55	5.8	52
682 JENKINS	5.6	48	5.9	53	5.9	56	6.0	55	5.7	50	5.8	52	5.7	50
683 JOHNSON	5.2	42	5.8	51	6.0	57	5.3	42	4.9	34	5.7	50	5.4	46
691 LONG	5.1	40	4.9	37	5.6	49	5.6	50	5.6	48	5.4	45	5.2	41
784 PELHAM CITY	5.2	41	6.4	59	5.3	42	5.9	54	5.6	48	5.7	51	5.6	48
733 TAYLOR	5.1	40	5.5	47	5.4	42	6.1	55	5.5	46	5.3	45	5.4	43
734 TELFAIR	5.7	49	6.6	62	5.6	49	5.5	49	5.6	48	5.7	51	5.7	50
753 WHEELER	5.5	46	6.4	58	5.9	56	5.9	53	5.8	52	5.7	50	5.7	50
Comparison Group	5.3		6.0		5.7		5.8		5.6		5.7		5.6	

Table 4b, continued

ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 5

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	6.0	53	6.7	64	6.2	59	6.4	60	6.0	56	6.2	59	6.1	58
Comparison Group 16: Small systems with 75% TO 90% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
602 ATKINSON	5.3	44	6.1	55	5.4	42	5.5	47	5.1	40	5.2	44	5.3	43
604 BAKER	4.8	35	6.3	58	5.2	38	5.3	43	4.5	29	5.2	43	5.1	39
630 CLAY	4.9	37	5.7	50	5.4	42	6.8	64	6.0	55	5.3	44	5.6	48
646 DOOLY	4.6	34	6.0	54	5.5	45	4.8	32	4.5	29	5.1	40	4.9	36
670 HANCOCK	5.4	45	6.4	59	5.7	50	5.1	39	5.1	37	5.7	50	5.4	45
677 IRWIN	5.5	46	6.3	57	6.5	65	5.9	54	5.5	47	5.8	51	5.7	51
720 RANDOLPH	4.8	35	5.1	39	5.2	38	4.2	26	4.2	24	4.6	31	4.5	28
728 STEWART	5.0	38	6.5	59	6.0	56	4.9	37	5.0	36	5.1	41	5.3	43
730 TALBOT	4.0	24	4.3	25	4.8	33	4.0	22	4.1	22	4.2	25	4.1	21
749 WARREN	4.5	31	5.5	47	4.6	28	4.0	21	4.2	24	4.6	31	4.4	26
752 WEBSTER	5.4	44	6.6	62	5.5	44	6.1	56	5.1	38	5.1	40	5.4	46
Comparison Group	4.9		5.9		5.4		5.1		4.8		5.1		5.1	
Comparison Group 17: Small systems with more than 90% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
619 CALHOUN	5.3	44	6.3	57	5.6	49	5.3	44	5.1	40	5.2	43	5.3	43
718 QUITMAN	3.8	21	4.4	26	4.3	20	4.0	21	4.6	31	4.3	27	4.2	22
731 TALIAFERRO	4.3	30	4.5	30	4.7	29	4.4	27	3.9	18	4.8	35	4.3	24
735 TERRELL	4.8	35	6.3	56	5.1	37	4.8	34	5.0	36	5.6	48	5.1	39
Comparison Group	4.6		5.4		4.9		4.6		4.7		5.0		4.7	

Table 3c

ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed Alphabetically Spring 1999
Grade 8

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	8.7	49	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.4	56	9.3	54	9.7	58	9.4	57
601 APPLING	8.4	47	10.1	61	10.0	62	9.7	59	8.9	52	9.2	54	9.2	55
602 ATKINSON	7.8	41	8.9	52	8.3	45	8.0	43	7.4	38	8.1	44	7.9	41
761 ATLANTA CITY	6.9	33	8.1	44	8.1	43	7.3	35	7.6	40	7.7	41	7.6	38
603 BACON	7.6	38	9.3	55	8.7	51	10.9	66	7.9	43	8.7	50	8.7	50
604 BAKER	(no data)													
605 BALDWIN	8.4	47	10.5	63	10.3	64	8.7	49	8.6	49	9.3	55	9.1	54
606 BANKS	8.8	52	10.2	61	9.4	58	10.7	65	10.0	60	10.3	62	10.0	61
607 BARROW	8.9	52	10.1	61	9.7	60	10.0	60	9.4	56	10.1	60	9.7	59
608 BARTOW	8.4	47	10.5	63	9.6	59	9.3	56	9.2	54	9.5	56	9.4	57
609 BEN HILL	8.0	42	9.5	56	9.3	57	10.8	65	9.2	54	9.2	54	9.1	54
610 BERRIEN	8.0	43	9.3	55	8.6	50	8.9	52	8.2	45	8.2	45	8.6	48
611 BIBB	7.9	42	10.3	62	8.6	49	8.4	45	8.4	46	8.7	50	8.7	49
612 BLECKLEY	9.4	56	12.3	73	10.8	69	10.1	61	9.8	59	10.3	62	10.3	64
613 BRANTLEY	8.6	49	9.9	59	9.5	58	9.2	55	9.4	55	9.4	55	9.2	55
763 BREMEN CITY	10.8	67	12.0	71	11.9	75	12.0	72	11.3	68	12.1	73	11.9	73
614 BROOKS	7.6	38	9.6	57	9.4	57	8.2	44	8.7	50	8.4	47	8.5	48
615 BRYAN	9.4	57	11.2	67	10.0	62	10.1	61	9.9	60	10.2	61	10.1	62
764 BUFORD CITY	8.8	51	11.6	69	10.6	67	10.0	60	9.2	54	9.1	53	9.8	60
616 BULLOCH	8.5	48	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.0	53	8.8	51	9.7	58	9.2	55
617 BURKE	7.3	36	8.7	50	9.5	58	7.6	39	8.0	43	8.3	45	8.2	43
618 BUTTS	7.8	41	8.9	52	7.8	40	8.2	44	7.6	41	8.4	46	8.2	43
619 CALHOUN	6.5	29	9.1	54	8.2	43	6.3	27	7.1	35	7.3	37	7.3	35
765 CALHOUN CITY	9.3	56	12.6	76	10.6	66	11.5	69	10.6	64	11.0	66	11.2	68
620 CAMDEN	9.2	55	10.7	64	9.8	61	10.0	60	9.8	59	10.3	62	10.0	61
621 CANDLER	7.6	38	9.0	52	8.5	48	8.9	52	8.3	46	8.5	48	8.4	47
622 CARROLL	8.2	44	9.7	57	8.6	49	8.7	50	8.4	47	8.8	51	8.7	50
766 CARROLLTON CITY	9.3	56	11.8	70	9.7	60	10.4	63	10.0	61	10.7	65	10.3	63
767 CARTERSVILLE CITY	9.8	60	12.2	73	11.9	75	10.6	64	10.2	62	10.8	65	11.2	68
623 CATOOSA	8.9	52	10.4	63	9.4	57	9.5	57	9.7	58	10.2	61	9.5	58
624 CHARLTON	7.8	41	9.4	55	8.1	43	7.8	41	8.3	45	8.5	48	8.4	45
626 CHATTAHOOCHEE	8.1	44	9.7	58	10.6	67	8.8	51	8.4	47	9.8	59	9.1	54
627 CHATTOOGA	8.4	46	9.5	56	8.2	44	8.8	51	8.6	50	8.9	52	8.7	49
628 CHEROKEE	10.3	63	12.3	73	10.5	66	11.2	67	10.6	64	11.4	68	11.3	68
769 CHICKAMAUGA CITY	9.2	55	11.3	67	9.7	59	10.6	64	10.4	63	10.3	62	10.2	63
629 CLARKE	8.0	43	9.2	54	8.4	47	8.5	47	8.7	50	8.9	52	8.7	49

Table 3c, continued

ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed Alphabetically Spring 1999
Grade 8

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	8.7	49	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.4	56	9.3	54	9.7	58	9.4	57
630 CLAY	(no data)													
631 CLAYTON	7.8	41	9.7	58	8.5	48	8.4	46	8.4	47	9.0	53	8.6	49
632 CLINCH	7.6	39	9.9	60	8.8	52	7.6	39	7.7	41	8.2	45	8.4	46
633 COBB	10.3	64	12.3	73	10.7	68	11.3	68	11.2	67	11.5	69	11.5	70
634 COFFEE	7.3	36	10.1	61	8.5	48	8.6	48	8.6	48	9.0	52	8.7	49
635 COLQUITT	7.9	42	8.5	47	8.0	42	8.7	50	8.4	46	8.5	48	8.2	44
636 COLUMBIA	10.0	62	12.0	71	11.3	71	11.7	70	10.6	64	11.5	69	11.4	70
771 COMMERCE CITY	9.6	59	10.2	62	11.5	72	9.9	60	10.4	63	10.5	64	10.3	63
637 COOK	8.6	49	11.4	68	9.3	57	9.4	57	8.8	51	8.7	51	9.1	55
638 COWETA	9.3	56	10.1	61	9.3	57	9.8	59	9.8	59	9.9	59	9.6	59
639 CRAWFORD	8.7	49	11.3	67	10.5	66	9.2	55	9.8	59	9.9	59	9.8	60
640 CRISP	7.6	38	9.1	53	8.7	51	8.0	43	8.4	47	8.6	49	8.4	45
641 DADE	9.4	57	12.0	71	9.6	59	10.1	61	9.7	58	10.2	61	10.0	61
772 DALTON CITY	8.4	46	9.4	55	8.9	54	9.4	57	9.4	56	9.4	55	9.0	54
642 DAWSON	9.2	54	11.4	68	9.2	56	10.1	61	9.5	57	10.3	62	9.9	61
643 DECATUR	8.8	51	11.7	69	9.2	56	9.6	58	9.6	57	10.3	62	9.6	59
773 DECATUR CITY	10.7	66	12.1	72	11.4	72	11.4	69	11.6	70	12.1	72	11.7	72
644 DEKALB	7.9	42	9.8	58	8.6	50	8.5	46	8.6	50	8.8	51	8.7	49
645 DODGE	8.7	50	12.4	74	8.8	52	10.7	65	9.5	56	10.3	62	10.1	61
646 DOOLY	6.1	25	8.0	43	7.8	40	7.2	35	6.5	30	7.1	35	7.0	32
647 DOUGHERTY	7.4	37	8.7	50	8.3	45	7.9	42	8.0	43	8.2	45	8.0	42
648 DOUGLAS	9.1	54	11.1	66	9.7	59	10.3	62	9.6	57	10.3	62	10.1	62
774 DUBLIN CITY	8.6	48	10.9	65	9.6	59	9.3	55	9.7	58	10.1	61	9.5	58
649 EARLY	7.4	37	9.4	56	7.9	40	9.1	54	8.8	51	7.9	42	8.6	48
650 ECHOLS	8.2	44	11.0	65	8.7	51	9.2	55	9.0	53	9.7	58	9.1	54
651 EFFINGHAM	9.0	53	10.0	60	9.3	57	9.3	56	9.0	53	10.2	61	9.3	57
652 ELBERT	8.4	47	9.7	58	8.6	49	9.4	56	8.8	51	8.9	52	8.8	51
653 EMANUEL	7.4	37	8.5	48	8.6	50	8.0	43	7.6	45	8.2	45	8.0	42
654 EVANS	7.9	42	8.7	50	10.4	65	8.7	49	7.6	39	8.4	46	8.5	47
655 FANNIN	9.4	57	9.8	59	9.3	57	10.6	64	9.5	57	9.5	57	9.5	58
656 FAYETTE	10.7	66	12.5	75	11.6	73	12.1	72	12.0	73	12.3	74	12.0	74
657 FLOYD	9.4	57	11.5	68	9.9	61	10.5	63	10.0	60	10.4	63	10.3	63
658 FORSYTH	9.8	61	12.4	74	10.5	66	10.9	66	10.7	65	11.5	69	11.3	68

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed Alphabetically Spring 1999
Grade 8

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	8.7	49	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.4	56	9.3	54	9.7	58	9.4	57
659 FRANKLIN	8.7	50	9.5	56	10.3	64	9.6	58	8.7	50	8.8	51	9.2	55
660 FULTON	9.8	60	11.8	70	10.3	65	10.7	65	10.3	62	11.2	67	10.9	66
776 GAINESVILLE CITY	8.5	48	9.8	59	9.6	59	9.2	55	9.2	54	9.4	56	9.2	55
661 GILMER	8.8	51	9.2	54	9.2	56	9.2	55	9.4	56	9.4	56	9.3	56
662 GLASCOCK	8.5	48	10.8	65	11.0	70	9.2	55	7.5	39	8.5	48	9.1	54
663 GLYNN	8.5	47	9.8	59	8.8	52	9.1	54	8.7	50	9.2	54	9.0	54
664 GORDON	9.0	53	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.7	58	10.0	60	9.9	60	9.6	59
665 GRADY	8.4	46	10.1	61	9.7	60	8.9	52	9.0	53	9.1	54	9.1	55
666 GREENE	7.8	41	11.8	70	10.5	66	7.9	42	8.4	47	9.2	54	8.9	53
726 GRIFFIN-SPALDING	7.9	42	9.5	57	8.3	46	8.6	48	8.5	48	9.1	54	8.7	49
667 GWINNETT	10.0	62	12.1	72	10.8	68	11.9	71	11.2	67	11.7	70	11.5	70
668 HABERSHAM	9.1	54	9.8	58	9.0	54	9.9	60	9.0	53	9.2	54	9.2	55
669 HALL	9.1	54	10.1	61	9.4	58	9.8	59	9.3	55	9.7	58	9.5	58
670 HANCOCK	7.3	36	10.2	62	8.4	47	7.0	34	7.2	36	8.7	50	8.0	42
671 HARALSON	8.1	43	9.7	58	8.3	46	9.3	56	8.3	46	8.7	50	8.7	49
672 HARRIS	9.5	57	11.1	66	9.8	61	9.7	59	10.3	62	10.3	62	10.1	62
673 HART	8.8	51	10.1	61	10.1	62	9.9	60	9.0	53	9.4	55	9.4	57
674 HEARD	9.0	53	10.0	60	8.7	52	9.4	56	8.9	52	9.4	55	9.2	55
675 HENRY	8.7	50	10.2	61	9.2	56	9.3	56	9.6	57	10.2	61	9.4	58
676 HOUSTON	9.0	53	10.6	64	9.8	60	10.2	61	9.6	57	10.2	62	9.9	60
677 IRWIN	8.6	49	12.2	73	10.6	67	9.3	56	8.7	50	9.5	56	9.6	59
678 JACKSON	9.3	56	10.2	62	10.2	63	10.6	64	9.7	58	9.9	59	10.0	61
679 JASPER	8.1	43	8.9	52	8.0	42	8.5	47	8.4	46	8.3	46	8.3	44
680 JEFF DAVIS	9.4	57	12.1	72	10.2	63	10.7	65	10.2	62	10.2	61	10.3	63
681 JEFFERSON	7.4	37	8.5	48	8.0	42	7.7	40	7.4	39	8.0	43	7.6	39
779 JEFFERSON CITY	9.3	56	12.3	73	11.9	75	10.5	63	10.0	60	9.8	59	10.5	65
682 JENKINS	7.9	42	11.9	70	10.6	67	8.9	53	8.3	46	8.9	52	9.2	55
683 JOHNSON	7.2	35	8.0	43	9.1	56	7.5	38	6.8	33	7.3	38	7.8	40
684 JONES	9.3	55	10.5	63	9.1	56	9.5	58	9.3	55	10.1	61	9.5	58
685 LAMAR	7.4	37	8.2	45	7.9	40	8.3	45	7.6	41	7.7	41	7.8	41
686 LANIER	7.9	42	9.8	58	9.0	54	10.0	60	8.6	49	8.5	48	8.8	52
687 LAURENS	8.3	45	10.4	63	9.1	55	8.6	48	8.8	51	9.6	57	9.0	53
688 LEE	8.9	52	11.9	70	10.6	66	9.4	56	9.7	58	9.7	58	10.1	62



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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed Alphabetically Spring 1999
Grade 8

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	8.7	49	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.4	56	9.3	54	9.7	58	9.4	57
689 LIBERTY	8.5	48	9.8	58	8.7	51	8.8	51	9.0	53	9.6	57	9.0	53
690 LINCOLN	8.1	43	8.7	50	10.1	62	10.4	63	8.6	49	8.4	46	8.8	51
691 LONG	7.7	40	8.5	47	8.3	46	8.3	45	8.1	44	8.6	49	8.2	43
692 LOWNDES	9.2	55	11.8	70	9.8	60	10.3	63	9.7	58	10.6	64	10.2	63
693 LUMPKIN	10.0	62	12.1	72	11.4	72	11.2	67	10.5	63	11.0	66	11.2	68
694 MAGON	6.4	28	8.6	49	7.2	32	6.7	30	7.1	35	7.1	35	7.2	33
695 MADISON	8.5	48	9.6	57	8.6	51	8.7	49	9.0	53	9.3	55	8.9	53
781 MARIETTA CITY	8.5	48	10.2	61	9.1	56	9.1	54	8.9	52	9.5	56	9.2	55
696 MARION	7.6	39	9.1	53	8.1	42	8.7	50	8.1	44	8.7	50	8.3	44
697 MCDUFFIE	8.3	46	10.9	65	9.7	60	9.1	54	8.9	52	8.8	51	9.1	54
698 MCINTOSH	6.9	33	7.1	34	9.1	55	7.5	38	7.6	40	7.3	38	7.6	38
699 MERIWETHER	6.9	33	9.3	55	8.6	49	7.6	39	7.2	36	7.7	42	7.7	40
700 MILLER	9.1	54	11.2	67	11.0	70	10.3	63	9.0	53	10.0	60	10.0	61
701 MITCHELL	6.1	25	7.5	39	7.7	39	6.5	29	6.3	30	7.1	35	6.8	29
702 MONROE	8.4	46	9.5	56	8.7	51	9.1	54	8.8	51	8.9	52	8.8	52
703 MONTGOMERY	8.2	44	10.6	64	8.2	44	9.3	56	9.0	53	9.2	54	8.9	52
704 MORGAN	8.9	52	12.0	71	9.2	56	9.3	56	9.6	57	10.1	61	9.7	60
705 MURRAY	8.8	51	10.5	63	9.0	54	10.9	66	9.7	58	9.5	57	9.7	60
706 MUSCOGEE	8.0	43	9.1	54	8.7	51	8.5	47	8.5	48	8.9	52	8.6	48
707 NEWTON	8.4	46	9.4	55	9.1	56	8.7	49	8.6	49	9.2	54	8.8	52
708 OCONEE	10.7	66	12.6	77	11.5	73	11.8	71	11.6	69	12.0	71	11.9	73
709 OGLETHORPE	8.8	51	11.0	65	9.8	61	10.3	62	9.0	52	9.7	58	9.5	58
710 PAULDING	8.9	52	9.8	58	9.5	58	10.0	60	9.3	55	9.7	58	9.4	57
711 PEACH	8.1	43	9.6	57	9.3	57	8.7	49	9.0	52	9.3	55	8.8	52
784 PELHAM CITY	7.9	42	9.6	57	8.5	48	8.3	45	8.5	48	8.6	49	8.5	48
712 PICKENS	8.8	51	10.1	61	9.1	55	9.6	58	9.5	56	9.5	56	9.3	56
713 PIERCE	8.7	51	10.4	63	9.2	56	9.3	56	8.6	49	10.5	63	9.3	56
714 PIKE	8.7	50	9.7	58	9.1	55	8.9	52	9.3	55	9.1	53	9.0	54
715 POLK	8.3	45	8.7	51	8.7	51	8.8	51	8.5	48	8.9	52	8.6	48
716 PULASKI	7.8	41	10.2	62	9.3	57	9.1	54	9.1	53	9.6	57	9.3	56
717 PUTNAM	8.1	44	9.4	55	8.9	53	8.5	47	8.9	52	8.8	51	8.7	49
718 QUITMAN	(no data)													
719 RABUN	9.1	54	10.2	61	9.5	59	9.2	54	9.1	53	9.2	54	9.3	56
720 RANDOLPH	6.6	31	8.4	46	8.3	45	6.2	27	6.4	30	7.5	40	7.3	35

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	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	8.7	49	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.4	56	9.3	54	9.7	58	9.4	57
721 RICHMOND	8.0	42	9.8	58	8.5	48	8.7	50	8.4	47	9.2	54	8.7	51
722 ROCKDALE	9.1	54	11.1	66	10.4	66	10.0	60	9.9	60	10.6	64	10.2	63
785 ROME CITY	8.5	48	10.9	65	9.8	61	10.6	64	9.5	57	10.4	62	10.1	61
625 SAVANNAH-CHATHAM	7.2	35	8.8	52	8.3	45	7.7	40	7.9	43	8.5	48	8.2	43
723 SCHLEY	8.1	44	11.7	69	9.6	59	9.2	55	8.6	49	8.6	48	9.1	54
724 SCREVEN	8.0	42	9.1	53	9.0	54	8.0	43	7.9	42	7.8	42	8.2	44
725 SEMINOLE	7.7	40	9.5	56	9.2	56	8.0	43	8.0	43	8.6	49	8.4	47
786 SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY	9.0	54	10.4	63	9.3	57	9.8	60	9.3	55	9.4	56	9.4	57
727 STEPHENS	9.9	61	11.8	70	10.5	66	11.2	67	10.6	64	10.5	63	10.7	66
728 STEWART	6.6	30	8.2	45	8.3	45	7.5	37	8.4	46	7.4	39	7.6	39
729 SUMTER	6.7	31	9.0	53	8.3	47	7.7	40	7.5	39	8.5	48	8.1	42
730 TALBOT	5.2	17	6.4	28	6.5	23	5.9	23	5.7	23	6.5	29	6.0	21
731 TALIAFERRO	(no data)													
732 TATTNALL	8.6	48	10.3	62	9.6	59	11.9	71	8.9	52	9.3	55	9.5	58
733 TAYLOR	7.1	34	8.5	47	8.3	46	9.5	57	8.1	44	8.3	46	8.5	48
734 TELFAIR	8.7	50	10.3	62	10.3	65	11.5	69	8.9	52	9.5	56	9.7	59
735 TERRELL	5.8	22	7.4	37	7.0	29	6.0	24	6.3	29	6.6	31	6.3	25
736 THOMAS	8.3	45	10.5	63	9.5	59	8.8	51	9.2	54	9.4	55	9.2	55
745 THOMASTON-UPSON	8.7	51	11.5	68	9.2	56	9.5	57	8.9	52	9.6	57	9.4	58
789 THOMASVILLE CITY	7.8	41	9.5	56	8.6	49	7.9	42	8.9	52	8.8	51	8.6	48
737 TIFT	8.2	44	8.7	51	9.1	55	8.7	50	8.7	50	9.3	55	8.7	50
738 TOOMBS	9.1	54	12.3	73	9.4	58	9.7	59	9.5	56	10.6	64	10.1	62
739 TOWNS	9.4	57	9.4	56	10.2	64	9.4	57	10.4	63	9.6	57	9.8	60
740 TREUTLEN	8.2	44	8.7	50	9.3	57	8.5	47	7.9	43	8.6	49	8.4	46
791 TRION CITY	9.8	60	12.4	74	10.7	67	10.7	65	9.3	55	10.4	62	10.5	65
741 TROUP	8.1	43	9.7	58	9.2	56	9.0	53	8.6	48	9.1	53	8.9	52
742 TURNER	7.3	36	9.8	59	8.9	53	7.7	41	8.3	45	8.9	52	8.4	47
743 TWIGGS	6.8	32	8.5	47	7.5	36	7.4	37	7.0	34	7.5	40	7.3	35
744 UNION	8.8	52	8.7	50	8.1	43	8.8	51	8.9	52	8.8	51	8.6	49
792 VALDOSTA CITY	7.6	39	9.1	53	8.6	49	8.0	43	8.4	46	8.7	50	8.4	45
793 VIDALIA CITY	9.6	59	10.6	64	9.6	59	9.7	58	9.4	55	10.0	60	9.7	59
746 WALKER	7.9	42	9.3	55	8.6	50	8.7	50	8.4	47	8.8	51	8.7	49
747 WALTON	8.2	44	9.7	58	9.0	55	8.9	52	8.9	52	9.4	55	9.0	53

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	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	8.7	49	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.4	56	9.3	54	9.7	58	9.4	57
748 WARE	8.5	48	10.3	62	9.8	60	9.1	54	8.9	52	9.8	59	9.3	56
749 WARREN	5.4	18	7.4	38	7.0	30	6.3	28	6.4	30	6.8	33	6.4	26
750 WASHINGTON	8.3	45	11.5	68	9.6	59	10.0	60	8.6	49	9.6	57	9.6	59
751 WAYNE	8.7	49	9.2	54	9.3	57	9.3	56	8.7	50	9.4	56	8.9	53
752 WEBSTER	7.6	39	10.1	61	8.9	53	10.1	61	8.8	51	9.2	54	8.9	53
753 WHEELER	6.9	33	8.3	46	8.2	44	7.5	37	7.6	40	8.1	44	7.6	38
754 WHITE	9.5	58	11.3	67	9.8	60	11.1	67	10.0	60	10.4	63	10.4	64
755 WHITFIELD	8.5	48	10.1	61	8.9	54	9.6	58	8.9	52	9.1	53	9.1	54
756 WILCOX	8.4	46	10.2	61	9.3	57	10.1	61	8.7	50	8.5	48	9.0	54
757 WILKES	8.4	47	10.5	63	10.4	66	10.0	60	9.2	54	9.5	57	9.5	58
758 WILKINSON	7.9	42	8.7	51	10.2	63	8.2	44	8.1	44	8.5	48	8.4	46
759 WORTH	7.5	38	8.4	46	8.5	48	7.7	40	8.0	43	8.1	44	7.9	42

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System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
<u>GEORGIA</u>	8.7	49	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.4	56	9.3	54	9.7	58	9.4	57
Comparison Group 1: Large systems with fewer than 22% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
628 CHEROKEE	10.3	63	12.3	73	10.5	66	11.2	67	10.6	64	11.4	68	11.3	68
633 COBB	10.3	64	12.3	73	10.7	68	11.3	68	11.2	67	11.5	69	11.5	70
636 COLUMBIA	10.0	62	12.0	71	11.3	71	11.7	70	10.6	64	11.5	69	11.4	70
656 FAYETTE	10.7	66	12.5	75	11.6	72	12.1	72	12.0	73	12.3	74	12.0	74
658 FORSYTH	9.8	61	12.4	74	10.5	66	10.9	66	10.7	65	11.5	69	11.3	68
667 GWINNETT	10.0	62	12.1	72	10.8	68	11.9	71	11.2	67	11.7	70	11.5	70
675 HENRY	8.7	50	10.2	61	9.2	56	9.3	56	9.6	57	10.2	61	9.4	58
710 PAULDING	8.9	52	9.8	58	9.5	58	10.0	60	9.3	55	9.7	58	9.4	57
Comparison Group	9.8		11.7		10.5		11.1		10.7		11.2		11.0	
Comparison Group 2: Large systems with 25% to 42% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
608 BARTOW	8.4	47	10.5	63	9.6	59	9.3	56	9.2	54	9.5	56	9.4	57
622 CARROLL	8.2	44	9.7	57	8.6	49	8.7	50	8.4	47	8.8	51	8.7	50
638 COWETA	9.3	56	10.1	61	9.3	57	9.8	59	9.8	59	9.9	59	9.6	59
648 DOUGLAS	9.1	54	11.1	66	9.7	59	10.3	62	9.6	57	10.3	62	10.1	62
657 FLOYD	9.4	57	11.5	68	9.9	61	10.5	63	10.0	60	10.4	63	10.3	63
660 FULTON	9.8	60	11.8	70	10.3	65	10.7	65	10.3	62	11.2	67	10.9	66
663 GLYNN	8.5	47	9.8	59	8.8	52	9.1	54	8.7	50	9.2	54	9.0	54
669 HALL	9.1	54	10.1	61	9.4	58	9.8	59	9.3	55	9.7	58	9.5	58
676 HOUSTON	9.0	53	10.6	64	9.8	60	10.2	61	9.6	57	10.2	62	9.9	60
707 NEWTON	8.4	46	9.4	55	9.1	56	8.7	49	8.6	49	9.2	54	8.8	52
722 ROCKDALE	9.1	54	11.1	66	10.4	66	10.0	60	9.9	60	10.6	64	10.2	63
755 WHITFIELD	8.5	48	10.1	61	8.9	54	9.6	58	8.9	52	9.1	53	9.1	54
Comparison Group	8.9		10.5		9.5		9.7		9.4		9.8		9.6	

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System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	8.7	49	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.4	56	9.3	54	9.7	58	9.4	57
Comparison Group 3: Large systems with more than 48% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
761 ATLANTA CITY	6.9	33	8.1	44	8.1	43	7.3	35	7.6	40	7.7	41	7.6	38
611 BIBB	7.9	42	10.3	62	8.6	49	8.4	45	8.4	46	8.7	50	8.7	49
629 CLARKE	8.0	43	9.2	54	8.4	47	8.5	47	8.7	50	8.9	52	8.7	49
631 CLAYTON	7.8	41	9.7	58	8.5	48	8.4	46	8.4	47	9.0	53	8.6	49
644 DEKALB	7.9	42	9.8	58	8.6	50	8.5	46	8.6	50	8.8	51	8.7	49
647 DOUGHERTY	7.4	37	8.7	50	8.3	45	7.9	42	8.0	43	8.2	45	8.0	42
726 GRIFFIN-SPALDING	7.9	42	9.5	57	8.3	46	8.6	48	8.5	48	9.1	54	8.7	49
689 LIBERTY	8.5	48	9.8	58	8.7	51	8.8	51	9.0	53	9.6	57	9.0	53
706 MUSCOGEE	8.0	43	9.1	54	8.7	51	8.5	47	8.5	48	8.9	52	8.6	48
721 RICHMOND	8.0	42	9.8	58	8.5	48	8.7	50	8.4	47	9.2	54	8.7	51
625 SAVANNAH-CHATHAM	7.2	35	8.8	52	8.3	45	7.7	40	7.9	43	8.5	48	8.2	43
741 TROUP	8.1	43	9.7	58	9.2	56	9.0	53	8.6	48	9.1	53	8.9	52
Comparison Group	7.8		9.4		8.5		8.4		8.4		8.8		8.5	
Comparison Group 4: Mid-sized systems with fewer than 32% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
607 BARROW	8.9	52	10.1	61	9.7	60	10.0	60	9.4	56	10.1	60	9.7	59
765 CALHOUN CITY	9.3	56	12.6	76	10.6	66	11.5	69	10.6	64	11.0	66	11.2	68
623 CATOOSA	8.9	52	10.4	63	9.4	57	9.5	57	9.7	58	10.2	61	9.5	58
642 DAWSON	9.2	54	11.4	68	9.2	56	10.1	61	9.5	57	10.3	62	9.9	61
651 EFFINGHAM	9.0	53	10.0	60	9.3	57	9.3	56	9.0	53	10.2	61	9.3	57
684 JONES	9.3	55	10.5	63	9.1	56	9.5	58	9.3	55	10.1	61	9.5	58
688 LEE	8.9	52	11.9	70	10.6	66	9.4	56	9.7	58	9.7	58	10.1	62
708 OCONEE	10.7	66	12.6	77	11.5	73	11.8	71	11.6	69	12.0	71	11.9	73
714 PIKE	8.7	50	9.7	58	9.1	55	8.9	52	9.3	55	9.1	53	9.0	54
Comparison Group	9.2		11.0		9.8		10.0		9.8		10.3		10.0	

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System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	8.7	49	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.4	56	9.3	54	9.7	58	9.4	57
Comparison Group 5: Mid-sized systems with 34% TO 38% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
615 BRYAN	9.4	57	11.2	67	10.0	62	10.1	61	9.9	60	10.2	61	10.1	62
620 CAMDEN	9.2	55	10.7	64	9.8	61	10.0	60	9.8	59	10.3	62	10.0	61
767 CARTERSVILLE CITY	9.8	60	12.2	73	11.9	75	10.6	64	10.2	62	10.8	65	11.2	68
641 DADE	9.4	57	12.0	71	9.6	59	10.1	61	9.7	58	10.2	61	10.0	61
664 GORDON	9.0	53	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.7	58	10.0	60	9.9	60	9.6	59
668 HABERSHAM	9.1	54	9.8	58	9.0	54	9.9	60	9.0	53	9.2	54	9.2	55
672 HARRIS	9.5	57	11.1	66	9.8	61	9.7	59	10.3	62	10.3	62	10.1	62
692 LOWNDES	9.2	55	11.8	70	9.8	60	10.3	63	9.7	58	10.6	64	10.2	63
693 LUMPKIN	10.0	62	12.1	72	11.4	72	11.2	67	10.5	63	11.0	66	11.2	68
712 PICKENS	8.8	51	10.1	61	9.1	55	9.6	58	9.5	56	9.5	56	9.3	56
727 STEPHENS	9.9	61	11.8	70	10.5	66	11.2	67	10.6	64	10.5	63	10.7	66
747 WALTON	8.2	44	9.7	58	9.0	55	8.9	52	8.9	52	9.4	55	9.0	53
754 WHITE	9.5	58	11.3	67	9.8	60	11.1	67	10.0	60	10.4	63	10.4	64
Comparison Group	9.3		11.1		9.9		10.2		9.9		10.2		10.1	

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Grade 8

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	8.7	49	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.4	56	9.3	54	9.7	58	9.4	57
Comparison Group 6: Mid-sized systems with 39% TO 45% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
766 CARROLLTON CITY	9.3	56	11.8	70	9.7	60	10.4	63	10.0	61	10.7	65	10.3	63
655 FANNIN	9.4	57	9.8	59	9.3	57	10.6	64	9.5	57	9.5	57	9.5	58
659 FRANKLIN	8.7	50	9.5	56	10.3	64	9.6	58	8.7	50	8.8	51	9.2	55
661 GILMER	8.8	51	9.2	54	9.2	56	9.2	55	9.4	56	9.4	56	9.3	56
671 HARALSON	8.1	43	9.7	58	8.3	46	9.3	56	8.3	46	8.7	50	8.7	49
673 HART	8.8	51	10.1	61	10.1	62	9.9	60	9.0	53	9.4	55	9.4	57
678 JACKSON	9.3	56	10.2	62	10.2	63	10.6	64	9.7	58	9.9	59	10.0	61
695 MADISON	8.5	48	9.6	57	8.6	51	8.7	49	9.0	53	9.3	55	8.9	53
702 MONROE	8.4	46	9.5	56	8.7	51	9.1	54	8.8	51	8.9	52	8.8	52
704 MORGAN	8.9	52	12.0	71	9.2	56	9.3	56	9.6	57	10.1	61	9.7	60
705 MURRAY	8.8	51	10.5	63	9.0	54	10.9	66	9.7	58	9.5	57	9.7	60
709 OGLETHORPE	8.8	51	11.0	65	9.8	61	10.3	62	9.0	52	9.7	58	9.5	58
715 POLK	8.3	45	8.7	51	8.7	51	8.8	51	8.5	48	8.9	52	8.6	48
719 RABUN	9.1	54	10.2	61	9.5	59	9.2	54	9.1	53	9.2	54	9.3	56
744 UNION	8.8	52	8.7	50	8.1	43	8.8	51	8.9	52	8.8	51	8.6	49
Comparison Group	8.8		10.0		9.2		9.6		9.1		9.4		9.3	

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Grade 8

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	8.7	49	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.4	56	9.3	54	9.7	58	9.4	57
Comparison Group 7: Mid-sized systems with 46% TO 55% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
605 BALDWIN	8.4	47	10.5	63	10.3	64	8.7	49	8.6	49	9.3	55	9.1	54
606 BANKS	8.8	52	10.2	61	9.4	58	10.7	65	10.0	60	10.3	62	10.0	61
610 BERRIEN	8.0	43	9.3	55	8.6	50	8.9	52	8.2	45	8.2	45	8.6	48
612 BLECKLEY	9.4	56	12.3	73	10.8	69	10.1	61	9.8	59	10.3	62	10.3	64
613 BRANTLEY	8.6	49	9.9	59	9.5	58	9.2	55	9.4	55	9.4	55	9.2	55
616 BULLOCH	8.5	48	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.0	53	8.8	51	9.7	58	9.2	55
618 BUTTS	7.8	41	8.9	52	7.8	40	8.2	44	7.6	41	8.4	46	8.2	43
627 CHATTOOGA	8.4	46	9.5	56	8.2	44	8.8	51	8.6	50	8.9	52	8.7	49
635 COLQUITT	7.9	42	8.5	47	8.0	42	8.7	50	8.4	46	8.5	48	8.2	44
639 CRAWFORD	8.7	49	11.3	67	10.5	66	9.2	55	9.8	59	9.9	59	9.8	60
772 DALTON CITY	8.4	46	9.4	55	8.9	54	9.4	57	9.4	56	9.4	55	9.0	54
773 DECATUR CITY	10.7	66	12.1	72	11.4	72	11.4	69	11.6	70	12.1	72	11.7	72
652 ELBERT	8.4	47	9.7	58	8.6	49	9.4	56	8.8	51	8.9	52	8.8	51
665 GRADY	8.4	46	10.1	61	9.7	60	8.9	52	9.0	53	9.1	54	9.1	55
674 HEARD	9.0	53	10.0	60	8.7	52	9.4	56	8.9	52	9.4	55	9.2	55
680 JEFF DAVIS	9.4	57	12.1	72	10.2	63	10.7	65	10.2	62	10.2	61	10.3	63
685 LAMAR	7.4	37	8.2	45	7.9	40	8.3	45	7.6	41	7.7	41	7.8	41
687 LAURENS	8.3	45	10.4	63	9.1	55	8.6	48	8.8	51	9.6	57	9.0	53
781 MARIETTA CITY	8.5	48	10.2	61	9.1	56	9.1	54	8.9	52	9.5	56	9.2	55
697 MCDUFFIE	8.3	46	10.9	65	9.7	60	9.1	54	8.9	52	8.8	51	9.1	54
713 PIERCE	8.7	51	10.4	63	9.2	56	9.3	56	8.6	49	10.5	63	9.3	56
736 THOMAS	8.3	45	10.5	63	9.5	59	8.8	51	9.2	54	9.4	55	9.2	55
745 THOMASION-UPSON	8.7	51	11.5	68	9.2	56	9.5	57	8.9	52	9.6	57	9.4	58
737 TIFT	8.2	44	8.7	51	9.1	55	8.7	50	8.7	50	9.3	55	8.7	50
793 VIDALIA CITY	9.6	59	10.6	64	9.6	59	9.7	58	9.4	55	10.0	60	9.7	59
746 WALKER	7.9	42	9.3	55	8.6	50	8.7	50	8.4	47	8.8	51	8.7	49
751 WAYNE	8.7	49	9.2	54	9.3	57	9.3	56	8.7	50	9.4	56	8.9	53
Comparison Group	8.6		10.1		9.3		9.3		9.0		9.4		9.2	
Comparison Group 8: Mid-sized systems with 57% TO 64% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
601 APPLING	8.4	47	10.1	61	10.0	62	9.7	59	8.9	52	9.2	54	9.2	55
609 BEN HILL	8.0	42	9.5	56	9.3	57	10.8	65	9.2	54	9.2	54	9.1	54
624 CHARLTON	7.8	41	9.4	55	8.1	43	7.8	41	8.3	45	8.5	48	8.4	45

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 8

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	8.7	49	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.4	56	9.3	54	9.7	58	9.4	57
634 COFFEE	7.3	36	10.1	61	8.5	48	8.6	48	8.6	48	9.0	52	8.7	49
637 COOK	8.6	49	11.4	68	9.3	57	9.4	57	8.8	51	8.7	51	9.1	55
643 DECATUR	8.8	51	11.7	69	9.2	56	9.6	58	9.6	57	10.3	62	9.6	59
645 DODGE	8.7	50	12.4	74	8.8	52	10.7	65	9.5	56	10.3	62	10.1	61
774 DUBLIN CITY	8.6	48	10.9	65	9.6	59	9.3	55	9.7	58	10.1	61	9.5	58
776 GAINESVILLE CITY	8.5	48	9.8	59	9.6	59	9.2	55	9.2	54	9.4	56	9.2	55
711 PEACH	8.1	43	9.6	57	9.3	57	8.7	49	9.0	52	9.3	55	8.8	52
785 ROME CITY	8.5	48	10.9	65	9.8	61	10.6	64	9.5	57	10.4	62	10.1	61
792 VALDOSTA CITY	7.6	39	9.1	53	8.6	49	8.0	43	8.4	46	8.7	50	8.4	45
748 WARE	8.5	48	10.3	62	9.8	60	9.1	54	8.9	52	9.8	59	9.3	56
759 WORTH	7.5	38	8.4	46	8.5	48	7.7	40	8.0	43	8.1	44	7.9	42
Comparison Group	8.2		10.3		9.2		9.2		9.0		9.4		9.1	

Table 4c, continued

ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 8

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	8.7	49	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.4	56	9.3	54	9.7	58	9.4	57
Comparison Group 9: Mid-sized systems with 65% TO 70% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
640 CRISP	7.6	38	9.1	53	8.7	51	8.0	43	8.4	47	8.6	49	8.4	45
649 EARLY	7.4	37	9.4	56	7.9	40	9.1	54	8.8	51	7.9	42	8.6	48
653 EMANUEL	7.4	37	8.5	48	8.6	50	8.0	43	7.6	40	8.2	45	8.0	42
654 EVANS	7.9	42	8.7	50	10.4	65	8.7	49	7.6	39	8.4	46	8.5	47
717 PUTNAM	8.1	44	9.4	55	8.9	53	8.5	47	8.9	52	8.8	51	8.7	49
724 SCREVEN	8.0	42	9.1	53	9.0	54	8.0	43	7.9	42	7.8	42	8.2	44
732 TATNALL	8.6	48	10.3	62	9.6	59	11.9	71	8.9	52	9.3	55	9.5	58
789 THOMASVILLE CITY	7.8	41	9.5	56	8.6	49	7.9	42	8.9	52	8.8	51	8.6	48
738 TOOMS	9.1	54	12.3	73	9.4	58	9.7	59	9.5	56	10.6	64	10.1	62
742 TURNER	7.3	36	9.8	59	8.9	53	7.7	41	8.3	45	8.9	52	8.4	47
750 WASHINGTON	8.3	45	11.5	68	9.6	59	10.0	60	8.6	49	9.6	57	9.6	59
Comparison Group	8.0		9.8		9.1		8.9		8.5		8.8		8.8	
Comparison Group 10: Mid-sized systems with more than 74% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
614 BROOKS	7.6	38	9.6	57	9.4	57	8.2	44	8.7	50	8.4	47	8.5	48
617 BURKE	7.3	36	8.7	50	9.5	58	7.6	39	8.0	43	8.3	45	8.2	43
666 GREENE	7.8	41	11.8	70	10.5	66	7.9	42	8.4	47	9.2	54	8.9	53
681 JEFFERSON	7.4	37	8.5	48	8.0	42	7.7	40	7.4	39	8.0	43	7.6	39
694 MACON	6.4	28	8.6	49	7.2	32	6.7	30	7.1	35	7.1	35	7.2	33
699 MERIWETHER	6.9	33	9.3	55	8.6	49	7.6	39	7.2	36	7.7	42	7.7	40
701 MITCHELL	6.1	25	7.5	39	7.7	39	6.5	29	6.3	30	7.1	35	6.8	29
729 SUMTER	6.7	31	9.0	53	8.3	47	7.7	40	7.5	39	8.5	48	8.1	42
743 TWIGGS	6.8	32	8.5	47	7.5	36	7.4	37	7.0	34	7.5	40	7.3	35
Comparison Group	7.0		9.1		8.5		7.5		7.5		8.0		7.8	

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 8

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	8.7	49	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.4	56	9.3	54	9.7	58	9.4	57
Comparison Group 11: Small systems with fewer than 22% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
763 BREMEN CITY	10.8	67	12.0	71	11.9	75	12.0	72	11.3	68	12.1	73	11.9	73
769 CHICKAMAUGA CITY	9.2	55	11.3	67	9.7	59	10.6	64	10.4	63	10.3	62	10.2	63
791 TRION CITY	9.8	60	12.4	74	10.7	67	10.7	65	9.3	55	10.4	62	10.5	65
Comparison Group	9.9		11.9		10.8		11.1		10.3		10.9		10.9	
Comparison Group 12: Small systems with 33% TO 43% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
764 BUFORD CITY	8.8	51	11.6	69	10.6	67	10.0	60	9.2	54	9.1	53	9.8	60
771 COMMERCE CITY	9.6	59	10.2	62	11.5	72	9.9	60	10.4	63	10.5	64	10.3	63
779 JEFFERSON CITY	9.3	56	12.3	73	11.9	75	10.5	63	10.0	60	9.8	59	10.5	65
786 SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY	9.0	54	10.4	63	9.3	57	9.8	60	9.3	55	9.4	56	9.4	57
739 TOWNS	9.4	57	9.4	56	10.2	64	9.4	57	10.4	63	9.6	57	9.8	60
Comparison Group	9.2		10.8		10.7		9.9		9.9		9.7		10.0	
Comparison Group 13: Small systems with 47% TO 59% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
603 BACON	7.6	38	9.3	55	8.7	51	10.9	66	7.9	43	8.7	50	8.7	50
650 ECHOLS	8.2	44	11.0	65	8.7	51	9.2	55	9.0	53	9.7	58	9.1	54
662 GLASCOCK	8.5	48	10.8	65	11.0	70	9.2	55	7.5	39	8.5	48	9.1	54
690 LINCOLN	8.1	43	8.7	50	10.1	62	10.4	63	8.6	49	8.4	46	8.8	51
700 MILLER	9.1	54	11.2	67	11.0	70	10.3	63	9.0	53	10.0	60	10.0	61
756 WILCOX	8.4	46	10.2	61	9.3	57	10.1	61	8.7	50	8.5	48	9.0	54
757 WILKES	8.4	47	10.5	63	10.4	66	10.0	60	9.2	54	9.5	57	9.5	58
Comparison Group	8.3		10.2		9.9		10.0		8.6		9.0		9.2	

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 8

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
<u>GEORGIA</u>	8.7	49	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.4	56	9.3	54	9.7	58	9.4	57
Comparison Group 14: Small systems with 60% TO 67% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
621 CANDLER	7.6	38	9.0	52	8.5	48	8.9	52	8.3	46	8.5	48	8.4	47
632 CLINCH	7.6	39	9.9	60	8.8	52	7.6	39	7.7	41	8.2	45	8.4	46
679 JASPER	8.1	43	8.9	52	8.0	42	8.5	47	8.4	46	8.3	46	8.3	44
686 LANIER	7.9	42	9.8	58	9.0	54	10.0	60	8.6	49	8.5	48	8.8	52
696 MARION	7.6	39	9.1	53	8.1	42	8.7	50	8.1	44	8.7	50	8.3	44
698 MCINTOSH	6.9	33	7.1	34	9.1	55	7.5	38	7.6	40	7.3	38	7.6	38
703 MONTGOMERY	8.2	44	10.6	64	8.2	44	9.3	56	9.0	53	9.2	54	8.9	52
716 PULASKI	7.8	41	10.2	62	9.3	57	9.1	54	9.1	53	9.6	57	9.3	56
723 SCHLEY	8.1	44	11.7	69	9.6	59	9.2	55	8.6	49	8.6	48	9.1	54
725 SEMINOLE	7.7	40	9.5	56	9.2	56	8.0	43	8.0	43	8.6	49	8.4	47
740 TREUTLEN	8.2	44	8.7	50	9.3	57	8.5	47	7.9	43	8.6	49	8.4	46
758 WILKINSON	7.9	42	8.7	51	10.2	63	8.2	44	8.1	44	8.5	48	8.4	46
Comparison Group	7.8		9.4		8.9		8.6		8.3		8.6		8.5	
Comparison Group 15: Small systems with 68% TO 73% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
626 CHATTAHOOCHEE	8.1	44	9.7	58	10.6	67	8.8	51	8.4	47	9.8	59	9.1	54
682 JENKINS	7.9	42	11.9	70	10.6	67	8.9	53	8.3	46	8.9	52	9.2	55
683 JOHNSON	7.2	35	8.0	43	9.1	56	7.5	38	6.8	33	7.3	38	7.8	40
691 LONG	7.7	40	8.5	47	8.3	46	8.3	45	8.1	44	8.6	49	8.2	43
784 PELHAM CITY	7.9	42	9.6	57	8.5	48	8.3	45	8.5	48	8.6	49	8.5	48
733 TAYLOR	7.1	34	8.5	47	8.3	46	9.5	57	8.1	44	8.3	46	8.5	48
734 TELFAIR	8.7	50	10.3	62	10.3	65	11.5	69	8.9	52	9.5	56	9.7	59
753 WHEELER	6.9	33	8.3	46	8.2	44	7.5	37	7.6	40	8.1	44	7.6	38
Comparison Group	7.7		9.4		9.2		8.8		8.1		8.6		8.6	

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ITBS Grade Equivalent and Percentile Rank Scores by System, Listed by Demographic Comparison Group Spring 2000
Grade 8

System	Reading		Language Arts Total		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		Sources of Information		Composite	
	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile	Grade Equiv	%ile
GEORGIA	8.7	49	10.3	62	9.3	57	9.4	56	9.3	54	9.7	58	9.4	57
Comparison Group 16: Small systems with 75% TO 90% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
602 ATKINSON	7.8	41	8.9	52	8.3	45	8.0	43	7.4	38	8.1	44	7.9	41
604 BAKER	(no data)													
630 CLAY	(no data)													
646 DOOLY	6.1	25	8.0	43	7.8	40	7.2	35	6.5	30	7.1	35	7.0	32
670 HANCOCK	7.3	36	10.2	62	8.4	47	7.0	34	7.2	36	8.7	50	8.0	42
677 IRWIN	8.6	49	12.2	73	10.6	67	9.3	56	8.7	50	9.5	56	9.6	59
720 RANDOLPH	6.6	31	8.4	46	8.3	45	6.2	27	6.4	30	7.5	40	7.3	35
728 STEWART	6.6	30	8.2	45	8.3	45	7.5	37	8.4	46	7.4	39	7.6	39
730 TALBOT	5.2	17	6.4	28	6.5	23	5.9	23	5.7	23	6.5	29	6.0	21
749 WARREN	5.4	18	7.4	38	7.0	30	6.3	28	6.4	30	6.8	33	6.4	26
752 WEBSTER	7.6	39	10.1	61	8.9	53	10.1	61	8.8	51	9.2	54	8.9	53
Comparison Group	6.8		8.9		8.2		7.5		7.3		7.9		7.6	
Comparison Group 17: Small systems with more than 90% of students eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch														
619 CALHOUN	6.5	29	9.1	54	8.2	43	6.3	27	7.1	35	7.3	37	7.3	35
718 QUITMAN	(no data)													
731 TALIAFERRO	(no data)													
735 TERRELL	5.8	22	7.4	37	7.0	29	6.0	24	6.3	29	6.6	31	6.3	25
Comparison Group	6.2		8.2		7.6		6.2		6.7		7.0		6.8	

Table 3: Georgia High School Graduation Test Scores
Based on Grade 11 Regular Program First-time Examinees
Content Areas, Spring 2000; Writing, Fall 1999

System	Language Arts		Mathematics		Social Studies		Science		Writing	
	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass
GEORGIA	544	95	536	92	521	85	512	73	528	91
APPLING COUNTY	543	97	534	91	519	82	514	76	524	88
ATKINSON COUNTY	532	91	520	85	506	63	505	61	517	81
ATLANTA CITY	534	90	526	85	515	77	511	70	521	85
BACON COUNTY	540	94	528	93	514	80	506	64	524	93
BALDWIN COUNTY	537	91	520	83	512	73	506	62	522	86
BANKS COUNTY	545	95	536	94	518	82	511	73	530	96
BARROW COUNTY	547	97	534	95	521	86	513	81	526	92
BARTOW COUNTY	541	96	532	93	516	83	509	72	522	88
BEN HILL COUNTY	537	89	527	85	515	74	504	60	521	87
BERRIEN COUNTY	540	92	532	93	514	79	509	72	517	81
BIBB COUNTY	539	94	525	85	514	76	504	55	527	90
BLECKLEY COUNTY	544	96	535	92	516	79	513	70	531	93
BRANTLEY COUNTY	536	95	524	85	512	79	505	62	520	82
BREMEN CITY	556	100	549	98	528	97	518	94	530	98
BROOKS COUNTY	542	92	526	85	515	78	505	60	531	97
BRYAN COUNTY	550	98	542	98	525	90	515	80	531	94
BUFORD CITY	552	96	539	92	524	91	518	86	528	90
BULLOCH COUNTY	539	92	532	88	519	80	510	69	524	92
BURKE COUNTY	530	91	529	91	514	76	504	56	517	84
BUTTS COUNTY	542	95	531	91	522	84	509	68	522	85
CALHOUN CITY	551	97	544	95	527	88	517	78	534	98
CALHOUN COUNTY	531	95	518	90	505	64	499	44	521	95
CAMDEN COUNTY	543	93	531	88	519	84	512	74	524	86
CANDLER COUNTY	537	89	529	88	521	81	509	68	518	83
CARROLL COUNTY	541	94	530	91	516	83	516	81	524	91
CARROLLTON CITY	545	96	536	92	523	86	514	75	527	89
CARTERSVILLE CI	549	96	545	96	521	86	516	84	536	97
CATOOSA COUNTY	545	96	532	92	517	83	513	76	529	92
CHARLTON COUNTY	532	88	525	85	512	70	506	57	512	68
CHATHAM COUNTY	539	95	529	89	516	79	507	64	523	88

Table 3, cont=d Georgia High School Graduation Test Scores
Based on Grade 11 Regular Program First-time Examinees
Content Areas, Spring 2000; Writing, Fall 1999

System	Language Arts		Mathematics		Social Studies		Science		Writing	
	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass
GEORGIA	544	95	536	92	521	85	512	73	528	91
CHATTOOGA COUNT	536	91	525	85	515	72	509	64	521	87
CHEROKEE COUNTY	552	99	545	98	526	93	518	84	533	95
CHICKAMAUGA CIT	553	99	541	100	529	94	516	88	530	97
CLARKE COUNTY	547	95	540	92	526	88	515	75	528	88
CLAYTON COUNTY	541	96	534	94	521	86	509	69	527	92
CLINCH COUNTY	538	94	531	90	515	81	506	57	512	74
COBB COUNTY	550	98	546	96	529	92	519	84	534	96
COFFEE COUNTY	540	95	530	92	516	78	508	69	524	91
COLQUITT COUNTY	537	92	527	86	516	77	508	68	526	93
COLUMBIA COUNTY	551	98	545	97	531	94	520	87	536	98
COMMERCE CITY	549	100	534	97	521	91	510	69	528	93
COOK COUNTY	546	98	531	92	521	86	517	79	524	92
COWETA COUNTY	547	98	538	96	524	89	512	77	528	94
CRAWFORD COUNTY	540	93	532	89	516	76	509	70	527	96
CRISP COUNTY	544	98	536	93	517	84	512	72	523	87
DADE COUNTY	550	100	538	96	524	92	515	77	525	90
DALTON PUBLIC	551	95	546	97	525	88	517	81	534	93
DAWSON COUNTY	539	95	528	90	517	83	508	66	521	87
DECATUR CITY	550	92	539	88	525	83	517	72	531	94
DECATUR COUNTY	540	95	530	92	517	82	509	68	525	92
DEKALB COUNTY	543	96	535	92	522	86	509	69	526	90
DODGE COUNTY	545	96	539	97	527	90	515	79	534	97
DOOLY COUNTY	530	91	515	69	507	68	496	40	510	73
DOUGHERTY COUNT	535	93	526	84	513	75	506	61	519	86
DOUGLAS COUNTY	543	95	536	92	519	83	512	75	524	90
DUBLIN CITY	543	89	534	85	525	83	513	72	529	89
EARLY COUNTY	533	91	523	82	515	77	508	62	517	74
ECHOLS COUNTY	546	94	528	91	513	81	507	69	537	97
EFFINGHAM COUNT	546	98	539	96	523	90	513	79	526	93
ELBERT COUNTY	539	93	528	86	513	78	506	67	518	88

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System	Language Arts		Mathematics		Social Studies		Science		Writing	
	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass
GEORGIA	544	95	536	92	521	85	512	73	528	91
EMANUEL COUNTY	545	98	532	96	520	88	511	73	521	83
EVANS COUNTY	540	90	531	93	514	82	506	71	523	86
FANNIN COUNTY	542	96	530	90	519	86	512	72	528	96
FAYETTE COUNTY	557	99	554	99	532	96	522	91	540	98
FLOYD COUNTY	547	97	535	95	521	89	514	80	529	94
FORSYTH COUNTY	551	98	542	98	525	93	516	85	532	96
FRANKLIN COUNTY	541	97	535	93	517	79	512	72	519	89
FULTON COUNTY	552	98	547	95	532	93	517	81	537	96
GAINESVILLE CIT	541	91	533	86	520	78	511	70	526	83
GILMER COUNTY	546	97	537	91	520	84	513	76	524	86
GLASCOCK COUNTY	543	90	526	86	518	81	505	62	526	88
GLYNN COUNTY	545	97	539	96	523	86	512	77	532	92
GORDON COUNTY	544	93	531	93	514	80	510	73	526	92
GRADY COUNTY	537	92	528	88	515	75	507	61	525	90
GREENE COUNTY	527	80	522	79	509	68	500	46	514	72
WINNETT COUNTY	549	97	552	97	527	91	515	81	535	96
HABERSHAM COUNT	550	99	537	97	525	94	512	77	534	95
HALL COUNTY	543	95	533	92	518	86	510	71	524	91
HANCOCK COUNTY	527	86	512	71	504	61	496	44	515	71
HARALSON COUNTY	544	97	525	89	516	81	509	69	525	93
HARRIS COUNTY	537	89	529	88	517	79	508	65	521	84
HART COUNTY	543	96	532	93	519	84	512	72	524	90
HEARD COUNTY	539	90	528	89	515	79	509	71	516	81
HENRY COUNTY	546	97	541	95	521	87	514	79	533	96
HOUSTON COUNTY	547	97	540	94	524	88	515	80	531	95
IRWIN COUNTY	536	93	528	94	513	83	506	65	524	91
JACKSON COUNTY	543	95	533	94	518	86	512	80	522	86
JASPER COUNTY	538	98	531	89	515	82	508	63	523	88
JEFF DAVIS COUN	544	96	535	93	523	88	512	74	522	88

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System	Language Arts			Mathematics			Social Studies			Science			Writing		
	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent Pass
GEORGIA	544	95	92	536	92	85	521	85	73	512	73	528	91		
JEFFERSON CITY	555	97	90	539	90	90	525	90	81	516	81	538	100		
JEFFERSON COUNTY	527	88	80	518	80	57	506	57	44	499	44	514	78		
JENKINS COUNTY	541	94	95	531	95	86	519	86	62	509	62	529	94		
JOHNSON COUNTY	539	95	94	536	94	73	513	73	62	506	62	524	84		
JONES COUNTY	544	98	95	532	95	86	520	86	74	513	74	527	93		
LAMAR COUNTY	531	90	83	525	83	67	513	67	54	504	54	523	87		
LANIER COUNTY	538	93	95	531	95	76	515	76	64	509	64	524	95		
LAURENS COUNTY	536	89	82	522	82	78	516	78	64	506	64	524	87		
LEE COUNTY	548	97	95	540	95	90	525	90	86	517	86	530	94		
LIBERTY COUNTY	539	93	87	525	87	77	515	77	58	505	58	523	88		
LINCOLN COUNTY	537	91	87	525	87	69	511	69	54	504	54	513	71		
LONG COUNTY	539	98	92	524	92	81	513	81	58	505	58	523	97		
LOWNDES COUNTY	546	98	96	541	96	90	525	90	83	514	83	528	96		
LUMPKIN COUNTY	546	99	93	537	93	88	522	88	83	514	83	531	97		
MACON COUNTY	528	87	76	518	76	67	509	67	38	496	38	519	78		
MADISON COUNTY	546	97	93	535	93	86	521	86	76	513	76	529	92		
MARIETTA CITY	545	96	93	538	93	86	523	86	75	512	75	533	94		
MARION COUNTY	540	95	90	524	90	80	513	80	65	506	65	524	92		
MCDUFFIE COUNTY	537	90	88	527	88	73	514	73	63	508	63	524	90		
MCINTOSH COUNTY	535	96	85	524	85	73	510	73	72	508	72	515	81		
MERIWETHER COUN	524	84	77	517	77	62	505	62	41	498	41	513	73		
MILLER COUNTY	543	97	94	533	94	86	517	86	76	510	76	525	89		
MITCHELL COUNTY	530	90	81	519	81	69	510	69	58	503	58	524	92		
MONROE COUNTY	545	94	92	535	92	79	518	79	66	509	66	528	88		
MONTGOMERY COUN	541	96	89	528	89	87	523	87	65	509	65	526	93		
MORGAN COUNTY	542	97	90	533	90	83	520	83	74	512	74	520	85		
MURRAY COUNTY	540	96	89	526	89	79	516	79	56	506	56	521	88		
MUSCOGEE COUNTY	539	95	86	527	86	80	516	80	60	505	60	523	88		
NEWTON COUNTY	542	96	95	536	95	85	521	85	78	512	78	529	91		

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System	Language Arts		Mathematics		Social Studies		Science		Writing	
	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass
GEORGIA	544	95	536	92	521	85	512	73	528	91
OCONEE COUNTY	556	100	550	99	532	98	526	93	539	98
OGLETHORPE COUN	544	97	537	93	520	85	513	71	522	88
PAULDING COUNTY	546	98	537	94	523	88	513	78	529	94
PEACH COUNTY	539	93	529	86	514	74	506	65	523	87
PELHAM CITY	538	99	531	99	514	85	507	60	524	92
PICKENS COUNTY	545	98	531	93	524	90	510	78	526	94
PIERCE COUNTY	541	92	529	90	515	78	507	69	526	92
PIKE COUNTY	543	94	536	93	517	78	511	70	527	92
POLK COUNTY	542	95	534	91	518	84	514	79	525	89
PULASKI COUNTY	540	93	533	88	517	79	508	69	527	94
PUTNAM COUNTY	538	92	528	91	514	77	508	71	521	87
RABUN COUNTY	547	99	537	97	521	86	516	82	534	96
RANDOLPH COUNTY	521	79	510	63	502	56	494	37	511	68
RICHMOND COUNTY	538	93	528	89	517	79	505	61	523	88
ROCKDALE COUNTY	549	98	541	97	527	92	516	83	532	95
ROME CITY	547	96	540	92	520	81	517	78	530	96
SCREVEN COUNTY	535	87	535	92	519	78	511	70	519	80
SEMINOLE COUNTY	541	98	527	86	520	86	510	70	526	88
SOCIAL CIRCLE C	548	99	531	94	523	91	511	83	519	96
SPALDING COUNTY	540	91	530	84	518	78	512	70	522	82
STEPHENS COUNTY	545	94	535	89	519	84	512	75	524	85
STEWART COUNTY	518	83	514	72	497	37	488	25	505	65
SUMTER COUNTY	533	91	519	76	511	65	503	54	515	78
TALBOT COUNTY	525	81	511	69	499	50	490	26	518	87
TATTNALL COUNTY	537	92	530	92	514	77	508	72	524	92
TAYLOR COUNTY	539	94	519	80	512	76	508	69	521	87
TELFAIR COUNTY	536	94	523	87	511	74	501	51	521	84
TERRELL COUNTY	527	90	513	72	501	50	496	40	512	78
THOMAS COUNTY	541	97	536	93	519	83	511	75	529	92

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System	Language Arts			Mathematics			Social Studies			Science			Writing		
	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent
GEORGIA	544	95	92	536	92	85	521	85	73	512	73	528	91		
THOMASVILLE CIT	539	94	81	525	81	80	516	80	62	507	62	528	87		
TIFT COUNTY	542	94	91	533	91	78	519	78	72	511	72	527	90		
TOOMBS COUNTY	540	97	94	529	94	79	516	79	61	509	61	523	85		
TOWNS COUNTY	549	100	100	538	100	98	522	98	80	514	80	534	98		
TREUTLEN COUNTY	543	95	91	526	91	86	517	86	59	505	59	524	92		
TRION CITY	549	100	100	538	100	97	531	97	77	514	77	537	99		
TROUP COUNTY	540	94	91	533	91	80	519	80	69	511	69	527	88		
TURNER COUNTY	548	95	90	536	90	84	520	84	86	522	86	530	90		
TWIGGS COUNTY	529	88	81	520	81	71	510	71	45	497	45	514	79		
UNION COUNTY	546	100	96	536	96	91	526	91	80	514	80	527	93		
UPSON COUNTY	541	93	92	537	92	82	520	82	75	514	75	528	94		
VALDOSTA CITY	543	97	90	534	90	85	521	85	71	511	71	526	93		
VIDALIA CITY	550	96	95	545	95	93	529	93	84	517	84	526	93		
WALKER COUNTY	545	96	92	533	92	87	519	87	76	509	76	526	92		
WALTON COUNTY	543	96	94	536	94	88	521	88	78	512	78	531	97		
WARE COUNTY	546	97	92	534	92	86	519	86	77	511	77	524	90		
WARREN COUNTY	538	90	92	527	92	81	512	81	37	494	37	517	80		
WASHINGTON COUN	535	88	83	525	83	70	513	70	59	506	59	520	85		
WAYNE COUNTY	541	92	89	531	89	75	516	75	66	509	66	524	89		
WHEELER COUNTY	534	90	80	527	80	67	512	67	62	505	62	513	74		
WHITE COUNTY	549	98	95	536	95	86	521	86	77	512	77	529	95		
WHITEFIELD COUNT	545	95	93	533	93	84	519	84	72	511	72	528	90		
WILCOX COUNTY	542	90	89	541	89	75	517	75	68	513	68	521	85		
WILKINSON COUNT	543	96	90	535	90	86	523	86	70	505	70	523	88		
WORTH COUNTY	540	97	91	530	91	81	517	81	61	507	61	521	90		

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System	Language Arts			Mathematics			Social Studies			Science			Writing		
	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent
GEORGIA	544	95	92	536	92	85	521	85	512	73	528	91			
GROUP 1: LARGE SYSTEMS WITH FEWER THAN 22% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH															
CHEROKEE COUNTY	552	99	98	545	98	93	526	93	518	84	533	95			
COBB COUNTY	550	98	96	546	96	92	529	92	519	84	534	96			
COLUMBIA COUNTY	551	98	97	545	97	94	531	94	520	87	536	98			
FAYETTE COUNTY	557	99	99	554	99	96	532	96	522	91	540	98			
FORSYTH COUNTY	551	98	98	542	98	93	525	93	516	85	532	96			
WINNETT COUNTY	549	97	97	552	97	91	527	91	515	81	535	96			
HENRY COUNTY	546	97	95	541	95	87	521	87	514	79	533	96			
PAULDING COUNTY	546	98	94	537	94	88	523	88	513	78	529	94			
Comparison Group	550	98	97	548	97	92	528	92	517	83	534	96			
GROUP 2: LARGE SYSTEMS WITH 25% TO 42% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH															
BARTOW COUNTY	541	96	93	532	93	83	516	83	509	72	522	88			
CARROLL COUNTY	541	94	91	530	91	83	516	83	516	81	524	91			
COWETA COUNTY	547	98	96	538	96	89	524	89	512	77	528	94			
DOUGLAS COUNTY	543	95	92	536	92	83	519	83	512	75	524	90			
FLOYD COUNTY	547	97	95	535	95	89	521	89	514	80	529	94			
FULTON COUNTY	552	98	95	547	95	93	532	93	517	81	537	96			
GLYNN COUNTY	545	97	96	539	96	86	523	86	512	77	532	92			
HALL COUNTY	543	95	92	533	92	86	518	86	510	71	524	91			
HOUSTON COUNTY	547	97	94	540	94	88	524	88	515	80	531	95			
NEWTON COUNTY	542	96	95	536	95	85	521	85	512	78	529	91			
ROCKDALE COUNTY	549	98	97	541	97	92	527	92	516	83	532	95			
WHITFIELD COUNTY	545	95	93	533	93	84	519	84	511	72	528	90			
Comparison Group	547	97	94	540	94	88	525	88	514	78	531	93			

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System	Language Arts		Mathematics		Social Studies		Science		Writing	
	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass
GEORGIA	544	95	536	92	521	85	512	73	528	91
GROUP 3: LARGE SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN 48% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH										
ATLANTA CITY	534	90	526	85	515	77	511	70	521	85
BIBB COUNTY	539	94	525	85	514	76	504	55	527	90
CHATHAM COUNTY	539	95	529	89	516	79	507	64	523	88
CLARKE COUNTY	547	95	540	92	526	88	515	75	528	88
CLAYTON COUNTY	541	96	534	94	521	86	509	69	527	92
DEKALB COUNTY	543	96	535	92	522	86	509	69	526	90
DOUGHERTY COUNTY	535	93	526	84	513	75	506	61	519	86
LIBERTY COUNTY	539	93	525	87	515	77	505	58	523	88
MUSCOGEE COUNTY	539	95	527	86	516	80	505	60	523	88
RICHMOND COUNTY	538	93	528	89	517	79	505	61	523	88
SPALDING COUNTY	540	91	530	84	518	78	512	70	522	82
TROUP COUNTY	540	94	533	91	519	80	511	69	527	88
Comparison Group	539	94	530	89	518	81	508	66	524	89
GROUP 4: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH FEWER THAN 32% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH										
BARROW COUNTY	547	97	534	95	521	86	513	81	526	92
CALHOUN CITY	551	97	544	95	527	88	517	78	534	98
CATOOSA COUNTY	545	96	532	92	517	83	513	76	529	92
DAWSON COUNTY	539	95	528	90	517	83	508	66	521	87
EFFINGHAM COUNT	546	98	539	96	523	90	513	79	526	93
JONES COUNTY	544	98	532	95	520	86	513	74	527	93
LEE COUNTY	548	97	540	95	525	90	517	86	530	94
OCONEE COUNTY	556	100	550	99	532	98	526	93	539	98
PIKE COUNTY	543	94	536	93	517	78	511	70	527	92
Comparison Group	547	97	537	95	522	87	515	80	529	93

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System	Language Arts		Mathematics		Social Studies		Science		Writing	
	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass
GEORGIA	544	95	536	92	521	85	512	73	528	91
GROUP 5: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 34% TO 38% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH										
BRYAN COUNTY	550	98	542	98	525	90	515	80	531	94
CAMDEN COUNTY	543	93	531	88	519	84	512	74	524	86
CARTERSVILLE CI	549	96	545	96	521	86	516	84	536	97
DADE COUNTY	550	100	538	96	524	92	515	77	525	90
GORDON COUNTY	544	93	531	93	514	80	510	73	526	92
HABERSHAM COUNTY	550	99	537	97	525	94	512	77	534	95
HARRIS COUNTY	537	89	529	88	517	79	508	65	521	84
LOWNDES COUNTY	546	98	541	96	525	90	514	83	528	96
LUMPKIN COUNTY	546	99	537	93	522	88	514	83	531	97
PICKENS COUNTY	545	98	531	93	524	90	510	78	526	94
STEPHENS COUNTY	545	94	535	89	519	84	512	75	524	85
WALTON COUNTY	543	96	536	94	521	88	512	78	531	97
WHITE COUNTY	549	98	536	95	521	86	512	77	529	95
Comparison Group	545	96	536	93	521	87	513	77	528	92

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System	Language Arts		Mathematics		Social Studies		Science		Writing	
	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass
GEORGIA	544	95	536	92	521	85	512	73	528	91
GROUP 6: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 39% TO 45% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH										
CARROLLTON CITY	545	96	536	92	523	86	514	75	527	89
FANNIN COUNTY	542	96	530	90	519	86	512	72	528	96
FRANKLIN COUNTY	541	97	535	93	517	79	512	72	519	89
GILMER COUNTY	546	97	537	91	520	84	513	76	524	86
HARALSON COUNTY	544	97	525	89	516	81	509	69	525	93
HART COUNTY	543	96	532	93	519	84	512	72	524	90
JACKSON COUNTY	543	95	533	94	518	86	512	80	522	86
MADISON COUNTY	546	97	535	93	521	86	513	76	529	92
MONROE COUNTY	545	94	535	92	518	79	509	66	528	88
MORGAN COUNTY	542	97	533	90	520	83	512	74	520	85
MURRAY COUNTY	540	96	526	89	516	79	506	56	521	88
OGLETHORPE COUN	544	97	537	93	520	85	513	71	522	88
POLK COUNTY	542	95	534	91	518	84	514	79	525	89
RABUN COUNTY	547	99	537	97	521	86	516	82	534	96
UNION COUNTY	546	100	536	96	526	91	514	80	527	93
Comparison Group	543	96	533	92	519	83	512	73	525	90

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System	Language Arts		Mathematics		Social Studies		Science		Writing	
	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass
GEORGIA	544	95	536	92	521	85	512	73	528	91
GROUP 7: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 46% TO 55% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH										
BALDWIN COUNTY	537	91	520	83	512	73	506	62	522	86
BANKS COUNTY	545	95	536	94	518	82	511	73	530	96
BERRIEN COUNTY	540	92	532	93	514	79	509	72	517	81
BLECKLEY COUNTY	544	96	535	92	516	79	513	70	531	93
BRANTLEY COUNTY	536	95	524	85	512	79	505	62	520	82
BULLOCH COUNTY	539	92	532	88	519	80	510	69	524	92
BUTTS COUNTY	542	95	531	91	522	84	509	68	522	85
CHATTOOGA COUNT	536	91	525	85	515	72	509	64	521	87
COLQUITT COUNTY	537	92	527	86	516	77	508	68	526	93
CRAWFORD COUNTY	540	93	532	89	516	76	509	70	527	96
DALTON PUBLIC	551	95	546	97	525	88	517	81	534	93
DECATUR CITY	550	92	539	88	525	83	517	72	531	94
ELBERT COUNTY	539	93	528	86	513	78	506	67	518	88
GRADY COUNTY	537	92	528	88	515	75	507	61	525	90
HEARD COUNTY	539	90	528	89	515	79	509	71	516	81
JEFF DAVIS COUN	544	96	535	93	523	88	512	74	522	88
LAMAR COUNTY	531	90	525	83	513	67	504	54	523	87
LAURENS COUNTY	536	89	522	82	516	78	506	64	524	87
MARIETTA CITY	545	96	538	93	523	86	512	75	533	94
MCDUFFIE COUNTY	537	90	527	88	514	73	508	63	524	90
PIERCE COUNTY	541	92	529	90	515	78	507	69	526	92
THOMAS COUNTY	541	97	536	93	519	83	511	75	529	92
TIFT COUNTY	542	94	533	91	519	78	511	72	527	90
UPSON COUNTY	541	93	537	92	520	82	514	75	528	94
VIDALIA CITY	550	96	545	95	529	93	517	84	526	93
WALKER COUNTY	545	96	533	92	519	87	509	76	526	92
WAYNE COUNTY	541	92	531	89	516	75	509	66	524	89
Comparison Group	541	93	531	89	518	80	510	69	525	90

Table 4, continued: System High School Graduation Test Scores by Demographic Comparison Group
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System	Language Arts		Mathematics		Social Studies		Science		Writing	
	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass
GEORGIA	544	95	536	92	521	85	512	73	528	91
GROUP 8: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 57% TO 64% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH										
APPLING COUNTY	543	97	534	91	519	82	514	76	524	88
BEN HILL COUNTY	537	89	527	85	515	74	504	60	521	87
CHARLTON COUNTY	532	88	525	85	512	70	506	57	512	68
COFFEE COUNTY	540	95	530	92	516	78	508	69	524	91
COOK COUNTY	546	98	531	92	521	86	517	79	524	92
DECATUR COUNTY	540	95	530	92	517	82	509	68	525	92
DODGE COUNTY	545	96	539	97	527	90	515	79	534	97
DUBLIN CITY	543	89	534	85	525	83	513	72	529	89
GAINESVILLE CIT	541	91	533	86	520	78	511	70	526	83
PEACH COUNTY	539	93	529	86	514	74	506	65	523	87
ROME CITY	547	96	540	92	520	81	517	78	530	96
VALDOSTA CITY	543	97	534	90	521	85	511	71	526	93
WARE COUNTY	546	97	534	92	519	86	511	77	524	90
WORTH COUNTY	540	97	530	91	517	81	507	61	521	90
Comparison Group	542	95	532	90	519	81	510	70	525	90
GROUP 9: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 65% TO 70% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH										
CRISP COUNTY	544	98	536	93	517	84	512	72	523	87
EARLY COUNTY	533	91	523	82	515	77	508	62	517	74
EMANUEL COUNTY	545	98	532	96	520	88	511	73	521	83
EVANS COUNTY	540	90	531	93	514	82	506	71	523	86
POTNAM COUNTY	538	92	528	91	514	77	508	71	521	87
SCREVEN COUNTY	535	87	535	92	519	78	511	70	519	80
TATTNALL COUNTY	537	92	530	92	514	77	508	72	524	92
THOMASVILLE CIT	539	94	525	81	516	80	507	62	528	87
TOOMBS COUNTY	540	97	529	94	516	79	509	61	523	85
TURNER COUNTY	548	95	536	90	520	84	522	86	530	90
WASHINGTON COUN	535	88	525	83	513	70	506	59	520	85
Comparison Group	539	93	530	90	516	79	509	68	522	85
GROUP 10: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN 74% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH										
BROOKS COUNTY	542	92	526	85	515	78	505	60	531	97
BURKE COUNTY	530	91	529	91	514	76	504	56	517	84
GREENE COUNTY	527	80	522	79	509	68	500	46	514	72
JEFFERSON COUNT	527	88	518	80	506	57	499	44	514	78

Table 4, continued: System High School Graduation Test Scores by Demographic Comparison Group
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System	Language Arts		Mathematics		Social Studies		Science		Writing	
	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass
GEORGIA	544	95	536	92	521	85	512	73	528	91
MACON COUNTY	528	87	518	76	509	67	496	38	519	78
MERIWETHER COUN	524	84	517	77	505	62	498	41	513	73
MITCHELL COUNTY	530	90	519	81	510	69	503	58	524	92
SUMTER COUNTY	533	91	519	76	511	65	503	54	515	78
TWIGGS COUNTY	529	88	520	81	510	71	497	45	514	79
Comparison Group	530	88	521	81	510	67	501	49	517	80
GROUP 11: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH FEWER THAN 22% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH										
BREMEN CITY	556	100	549	98	528	97	518	94	530	98
CHICKAMAUGA CIT	553	99	541	100	529	94	516	88	530	97
TRION CITY	549	100	538	100	531	97	514	77	537	99
Comparison Group	553	100	543	99	529	96	516	87	532	98
GROUP 12: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 33% TO 43% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH										
BUFORD CITY	552	96	539	92	524	91	518	86	528	90
COMMERCE CITY	549	100	534	97	521	91	510	69	528	93
JEFFERSON CITY	555	97	539	90	525	90	516	81	538	100
SOCIAL CIRCLE C	548	99	531	94	523	91	511	83	519	96
TOWNS COUNTY	549	100	538	100	522	98	514	80	534	98
Comparison Group	551	98	536	94	523	92	514	80	529	95

Table 4, continued: System High School Graduation Test Scores by Demographic Comparison Group
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System	Language Arts			Mathematics			Social Studies			Science			Writing		
	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Percent
GEORGIA	544	95	536	92	85	521	85	512	73	528	91				
GROUP 13: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 47% TO 59% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH															
BACON COUNTY	540	94	528	93	80	514	80	506	64	524	93				
ECHOLS COUNTY	546	94	528	91	81	513	81	507	69	537	97				
GLASCOCK COUNTY	543	90	526	86	81	518	81	505	62	526	88				
LINCOLN COUNTY	537	91	525	87	69	511	69	504	54	513	71				
MILLER COUNTY	543	97	533	94	86	517	86	510	76	525	89				
WILCOX COUNTY	542	90	541	89	75	517	75	513	68	521	85				
Comparison Group	541	93	532	92	79	514	79	508	66	522	86				
GROUP 14: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 60% TO 67% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH															
CANDLER COUNTY	537	89	529	88	81	521	81	509	68	518	83				
CLINCH COUNTY	538	94	531	90	81	515	81	506	57	512	74				
JASPER COUNTY	538	98	531	89	82	515	82	508	63	523	88				
LANIER COUNTY	538	93	531	95	76	515	76	509	64	524	95				
MARION COUNTY	540	95	524	90	80	513	80	506	65	524	92				
MCINTOSH COUNTY	535	96	524	85	73	510	73	508	72	515	81				
MONTGOMERY COUN	541	96	528	89	87	523	87	509	65	526	93				
PULASKI COUNTY	540	93	533	88	79	517	79	508	69	527	94				
SEMINOLE COUNTY	541	98	527	86	86	520	86	510	70	526	88				
TREUTLEN COUNTY	543	95	526	91	86	517	86	505	59	524	92				
WILKINSON COUNT	543	96	535	90	86	523	86	505	70	523	88				
Comparison Group	539	95	529	89	81	517	81	507	66	522	88				

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System	Language Arts		Mathematics		Social Studies		Science		Writing	
	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass	Scaled Score	Percent Pass
GEORGIA	544	95	536	92	521	85	512	73	528	91
GROUP 15: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 68% TO 73% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH										
JENKINS COUNTY	541	94	531	95	519	86	509	62	529	94
JOHNSON COUNTY	539	95	536	94	513	73	506	62	524	84
LONG COUNTY	539	98	524	92	513	81	505	58	523	97
PELHAM CITY	538	99	531	99	514	85	507	60	524	92
TAYLOR COUNTY	539	94	519	80	512	76	508	69	521	87
TELFAIR COUNTY	536	94	523	87	511	74	501	51	521	84
WHEELER COUNTY	534	90	527	80	512	67	505	62	513	74
Comparison Group	538	95	527	89	514	78	506	60	523	88
GROUP 16: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 75% TO 90% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH										
ATKINSON COUNTY	532	91	520	85	506	63	505	61	517	81
DOOLY COUNTY	530	91	515	69	507	68	496	40	510	73
HANCOCK COUNTY	527	86	512	71	504	61	496	44	515	71
IRWIN COUNTY	536	93	528	94	513	83	506	65	524	91
RANDOLPH COUNTY	521	79	510	63	502	56	494	37	511	68
STEWART COUNTY	518	83	514	72	497	37	488	25	505	65
TALBOT COUNTY	525	81	511	69	499	50	490	26	518	87
WARREN COUNTY	538	90	527	92	512	81	494	37	517	80
Comparison Group	529	87	517	76	506	64	498	45	515	77
GROUP 17: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN 90% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH										
CALHOUN COUNTY	531	95	518	90	505	64	499	44	521	95
TERRELL COUNTY	527	90	513	72	501	50	496	40	512	78
Comparison Group	528	92	514	77	502	54	497	41	515	83

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GEORGIA	112174	5.8	16.6	30.4	27.5	13.9	3.9
APPLING COUNTY	264	7.6	13.6	25.0	26.1	15.5	11.4
ATKINSON COUNTY	126	6.3	7.1	22.2	20.6	28.6	11.1
BACON COUNTY	123	5.7	15.4	28.5	27.6	17.1	3.3
BAKER COUNTY	39	15.4	20.5	23.1	17.9	15.4	2.6
BALDWIN COUNTY	495	4.2	15.6	31.5	28.1	14.1	5.7
BANKS COUNTY	185	4.9	15.1	26.5	33.0	13.0	3.8
BARROW COUNTY	703	3.0	16.6	35.8	28.2	14.1	1.3
BARTOW COUNTY	746	6.4	20.4	29.6	24.3	9.8	6.3
BEN HILL COUNTY	260	5.4	19.2	26.9	25.0	14.2	5.4
BERRIEN COUNTY	220	9.1	21.8	33.2	21.8	10.5	0.9
BIBB COUNTY	2119	8.0	21.6	33.8	20.9	10.7	3.0
BLECKLEY COUNTY	174	5.7	13.2	31.6	37.9	9.8	0.0
BRANTLEY COUNTY	255	3.1	13.3	31.8	35.7	10.2	5.5
BROOKS COUNTY	254	7.1	31.5	36.6	18.5	5.1	0.8
BRYAN COUNTY	352	4.0	8.8	36.9	33.2	13.6	2.8
BULLOCH COUNTY	649	5.5	21.9	37.0	21.6	12.6	0.6
BURKE COUNTY	375	1.3	9.3	38.1	36.8	10.9	0.5
BUTTS COUNTY	253	7.9	25.7	40.3	16.6	6.7	0.0
CALHOUN COUNTY	58	27.6	24.1	41.4	6.9	0.0	0.0
CAMDEN COUNTY	713	4.3	17.3	32.5	28.6	14.6	1.5
CANDLER COUNTY	159	3.1	13.8	28.9	27.7	17.0	4.4
CARROLL COUNTY	940	8.3	17.9	29.3	26.5	13.3	3.5
CATOOSA COUNTY	821	6.2	18.9	41.8	23.8	8.0	1.0
CHARLTON COUNTY	166	8.4	36.7	23.5	12.0	10.8	8.4
CHATHAM COUNTY	2866	6.5	16.2	32.0	24.8	14.1	4.8
CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY	59	18.6	37.3	16.9	13.6	5.1	0.0
CHATTOOGA COUNTY	214	1.4	5.1	25.7	30.8	23.8	10.3
CHEROKEE COUNTY	2016	4.9	19.8	36.9	26.4	9.7	1.0
CLARKE COUNTY	850	11.9	21.1	29.1	20.1	11.3	3.4
CLAY COUNTY	39	23.1	51.3	23.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GEORGIA	112174	5.8	16.6	30.4	27.5	13.9	3.9
CLAYTON COUNTY	3669	7.7	19.4	32.6	24.1	10.1	3.7
CLINCH COUNTY	113	5.3	31.0	29.2	21.2	9.7	2.7
COBB COUNTY	7450	2.2	10.9	29.2	33.6	17.9	4.2
COFFEE COUNTY	612	4.9	19.0	31.4	25.7	14.1	3.8
COLQUITT COUNTY	594	10.8	25.9	25.4	21.4	13.3	2.5
COLUMBIA COUNTY	1408	2.1	9.7	27.4	35.0	20.3	4.6
COOK COUNTY	248	9.3	16.1	29.4	25.0	12.5	6.5
COWETA COUNTY	1235	5.2	17.0	32.6	23.7	16.0	3.8
CRAWFORD COUNTY	166	4.2	33.1	33.7	22.3	4.8	1.8
CRISP COUNTY	368	6.8	22.8	31.3	26.4	10.6	1.9
DADE COUNTY	210	3.8	15.2	22.9	26.2	22.4	8.6
DAWSON COUNTY	232	4.7	12.1	31.0	31.0	14.7	4.7
DECATUR COUNTY	453	8.8	33.1	32.2	19.0	4.6	1.3
DEKALB COUNTY	7380	6.8	17.4	26.2	24.8	15.4	6.5
DODGE COUNTY	297	7.7	22.2	27.6	21.5	11.4	6.7
DOOLY COUNTY	124	0.8	7.3	35.5	29.8	21.8	0.0
DOUGHERTY COUNTY	1370	8.5	21.2	31.9	23.0	10.4	3.6
DOUGLAS COUNTY	1333	5.3	15.0	28.4	28.2	15.5	5.5
EARLY COUNTY	206	6.8	18.0	25.2	31.6	13.6	3.4
ECHOLS COUNTY	48	12.5	12.5	33.3	18.8	12.5	6.3
EFFINGHAM COUNTY	628	3.0	17.5	33.1	26.6	16.2	2.9
ELBERT COUNTY	271	10.7	18.1	27.3	26.2	12.9	3.3
EMANUEL COUNTY	310	22.6	31.3	19.0	14.8	8.7	2.6
EVANS COUNTY	149	10.7	36.9	30.9	16.8	0.7	1.3
FANNIN COUNTY	221	6.8	15.8	29.0	21.7	15.8	10.0
FAYETTE COUNTY	1405	2.8	11.3	28.4	34.3	17.2	4.5
FLOYD COUNTY	841	2.3	18.4	31.6	32.5	10.2	3.6

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GEORGIA	112174	5.8	16.6	30.4	27.5	13.9	3.9
FORSYTH COUNTY	1387	2.2	12.0	30.6	33.7	15.8	4.1
FRANKLIN COUNTY	286	2.4	19.9	35.3	26.9	11.5	2.1
FULTON COUNTY	5204	5.6	12.8	27.7	30.8	16.5	4.2
GILMER COUNTY	292	13.0	26.4	28.8	18.8	8.6	0.3
GLASCOCK COUNTY	36	2.8	2.8	13.9	52.8	25.0	0.0
GLYNN COUNTY	880	6.0	17.4	28.0	22.4	18.5	6.5
GORDON COUNTY	496	5.4	19.8	30.2	24.2	12.3	6.0
GRADY COUNTY	373	2.4	13.1	36.7	32.7	13.9	0.8
GREENE COUNTY	163	6.7	31.3	35.0	17.8	8.6	0.0
GWINNETT COUNTY	8240	1.5	7.0	25.8	41.0	18.8	4.2
HABERSHAM COUNTY	439	5.5	12.8	23.2	29.4	15.7	9.6
HALL COUNTY	1635	5.9	16.9	28.6	24.1	16.2	4.4
HANCOCK COUNTY	139	12.2	23.0	26.6	18.0	15.1	5.0
HARALSON COUNTY	276	8.3	16.3	23.2	27.2	19.9	3.6
HARRIS COUNTY	342	8.2	13.7	31.0	29.8	14.6	2.0
HART COUNTY	289	6.2	20.1	26.6	29.4	11.8	3.1
HEARD COUNTY	189	2.6	9.0	22.2	29.6	16.9	15.3
HENRY COUNTY	1857	2.6	13.8	34.4	29.2	14.7	3.8
HOUSTON COUNTY	1541	6.2	19.2	33.3	26.2	12.5	1.4
IRWIN COUNTY	141	22.7	22.7	21.3	19.9	12.1	0.7
JACKSON COUNTY	386	3.6	20.7	46.9	21.0	7.5	0.3
JASPER COUNTY	160	6.9	15.0	33.1	27.5	11.9	1.3
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	183	3.8	9.3	28.4	29.0	18.0	10.9
JEFFERSON COUNTY	294	5.1	24.8	37.1	19.7	6.8	4.1
JENKINS COUNTY	148	3.4	32.4	29.1	17.6	10.8	4.1
JOHNSON COUNTY	100	11.0	31.0	36.0	20.0	1.0	0.0
JONES COUNTY	356	3.7	9.0	32.3	36.5	11.8	5.3
LAMAR COUNTY	216	12.5	20.4	27.8	19.0	11.6	6.0

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GEORGIA	112174	5.8	16.6	30.4	27.5	13.9	3.9
LANIER COUNTY	81	7.4	17.3	39.5	14.8	13.6	7.4
LAURENS COUNTY	446	6.1	20.2	31.2	25.1	12.6	3.8
LEE COUNTY	385	1.8	5.5	19.7	39.0	26.2	7.0
LIBERTY COUNTY	874	6.6	20.9	34.6	22.4	8.5	3.2
LINCOLN COUNTY	124	1.6	20.2	37.1	21.8	13.7	5.6
LONG COUNTY	147	17.7	28.6	30.6	12.9	6.1	1.4
LOWNDES COUNTY	691	5.1	17.8	37.3	24.7	11.1	2.6
LUMPKIN COUNTY	308	6.2	24.0	31.8	22.1	9.7	3.6
MACON COUNTY	201	18.4	20.4	23.4	19.9	16.4	0.5
MADISON COUNTY	339	4.7	15.3	27.1	28.6	16.8	5.3
MARION COUNTY	117	12.8	29.1	20.5	23.9	9.4	4.3
MCDUFFIE COUNTY	344	8.1	21.2	23.8	27.0	14.0	4.7
MCINTOSH COUNTY	171	8.8	21.6	43.9	18.1	5.3	0.0
MERIWETHER COUNTY	294	7.5	26.2	34.7	18.4	8.8	0.3
MILLER COUNTY	106	10.4	13.2	34.0	25.5	14.2	1.9
MITCHELL COUNTY	215	10.2	38.1	29.3	10.2	3.3	0.0
MONROE COUNTY	282	6.7	23.0	33.0	21.6	8.9	3.9
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	105	9.5	28.6	31.4	19.0	7.6	0.0
MORGAN	265	6.4	17.7	32.1	22.3	17.4	3.0
MURRAY COUNTY	546	4.9	18.9	34.8	25.5	11.5	0.4
MUSCOGEE COUNTY	2442	8.6	19.7	31.7	24.4	11.0	3.2
NEWTON COUNTY	891	5.4	16.6	28.6	29.1	17.1	2.8
OCONEE COUNTY	396	1.8	8.6	23.2	33.6	21.0	9.8
OGLETHORPE COUNTY	175	3.4	26.3	37.7	19.4	12.0	0.0
PAULDING COUNTY	1307	3.1	14.8	30.3	35.7	12.2	3.1
PEACH COUNTY	327	6.7	19.0	39.4	26.9	5.8	0.6
PICKENS COUNTY	296	8.4	23.3	32.4	25.7	7.4	0.7

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GEORGIA	112174	5.8	16.6	30.4	27.5	13.9	3.9
PIERCE COUNTY	266	5.6	25.6	39.8	17.3	4.5	5.3
PIKE COUNTY	202	5.9	19.8	26.7	24.8	15.3	5.9
POLK COUNTY	550	4.4	20.9	41.1	21.8	8.7	1.3
PULASKI COUNTY	128	13.3	26.6	34.4	17.2	7.0	1.6
PUTNAM COUNTY	202	3.5	21.3	45.5	23.3	5.0	0.5
QUITMAN COUNTY	34	14.7	55.9	17.6	11.8	0.0	0.0
RABUN COUNTY	156	1.9	12.2	28.8	34.6	17.3	3.8
RANDOLPH COUNTY	90	8.9	20.0	30.0	24.4	13.3	2.2
RICHMOND COUNTY	2817	5.0	17.9	32.8	24.8	14.0	4.4
ROCKDALE COUNTY	1056	3.1	12.1	26.7	32.4	18.2	6.2
SCHLEY COUNTY	68	0.0	8.8	38.2	36.8	10.3	2.9
SCREVEN COUNTY	269	3.7	21.2	40.5	23.8	7.4	2.2
SEMINOLE COUNTY	143	16.1	21.7	18.9	23.8	15.4	2.8
SPALDING COUNTY	829	5.9	12.8	26.2	27.4	19.3	7.2
STEPHENS COUNTY	358	1.1	16.2	39.4	29.9	11.2	2.0
STEWART COUNTY	56	12.5	30.4	33.9	16.1	5.4	0.0
SUMTER COUNTY	458	10.7	26.4	37.8	18.8	3.7	0.0
TALBOT COUNTY	70	15.7	28.6	22.9	11.4	11.4	2.9
TALIAFERRO COUNTY	20	5.0	0.0	20.0	35.0	40.0	0.0
TATNALL COUNTY	244	7.8	21.3	29.9	18.9	11.9	7.0
TAYLOR COUNTY	145	22.8	11.0	26.9	22.1	13.8	0.7
TELFAIR COUNTY	127	14.2	31.5	32.3	12.6	5.5	1.6
TERRELL COUNTY	126	7.9	27.8	35.7	19.0	8.7	0.8
THOMAS COUNTY	378	6.1	24.1	36.5	21.7	10.1	1.6
TIFT COUNTY	520	2.1	9.8	33.7	31.5	15.8	5.4
TOWNS COUNTY	76	0.0	10.5	34.2	26.3	14.5	14.5
TREUTLEN COUNTY	102	6.9	22.5	29.4	16.7	20.6	3.9
TROUP COUNTY	902	7.5	16.2	31.2	24.4	15.1	4.2

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GEORGIA	112174	5.8	16.6	30.4	27.5	13.9	3.9
TURNER COUNTY	129	12.4	27.9	27.1	17.1	11.6	0.8
TWIGGS COUNTY	163	8.0	19.6	22.1	23.3	9.8	6.7
UNION COUNTY	190	3.7	13.2	33.2	29.5	15.8	0.5
UPSON COUNTY	380	11.8	18.9	32.1	18.4	10.5	3.2
WALKER COUNTY	744	5.4	12.2	33.1	28.0	16.4	3.6
WALTON COUNTY	771	4.0	13.9	32.4	28.1	15.8	3.5
WARE COUNTY	522	5.0	16.7	29.5	25.5	15.3	5.2
WARREN COUNTY	76	44.7	32.9	18.4	3.9	0.0	0.0
WASHINGTON COUNTY	337	6.2	20.5	33.2	28.5	9.5	0.6
WAYNE COUNTY	403	3.7	16.6	33.0	26.8	12.4	3.7
WEBSTER COUNTY	37	2.7	18.9	35.1	18.9	16.2	5.4
WHEELER COUNTY	90	4.4	14.4	33.3	24.4	20.0	2.2
WHITE COUNTY	271	2.6	12.5	24.0	26.6	23.2	7.0
WHITFIELD COUNTY	946	7.4	19.9	32.8	25.9	9.2	2.9
WILCOX COUNTY	97	17.5	32.0	24.7	12.4	8.2	3.1
WILKES COUNTY	150	8.0	24.7	30.7	18.0	16.7	0.7
WILKINSON COUNTY	130	8.5	14.6	31.5	24.6	16.2	2.3
WORTH COUNTY	336	8.3	29.8	31.8	19.6	8.9	0.6
ATLANTA CITY	5353	8.6	19.3	31.4	25.0	10.8	2.4
BREMEN CITY	101	16.8	22.8	21.8	23.8	12.9	1.0
BUFORD CITY	178	6.2	18.5	28.1	28.7	10.1	5.6
CALHOUN CITY	187	8.0	16.0	35.3	25.7	9.6	0.0
CARROLLTON CITY	291	8.9	16.8	26.8	29.2	12.0	1.7
CARTERSVILLE CITY	242	19.8	20.2	29.3	18.6	9.9	0.0
CHICKAMAUGA CITY	80	2.5	13.8	26.3	33.8	15.0	7.5
COMMERCE CITY	94	2.1	11.7	28.7	25.5	18.1	6.4
DALTON PUBLIC	406	6.2	21.9	25.6	22.4	16.7	4.2

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 1 LARGE SYSTEMS WITH FEWER THAN 22% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
CHEROKEE COUNTY	2016	4.9	19.8	36.9	26.4	9.7	1.0
COBB COUNTY	7450	2.2	10.9	29.2	33.6	17.9	4.2
COLUMBIA COUNTY	1408	2.1	9.7	27.4	35.0	20.3	4.6
FAYETTE COUNTY	1405	2.8	11.3	28.4	34.3	17.2	4.5
FORSYTH COUNTY	1387	2.2	12.0	30.6	33.7	15.8	4.1
WINNETT COUNTY	8240	1.5	7.0	25.8	41.0	18.8	4.2
HENRY COUNTY	1857	2.6	13.8	34.4	29.2	14.7	3.8
PAULDING COUNTY	1307	3.1	14.8	30.3	35.7	12.2	3.1
COMPARISON GROUP	25070	2.3	10.8	29.1	35.4	17.0	3.9
GROUP 2 LARGE SYSTEMS WITH 25% TO 42% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
BARTOW COUNTY	746	6.4	20.4	29.6	24.3	9.8	6.3
CARROLL COUNTY	940	8.3	17.9	29.3	26.5	13.3	3.5
COWETA COUNTY	1235	5.2	17.0	32.6	23.7	16.0	3.8
DOUGLAS COUNTY	1333	5.3	15.0	28.4	28.2	15.5	5.5
FLOYD COUNTY	841	2.3	18.4	31.6	32.5	10.2	3.6
FULTON COUNTY	5204	5.6	12.8	27.7	30.8	16.5	4.2
GLYNN COUNTY	880	6.0	17.4	28.0	22.4	18.5	6.5
HALL COUNTY	1635	5.9	16.9	28.6	24.1	16.2	4.4
HOUSTON COUNTY	1541	6.2	19.2	33.3	26.2	12.5	1.4
NEWTON COUNTY	891	5.4	16.6	28.6	29.1	17.1	2.8
ROCKDALE COUNTY	1056	3.1	12.1	26.7	32.4	18.2	6.2
WHITFIELD COUNTY	946	7.4	19.9	32.8	25.9	9.2	2.9
COMPARISON GROUP	17248	5.6	15.9	29.3	27.9	15.1	4.2

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 3 LARGE SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN 48% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
ATLANTA CITY	5353	8.6	19.3	31.4	25.0	10.8	2.4
BIBB COUNTY	2119	8.0	21.6	33.8	20.9	10.7	3.0
CHATHAM COUNTY	2866	6.5	16.2	32.0	24.8	14.1	4.8
CLARKE COUNTY	850	11.9	21.1	29.1	20.1	11.3	3.4
CLAYTON COUNTY	3669	7.7	19.4	32.6	24.1	10.1	3.7
DEKALB COUNTY	7380	6.8	17.4	26.2	24.8	15.4	6.5
DOUGHERTY COUNTY	1370	8.5	21.2	31.9	23.0	10.4	3.6
LIBERTY COUNTY	874	6.6	20.9	34.6	22.4	8.5	3.2
MUSCOGEE COUNTY	2442	8.6	19.7	31.7	24.4	11.0	3.2
RICHMOND COUNTY	2817	5.0	17.9	32.8	24.8	14.0	4.4
SPALDING COUNTY	829	5.9	12.8	26.2	27.4	19.3	7.2
TROUP COUNTY	902	7.5	16.2	31.2	24.4	15.1	4.2
COMPARISON GROUP	31471	7.4	18.5	30.6	24.2	12.7	4.3
GROUP 4 MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH FEWER THAN 32% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
BARROW COUNTY	703	3.0	16.6	35.8	28.2	14.1	1.3
CALHOUN CITY	187	8.0	16.0	35.3	25.7	9.6	0.0
CATOOSA COUNTY	821	6.2	18.9	41.8	23.8	8.0	1.0
DAWSON COUNTY	232	4.7	12.1	31.0	31.0	14.7	4.7
EFFINGHAM COUNTY	628	3.0	17.5	33.1	26.6	16.2	2.9
JONES COUNTY	356	3.7	9.0	32.3	36.5	11.8	5.3
LEE COUNTY	385	1.8	5.5	19.7	39.0	26.2	7.0
OCONEE COUNTY	396	1.8	8.6	23.2	33.6	21.0	9.8
PIKE COUNTY	202	5.9	19.8	26.7	24.8	15.3	5.9
COMPARISON GROUP	3910	4.0	14.5	32.7	29.2	14.7	3.7

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 5 MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 34% TO 38% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
BRYAN COUNTY	352	4.0	8.8	36.9	33.2	13.6	2.8
CAMDEN COUNTY	713	4.3	17.3	32.5	28.6	14.6	1.5
CARTERSVILLE CITY	242	19.8	20.2	29.3	18.6	9.9	0.0
DADE COUNTY	210	3.8	15.2	22.9	26.2	22.4	8.6
GORDON COUNTY	496	5.4	19.8	30.2	24.2	12.3	6.0
HABERSHAM COUNTY	439	5.5	12.8	23.2	29.4	15.7	9.6
HARRIS COUNTY	342	8.2	13.7	31.0	29.8	14.6	2.0
LOWNDES COUNTY	691	5.1	17.8	37.3	24.7	11.1	2.6
LUMPKIN COUNTY	308	6.2	24.0	31.8	22.1	9.7	3.6
PICKENS COUNTY	296	8.4	23.3	32.4	25.7	7.4	0.7
STEPHENS COUNTY	358	1.1	16.2	39.4	29.9	11.2	2.0
WALTON COUNTY	771	4.0	13.9	32.4	28.1	15.8	3.5
WHITE COUNTY	271	2.6	12.5	24.0	26.6	23.2	7.0
COMPARISON GROUP	5489	5.5	16.4	31.8	27.0	13.8	3.7

SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 6 MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 39% TO 45% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
CARROLLTON CITY	291	8.9	16.8	26.8	29.2	12.0	1.7
FANNIN COUNTY	221	6.8	15.8	29.0	21.7	15.8	10.0
FRANKLIN COUNTY	286	2.4	19.9	35.3	26.9	11.5	2.1
GILMER COUNTY	292	13.0	26.4	28.8	18.8	8.6	0.3
HARALSON COUNTY	276	8.3	16.3	23.2	27.2	19.9	3.6
HART COUNTY	289	6.2	20.1	26.6	29.4	11.8	3.1
JACKSON COUNTY	386	3.6	20.7	46.9	21.0	7.5	0.3
MADISON COUNTY	339	4.7	15.3	27.1	28.6	16.8	5.3
MONROE COUNTY	282	6.7	23.0	33.0	21.6	8.9	3.9
MORGAN	265	6.4	17.7	32.1	22.3	17.4	3.0
MURRAY COUNTY	546	4.9	18.9	34.8	25.5	11.5	0.4
OGLETHORPE COUNTY	175	3.4	26.3	37.7	19.4	12.0	0.0
POLK COUNTY	550	4.4	20.9	41.1	21.8	8.7	1.3
RABUN COUNTY	156	1.9	12.2	28.8	34.6	17.3	3.8
UNION COUNTY	190	3.7	13.2	33.2	29.5	15.8	0.5
COMPARISON GROUP	4544	5.7	19.2	33.2	24.8	12.4	2.4

SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 7 MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 46% TO 55% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
BALDWIN COUNTY	495	4.2	15.6	31.5	28.1	14.1	5.7
BANKS COUNTY	185	4.9	15.1	26.5	33.0	13.0	3.8
BERRIEN COUNTY	220	9.1	21.8	33.2	21.8	10.5	0.9
BLECKLEY COUNTY	174	5.7	13.2	31.6	37.9	9.8	0.0

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
BRANTLEY COUNTY	255	3.1	13.3	31.8	35.7	10.2	5.5
BULLOCH COUNTY	649	5.5	21.9	37.0	21.6	12.6	0.6
BUTTS COUNTY	253	7.9	25.7	40.3	16.6	6.7	0.0
CHATTOGA COUNTY	214	1.4	5.1	25.7	30.8	23.8	10.3
COLQUITT COUNTY	594	10.8	25.9	25.4	21.4	13.3	2.5
CRAWFORD COUNTY	166	4.2	33.1	33.7	22.3	4.8	1.8
DALTON PUBLIC	406	6.2	21.9	25.6	22.4	16.7	4.2
DECATUR CITY	208	5.3	16.8	42.3	21.6	10.6	2.9
ELBERT COUNTY	271	10.7	18.1	27.3	26.2	12.9	3.3
GRADY COUNTY	373	2.4	13.1	36.7	32.7	13.9	0.8
HEARD COUNTY	189	2.6	9.0	22.2	29.6	16.9	15.3
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	183	3.8	9.3	28.4	29.0	18.0	10.9
LAMAR COUNTY	216	12.5	20.4	27.8	19.0	11.6	6.0
LAURENS COUNTY	446	6.1	20.2	31.2	25.1	12.6	3.8
MARIETTA CITY	649	3.2	15.9	31.6	25.4	12.3	6.6
MCDUFFIE COUNTY	344	8.1	21.2	23.8	27.0	14.0	4.7
PIERCE COUNTY	266	5.6	25.6	39.8	17.3	4.5	5.3
THOMAS COUNTY	378	6.1	24.1	36.5	21.7	10.1	1.6
TIFT COUNTY	520	2.1	9.8	33.7	31.5	15.8	5.4
UPSON COUNTY	380	11.8	18.9	32.1	18.4	10.5	3.2
VIDALIA CITY	203	25.6	28.1	22.2	14.3	3.4	5.9
WALKER COUNTY	744	5.4	12.2	33.1	28.0	16.4	3.6
WAYNE COUNTY	403	3.7	16.6	33.0	26.8	12.4	3.7
COMPARISON GROUP	9384	6.3	18.1	31.6	25.3	12.8	4.1

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 8 MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 57% TO 64% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
APPLING COUNTY	264	7.6	13.6	25.0	26.1	15.5	11.4
BEN HILL COUNTY	260	5.4	19.2	26.9	25.0	14.2	5.4
CHARLTON COUNTY	166	8.4	36.7	23.5	12.0	10.8	8.4
COFFEE COUNTY	612	4.9	19.0	31.4	25.7	14.1	3.8
COOK COUNTY	248	9.3	16.1	29.4	25.0	12.5	6.5
DECATUR COUNTY	453	8.8	33.1	32.2	19.0	4.6	1.3
DODGE COUNTY	297	7.7	22.2	27.6	21.5	11.4	6.7
DUBLIN CITY	226	8.0	15.0	25.7	20.4	21.2	8.8
GAINESVILLE CITY	285	6.7	20.7	31.6	22.5	10.5	2.5
PEACH COUNTY	327	6.7	19.0	39.4	26.9	5.8	0.6
ROME CITY	448	7.1	18.1	24.1	24.1	16.3	6.5
VALDOSTA CITY	598	10.0	19.6	25.9	26.4	13.4	1.7
WARE COUNTY	522	5.0	16.7	29.5	25.5	15.3	5.2
WORTH COUNTY	336	8.3	29.8	31.8	19.6	8.9	0.6
COMPARISON GROUP	5042	7.3	21.0	29.1	23.5	12.5	4.4

SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 9 MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 65% TO 70% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
CRISP COUNTY	368	6.8	22.8	31.3	26.4	10.6	1.9
EARLY COUNTY	206	6.8	18.0	25.2	31.6	13.6	3.4
EMANUEL COUNTY	310	22.6	31.3	19.0	14.8	8.7	2.6
EVANS COUNTY	149	10.7	36.9	30.9	16.8	0.7	1.3
PUTNAM COUNTY	202	3.5	21.3	45.5	23.3	5.0	0.5
SCREVEN COUNTY	269	3.7	21.2	40.5	23.8	7.4	2.2
TATTNALL COUNTY	244	7.8	21.3	29.9	18.9	11.9	7.0
THOMASVILLE CITY	240	9.6	26.7	33.3	20.8	7.1	1.3
TURNER COUNTY	129	12.4	27.9	27.1	17.1	11.6	0.8
WASHINGTON COUNTY	337	6.2	20.5	33.2	28.5	9.5	0.6
COMPARISON GROUP	2454	9.0	24.2	31.5	22.7	8.9	2.2

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 10 MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN 74% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
BROOKS COUNTY	254	7.1	31.5	36.6	18.5	5.1	0.8
BURKE COUNTY	375	1.3	9.3	38.1	36.8	10.9	0.5
GREENE COUNTY	163	6.7	31.3	35.0	17.8	8.6	0.0
JEFFERSON COUNTY	294	5.1	24.8	37.1	19.7	6.8	4.1
MACON COUNTY	201	18.4	20.4	23.4	19.9	16.4	0.5
MERIWETHER COUNTY	294	7.5	26.2	34.7	18.4	8.8	0.3
MITCHELL COUNTY	215	10.2	38.1	29.3	10.2	3.3	0.0
SUMTER COUNTY	458	10.7	26.4	37.8	18.8	3.7	0.0
TWIGGS COUNTY	163	8.0	19.6	22.1	23.3	9.8	6.7
COMPARISON GROUP	2417	7.9	24.5	34.1	21.2	7.7	1.2
GROUP 11 SMALL SYSTEMS WITH FEWER THAN 22% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
BREMEN CITY	101	16.8	22.8	21.8	23.8	12.9	1.0
CHICKAMAUGA CITY	80	2.5	13.8	26.3	33.8	15.0	7.5
TRION CITY	102	2.0	10.8	26.5	25.5	28.4	5.9
COMPARISON GROUP	283	7.4	15.9	24.7	27.2	19.1	4.6
GROUP 12 SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 33% TO 43% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
BUFORD CITY	178	6.2	18.5	28.1	28.7	10.1	5.6
COMMERCE CITY	94	2.1	11.7	28.7	25.5	18.1	6.4
JEFFERSON CITY	102	2.9	15.7	36.3	22.5	15.7	4.9
SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY	99	2.0	15.2	36.4	29.3	11.1	3.0
TOWNS COUNTY	76	0.0	10.5	34.2	26.3	14.5	14.5
COMPARISON GROUP	549	3.3	15.1	32.1	26.8	13.3	6.4

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 13 SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 47% TO 59% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
BACON COUNTY	123	5.7	15.4	28.5	27.6	17.1	3.3
ECHOLS COUNTY	48	12.5	12.5	33.3	18.8	12.5	6.3
GLASCOCK COUNTY	36	2.8	2.8	13.9	52.8	25.0	0.0
LINCOLN COUNTY	124	1.6	20.2	37.1	21.8	13.7	5.6
MILLER COUNTY	106	10.4	13.2	34.0	25.5	14.2	1.9
WILCOX COUNTY	97	17.5	32.0	24.7	12.4	8.2	3.1
WILKES COUNTY	150	8.0	24.7	30.7	18.0	16.7	0.7
COMPARISON GROUP	684	8.2	19.4	30.4	22.7	14.8	2.9
GROUP 14 SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 60% TO 67% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
CANDLER COUNTY	159	3.1	13.8	28.9	27.7	17.0	4.4
CLINCH COUNTY	113	5.3	31.0	29.2	21.2	9.7	2.7
JASPER COUNTY	160	6.9	15.0	33.1	27.5	11.9	1.3
LANIER COUNTY	81	7.4	17.3	39.5	14.8	13.6	7.4
MARION COUNTY	117	12.8	29.1	20.5	23.9	9.4	4.3
MCINTOSH COUNTY	171	8.8	21.6	43.9	18.1	5.3	0.0
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	105	9.5	28.6	31.4	19.0	7.6	0.0
PULASKI COUNTY	128	13.3	26.6	34.4	17.2	7.0	1.6
SCHLEY COUNTY	68	0.0	8.8	38.2	36.8	10.3	2.9
SEMINOLE COUNTY	143	16.1	21.7	18.9	23.8	15.4	2.8
TREUTLEN COUNTY	102	6.9	22.5	29.4	16.7	20.6	3.9
WILKINSON COUNTY	130	8.5	14.6	31.5	24.6	16.2	2.3
COMPARISON GROUP	1477	8.5	20.9	31.4	22.5	11.9	2.6

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 15 SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 68% TO 73% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY	59	18.6	37.3	16.9	13.6	5.1	0.0
JENKINS COUNTY	148	3.4	32.4	29.1	17.6	10.8	4.1
JOHNSON COUNTY	100	11.0	31.0	36.0	20.0	1.0	0.0
LONG COUNTY	147	17.7	28.6	30.6	12.9	6.1	1.4
PELHAM CITY	150	6.0	12.0	27.3	32.0	15.3	4.0
TAYLOR COUNTY	145	22.8	11.0	26.9	22.1	13.8	0.7
TELFAIR COUNTY	127	14.2	31.5	32.3	12.6	5.5	1.6
WHEELER COUNTY	90	4.4	14.4	33.3	24.4	20.0	2.2
COMPARISON GROUP	966	12.1	23.8	29.5	19.8	10.0	2.0
GROUP 16 SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 75% TO 90% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
ATKINSON COUNTY	126	6.3	7.1	22.2	20.6	28.6	11.1
BAKER COUNTY	39	15.4	20.5	23.1	17.9	15.4	2.6
CLAY COUNTY	39	23.1	51.3	23.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
DOOLY COUNTY	124	0.8	7.3	35.5	29.8	21.8	0.0
HANCOCK COUNTY	139	12.2	23.0	26.6	18.0	15.1	5.0
IRWIN COUNTY	141	22.7	22.7	21.3	19.9	12.1	0.7
RANDOLPH COUNTY	90	8.9	20.0	30.0	24.4	13.3	2.2
STEWART COUNTY	56	12.5	30.4	33.9	16.1	5.4	0.0
TALBOT COUNTY	70	15.7	28.6	22.9	11.4	11.4	2.9
WARREN COUNTY	76	44.7	32.9	18.4	3.9	0.0	0.0
WEBSTER COUNTY	37	2.7	18.9	35.1	18.9	16.2	5.4
COMPARISON GROUP	937	14.3	21.0	26.3	18.4	14.5	3.1
GROUP 17 SMALL SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN 90% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
CALHOUN COUNTY	58	27.6	24.1	41.4	6.9	0.0	0.0
QUITMAN COUNTY	34	14.7	55.9	17.6	11.8	0.0	0.0
TALIAFERRO COUNTY	20	5.0	0.0	20.0	35.0	40.0	0.0
TERRELL COUNTY	126	7.9	27.8	35.7	19.0	8.7	0.8
COMPARISON GROUP	238	13.4	28.6	33.2	16.4	8.0	0.4

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GEORGIA	88547	0.2	1.3	16.8	42.1	29.0	10.0
APPLING COUNTY	181	0.0	1.1	21.0	36.5	32.6	8.8
ATKINSON COUNTY	79	0.0	5.1	32.9	44.3	15.2	2.5
BACON COUNTY	111	0.9	4.5	37.8	35.1	18.9	2.7
BAKER COUNTY	49	0.0	0.0	30.6	46.9	18.4	4.1
BALDWIN COUNTY	360	0.0	1.7	19.4	45.8	25.8	5.8
BANKS COUNTY	154	0.0	0.7	21.4	44.8	29.2	3.9
BARROW COUNTY	553	0.2	0.4	12.8	42.0	34.9	9.8
BARTOW COUNTY	585	0.0	0.7	16.9	53.2	23.1	6.0
BEN HILL COUNTY	265	0.4	4.2	31.3	44.2	18.1	1.9
BERRIEN COUNTY	241	0.0	2.5	26.6	42.3	25.3	3.3
BIBB COUNTY	1783	0.1	0.7	19.5	45.8	27.3	5.3
BLECKLEY COUNTY	141	0.0	4.3	22.7	36.9	23.4	12.8
BRANTLEY COUNTY	208	0.0	1.4	26.4	48.1	20.2	3.9
BROOKS COUNTY	172	0.0	1.2	23.3	48.3	19.8	7.0
BRYAN COUNTY	394	0.0	1.3	17.0	43.9	30.5	7.1
BULLOCH COUNTY	519	0.0	1.3	12.3	41.8	32.8	10.6
BURKE COUNTY	359	0.6	3.1	22.3	51.0	17.5	5.3
BUTTS COUNTY	252	0.0	1.2	24.6	51.2	18.6	4.0
CALHOUN COUNTY	55	0.0	0.0	30.9	41.8	21.8	1.8
CAMDEN COUNTY	726	0.6	2.2	18.0	43.4	27.1	8.7
CANDLER COUNTY	105	1.0	2.9	26.7	33.3	25.7	10.5
CARROLL COUNTY	774	0.8	1.8	22.7	46.5	22.7	5.0
CATOOSA COUNTY	686	0.0	1.0	17.3	41.3	31.0	9.2
CHARLTON COUNTY	150	0.0	0.7	22.7	52.7	22.0	2.0
CHATHAM COUNTY	2417	0.0	1.1	20.3	46.8	25.5	6.3
CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY	30	0.0	0.0	33.3	36.7	26.7	0.0
CHATTOOGA COUNTY	174	0.0	1.7	26.4	44.3	20.7	6.9
CHEROKEE COUNTY	1797	0.2	0.6	10.0	36.8	39.3	12.9
CLARKE COUNTY	655	0.2	0.8	17.9	37.4	30.4	12.4

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GEORGIA	88547	0.2	1.3	16.8	42.1	29.0	10.0
CLAY COUNTY	44	2.3	11.4	22.7	36.4	22.7	4.6
CLAYTON COUNTY	3053	0.2	1.4	16.9	44.9	28.3	7.5
CLINCH COUNTY	111	0.0	7.2	27.0	50.5	13.5	1.8
COBB COUNTY	6284	0.2	0.6	10.8	37.8	35.0	14.9
COFFEE COUNTY	527	0.0	2.7	19.2	41.8	28.6	7.2
COLQUITT COUNTY	462	0.2	0.9	21.6	47.2	24.9	5.0
COLUMBIA COUNTY	1349	0.0	0.6	10.2	40.5	35.4	13.3
COOK COUNTY	236	0.0	2.1	25.0	46.2	24.1	2.1
COWETA COUNTY	1102	0.0	0.9	18.1	43.6	28.5	8.5
CRAWFORD COUNTY	130	0.0	0.8	17.7	48.5	27.7	5.4
CRISP COUNTY	301	0.3	2.3	26.3	43.2	21.6	6.3
DADE COUNTY	183	0.0	0.6	21.3	48.6	24.6	4.9
DECATUR COUNTY	381	0.3	0.8	13.9	46.7	31.0	7.4
DEKALB COUNTY	350	0.3	1.7	23.7	44.6	26.3	2.3
DODGE COUNTY	221	0.5	2.7	24.9	42.1	20.8	9.1
DOOLY COUNTY	127	0.0	2.4	35.4	45.7	15.0	0.0
DOUGHERTY COUNTY	1123	0.5	1.9	25.4	47.5	20.2	4.0
DOUGLAS COUNTY	1110	0.0	0.5	11.8	44.5	35.1	8.1
EARLY COUNTY	199	0.0	1.5	15.6	48.7	28.6	5.5
ECHOLS COUNTY	35	0.0	0.0	17.1	42.9	34.3	5.7
EFFINGHAM COUNTY	559	0.0	2.3	19.1	46.0	25.8	6.8
ELBERT COUNTY	268	0.0	5.2	22.4	42.2	23.9	6.3
EMANUEL COUNTY	277	0.0	0.0	18.8	53.8	23.8	3.6
EVANS COUNTY	125	0.0	6.4	28.0	43.2	20.0	2.4
FANNIN COUNTY	202	0.5	1.0	13.9	39.1	34.2	10.9
FAYETTE COUNTY	1333	0.1	0.4	7.7	35.3	39.3	17.3
FLOYD COUNTY	705	0.6	1.0	14.3	46.2	31.3	6.0
FORSYTH COUNTY	1208	0.0	0.3	9.8	38.3	36.2	15.2

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GEORGIA	88547	0.2	1.3	16.8	42.1	29.0	10.0
FRANKLIN COUNTY	249	0.0	4.8	24.1	40.2	22.9	8.0
FULTON COUNTY	4410	0.1	1.7	13.2	37.1	30.6	15.2
GLASCOCK COUNTY	31	3.2	3.2	16.1	54.8	19.3	3.2
GLYNN COUNTY	796	0.0	1.8	21.5	43.0	24.8	7.5
GORDON COUNTY	361	0.0	0.6	12.2	48.5	26.0	12.7
GRADY COUNTY	308	0.3	0.3	14.0	45.8	32.5	7.1
GREENE COUNTY	142	1.4	2.1	23.9	55.6	13.4	3.5
GWINNETT COUNTY	7045	0.1	0.4	5.5	29.1	38.8	25.5
HABERSHAM COUNTY	345	0.0	0.6	7.5	42.9	34.8	13.9
HALL COUNTY	1288	0.4	1.3	20.8	43.4	26.7	6.6
HANCOCK COUNTY	110	0.0	0.9	10.0	59.1	25.5	4.6
HARALSON COUNTY	261	0.0	2.3	25.7	42.5	26.0	3.1
HARRIS COUNTY	306	0.0	0.3	19.0	45.4	27.5	7.8
HART COUNTY	217	0.0	0.9	15.2	49.8	28.6	5.5
HEARD COUNTY	156	0.6	3.2	32.1	38.5	18.6	6.4
HENRY COUNTY	1567	0.1	0.4	10.3	40.8	37.1	11.2
HOUSTON COUNTY	1405	0.4	0.8	13.0	40.3	34.0	11.5
IRWIN COUNTY	107	0.0	4.7	21.5	42.1	27.1	4.7
JACKSON COUNTY	370.	0.0	1.1	18.1	42.2	29.7	8.9
JASPER COUNTY	121	0.0	3.3	28.9	57.9	9.9	0.0
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	178	1.1	1.1	20.8	41.0	28.1	7.9
JEFFERSON COUNTY	238	0.4	2.9	39.9	36.1	18.1	2.1
JENKINS COUNTY	130	0.0	3.9	32.3	39.2	18.5	6.2
JOHNSON COUNTY	88	0.0	3.4	21.6	43.2	25.0	6.8
JONES COUNTY	299	0.3	0.3	14.1	47.2	29.1	8.4
LAMAR COUNTY	207	0.0	2.9	20.3	47.8	23.2	4.8
LANIER COUNTY	83	0.0	1.2	8.4	50.6	30.1	9.6
LAURENS COUNTY	391	0.3	0.8	20.2	44.0	25.3	9.2

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GEORGIA	88547	0.2	1.3	16.8	42.1	29.0	10.0
LEE COUNTY	404	0.0	0.3	17.8	46.5	25.5	9.9
LIBERTY COUNTY	747	0.0	2.5	27.3	44.2	19.5	5.8
LINCOLN COUNTY	119	0.0	0.0	10.9	57.1	26.9	5.0
LONG COUNTY	129	0.8	8.5	34.9	29.5	20.9	3.1
LOWNDES COUNTY	620	0.3	1.8	17.7	40.2	28.7	10.3
MACON COUNTY	177	0.0	4.5	42.4	36.7	15.3	0.6
MADISON COUNTY	305	0.0	0.7	11.8	41.3	33.4	11.8
MARION COUNTY	121	0.0	3.3	24.0	46.3	21.5	5.0
MCDUFFIE COUNTY	300	0.3	6.3	26.7	42.7	17.7	5.7
MCINTOSH COUNTY	148	0.7	6.8	37.2	38.5	14.2	1.3
MERIWETHER COUNTY	267	0.4	1.1	30.3	46.1	16.5	4.9
MILLER COUNTY	83	0.0	0.0	16.9	57.8	18.1	7.2
MITCHELL COUNTY	154	0.0	3.9	33.8	42.2	13.6	4.6
MONROE COUNTY	226	0.0	2.2	30.5	46.9	17.3	3.1
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	107	0.0	0.9	17.8	49.5	27.1	4.7
MORGAN COUNTY	184	0.0	0.0	16.8	46.2	23.9	13.0
MURRAY COUNTY	483	0.0	1.0	15.5	43.1	30.6	9.1
MUSCOGEE COUNTY	2154	0.2	1.7	21.0	45.4	25.4	6.2
NEWTON COUNTY	740	0.0	1.0	15.0	41.0	33.4	8.8
OCONEE COUNTY	410	0.2	1.0	15.1	31.0	32.2	20.2
OGLETHORPE COUNTY	152	0.0	2.0	20.4	38.8	28.3	10.5
PAULDING COUNTY	1164	0.1	0.8	10.7	43.5	36.3	8.6
PEACH COUNTY	306	1.3	1.3	16.7	48.7	23.5	7.2
PICKENS COUNTY	253	0.0	2.8	22.5	49.4	20.5	4.4
PIERCE COUNTY	205	0.5	1.5	28.8	43.9	21.0	3.9
PIKE COUNTY	186	0.0	1.6	14.5	44.6	32.8	6.5
POLK COUNTY	477	0.2	0.6	19.3	49.7	25.4	4.6
PUTNAM COUNTY	179	0.6	1.7	21.8	49.7	20.1	6.2
QUITMAN COUNTY	33	0.0	6.1	57.6	33.3	3.0	0.0

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GEORGIA	88547	0.2	1.3	16.8	42.1	29.0	10.0
RANDOLPH COUNTY	105	1.0	5.7	52.4	32.4	6.7	1.0
RICHMOND COUNTY	2492	0.3	1.9	24.3	47.0	22.6	3.8
ROCKDALE COUNTY	935	0.0	0.2	9.8	37.9	37.9	13.8
SCHLEY COUNTY	61	0.0	6.6	27.9	42.6	19.7	3.3
SCREVEN COUNTY	220	0.5	4.1	21.8	42.3	24.1	7.3
SEMINOLE COUNTY	125	0.0	0.0	20.8	44.0	23.2	12.0
SPALDING COUNTY	712	0.1	1.3	14.8	47.1	30.5	6.2
STEPHENS COUNTY	306	0.0	0.3	19.9	44.4	31.0	3.9
STEWART COUNTY	59	3.4	0.0	49.2	35.6	8.5	3.4
SUMTER COUNTY	411	1.0	1.7	28.7	47.9	15.8	2.9
TALBOT COUNTY	54	5.6	14.8	38.9	37.0	3.7	0.0
TALIAFERRO COUNTY	26	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
TATTNALL COUNTY	221	0.5	1.4	22.2	43.9	26.2	4.5
TAYLOR COUNTY	107	0.0	2.8	37.4	38.3	16.8	4.7
TELFAIR COUNTY	121	0.0	0.0	19.8	48.8	24.0	5.0
TERRELL COUNTY	106	0.0	2.8	14.2	60.4	18.9	3.8
THOMAS COUNTY	305	0.0	1.3	19.7	46.2	24.3	8.2
TIFT COUNTY	529	0.2	0.8	15.7	48.2	28.0	7.0
TOOMBS COUNTY	130	0.0	2.3	13.9	50.0	27.7	6.2
TOWNS COUNTY	74	0.0	1.3	16.2	47.3	25.7	9.5
TREUTLEN COUNTY	94	2.1	3.2	35.1	36.2	17.0	4.3
TROUP COUNTY	794	0.1	2.8	23.4	45.0	22.7	5.2
TURNER COUNTY	125	0.0	2.4	23.2	41.6	27.2	4.8
TWIGGS COUNTY	119	2.5	8.4	40.3	34.5	12.6	1.7
UPSON COUNTY	291	0.0	1.0	14.1	46.7	30.2	7.6
WALKER COUNTY	603	0.0	1.5	21.6	45.1	22.5	9.0
WALTON COUNTY	652	0.0	1.1	18.4	48.2	25.9	6.3
WARE COUNTY	366	0.0	0.3	16.4	47.3	28.7	6.8

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GEORGIA	88547	0.2	1.3	16.8	42.1	29.0	10.0
WARREN COUNTY	69	0.0	2.9	29.0	59.4	5.8	0.0
WASHINGTON COUNTY	292	0.7	4.1	32.5	45.6	14.4	1.7
WAYNE COUNTY	330	0.0	0.6	8.8	39.7	42.1	8.5
WEBSTER COUNTY	33	0.0	0.0	27.3	39.4	27.3	6.1
WHEELER COUNTY	70	0.0	4.3	30.0	48.6	15.7	1.4
WHITE COUNTY	246	0.0	0.4	21.5	41.5	28.5	7.7
WHITFIELD COUNTY	777	0.0	0.9	14.7	46.3	30.0	8.0
WILCOX COUNTY	78	0.0	7.7	46.2	25.6	18.0	2.6
WILKES COUNTY	127	0.0	4.7	28.3	50.4	13.4	2.4
WILKINSON COUNTY	127	0.0	0.8	19.7	51.2	23.6	4.7
WORTH COUNTY	333	0.0	2.4	26.7	46.9	20.1	3.3
ATLANTA CITY	4177	0.4	2.0	19.8	47.7	23.6	6.2
BREMEN CITY	92	0.0	1.1	7.6	30.4	43.5	17.4
BUFORD CITY	142	0.0	0.7	29.6	49.3	16.2	4.2
CALHOUN CITY	172	0.0	0.6	8.7	50.6	27.9	12.2
CARROLLTON CITY	209	1.0	3.4	16.8	44.5	28.7	5.3
CARTERSVILLE CITY	235	0.0	0.0	14.5	43.8	33.6	8.1
CHICKAMAUGA CITY	86	0.0	0.0	15.1	65.1	17.4	2.3
COMMERCE CITY	65	0.0	1.5	21.5	38.5	27.7	10.8
DALTON PUBLIC	280	0.0	3.9	31.4	43.9	15.0	5.7
DECATUR CITY	175	0.6	0.6	10.3	35.4	33.1	19.4
DUBLIN CITY	200	0.0	1.5	20.5	47.0	26.5	3.5
GAINESVILLE CITY	194	0.0	2.1	16.0	42.3	27.8	10.8
JEFFERSON CITY	95	0.0	0.0	3.2	55.8	28.4	12.6
MARIETTA CITY	426	0.0	0.0	8.9	41.6	36.9	12.7
PELHAM CITY	126	1.6	4.8	31.0	43.7	13.5	4.0
ROME CITY	333	0.0	1.2	16.5	42.6	28.2	11.1
SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY	102	0.0	2.0	22.5	48.0	22.5	4.9

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GEORGIA	88547	0.2	1.3	16.8	42.1	29.0	10.0
THOMASVILLE CITY	232	0.0	1.3	22.8	30.6	28.9	15.5
TRION CITY	83	0.0	0.0	2.4	16.9	50.6	30.1
VALDOSTA CITY	465	0.0	1.3	24.1	42.4	26.9	5.0
VIDALIA CITY	177	0.0	4.0	28.8	40.7	20.9	5.7

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GRADE 5 WRITING TEST DEVELOPMENTAL STAGES BY COMPARISON GROUP, SPRING 2000

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS AT THESE WRITING STAGES

SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 1 LARGE SYSTEMS WITH FEWER THAN 22% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
CHEROKEE COUNTY	1797	0.2	0.6	10.0	36.8	39.3	12.9
COBB COUNTY	6284	0.2	0.6	10.8	37.8	35.0	14.9
COLUMBIA COUNTY	1349	0.0	0.6	10.2	40.5	35.4	13.3
FAYETTE COUNTY	1333	0.1	0.4	7.7	35.3	39.3	17.3
FORSYTH COUNTY	1208	0.0	0.3	9.8	38.3	36.2	15.2
WINNETT COUNTY	7045	0.1	0.4	5.5	29.1	38.8	25.5
HENRY COUNTY	1567	0.1	0.4	10.3	40.8	37.1	11.2
PAULDING COUNTY	1164	0.1	0.8	10.7	43.5	36.3	8.6
COMPARISON GROUP	21747	0.1	0.5	8.7	35.5	37.2	17.6
GROUP 2 LARGE SYSTEMS WITH 25% TO 42% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
BARTOW COUNTY	585	0.0	0.7	16.9	53.2	23.1	6.0
CARROLL COUNTY	774	0.8	1.8	22.7	46.5	22.7	5.0
COWETA COUNTY	1102	0.0	0.9	18.1	43.6	28.5	8.5
DOUGLAS COUNTY	1110	0.0	0.5	11.8	44.5	35.1	8.1
FLOYD COUNTY	705	0.6	1.0	14.3	46.2	31.3	6.0
FULTON COUNTY	4410	0.1	1.7	13.2	37.1	30.6	15.2
GLYNN COUNTY	796	0.0	1.8	21.5	43.0	24.8	7.5
HALL COUNTY	1288	0.4	1.3	20.8	43.4	26.7	6.6
HOUSTON COUNTY	1405	0.4	0.8	13.0	40.3	34.0	11.5
NEWTON COUNTY	740	0.0	1.0	15.0	41.0	33.4	8.8
ROCKDALE COUNTY	935	0.0	0.2	9.8	37.9	37.9	13.8
WHITFIELD COUNTY	777	0.0	0.9	14.7	46.3	30.0	8.0
COMPARISON GROUP	14627	0.2	1.2	15.2	41.6	30.3	10.5

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 3 LARGE SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN 48% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
ATLANTA CITY	4177	0.4	2.0	19.8	47.7	23.6	6.2
BIBB COUNTY	1783	0.1	0.7	19.5	45.8	27.3	5.3
CHATHAM COUNTY	2417	0.0	1.1	20.3	46.8	25.5	6.3
CLARKE COUNTY	655	0.2	0.8	17.9	37.4	30.4	12.4
CLAYTON COUNTY	3053	0.2	1.4	16.9	44.9	28.3	7.5
DEKALB COUNTY	350	0.3	1.7	23.7	44.6	26.3	2.3
DOUGHERTY COUNTY	1123	0.5	1.9	25.4	47.5	20.2	4.0
LIBERTY COUNTY	747	0.0	2.5	27.3	44.2	19.5	5.8
MUSCOGEE COUNTY	2154	0.2	1.7	21.0	45.4	25.4	6.2
RICHMOND COUNTY	2492	0.3	1.9	24.3	47.0	22.6	3.8
SPALDING COUNTY	712	0.1	1.3	14.8	47.1	30.5	6.2
TROUP COUNTY	794	0.1	2.8	23.4	45.0	22.7	5.2
COMPARISON GROUP	20457	0.2	1.6	20.6	46.0	25.0	6.0
GROUP 4 MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH FEWER THAN 32% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
BARROW COUNTY	553	0.2	0.4	12.8	42.0	34.9	9.8
CALHOUN CITY	172	0.0	0.6	8.7	50.6	27.9	12.2
CATOOSA COUNTY	686	0.0	1.0	17.3	41.3	31.0	9.2
EFFINGHAM COUNTY	559	0.0	2.3	19.1	46.0	25.8	6.8
JONES COUNTY	299	0.3	0.3	14.1	47.2	29.1	8.4
LEE COUNTY	404	0.0	0.3	17.8	46.5	25.5	9.9
OCONEE COUNTY	410	0.2	1.0	15.1	31.0	32.2	20.2
PIKE COUNTY	186	0.0	1.6	14.5	44.6	32.8	6.5
COMPARISON GROUP	3269	0.1	1.0	15.8	42.8	30.0	10.3

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 5		MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 34% TO 38% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH					
BRYAN COUNTY	394	0.0	1.3	17.0	43.9	30.5	7.1
CAMDEN COUNTY	726	0.6	2.2	18.0	43.4	27.1	8.7
CARTERSVILLE CITY	235	0.0	0.0	14.5	43.8	33.6	8.1
DADE COUNTY	183	0.0	0.6	21.3	48.6	24.6	4.9
GORDON COUNTY	361	0.0	0.6	12.2	48.5	26.0	12.7
HABERSHAM COUNTY	345	0.0	0.6	7.5	42.9	34.8	13.9
HARRIS COUNTY	306	0.0	0.3	19.0	45.4	27.5	7.8
LOWNDES COUNTY	620	0.3	1.8	17.7	40.2	28.7	10.3
PICKENS COUNTY	253	0.0	2.8	22.5	49.4	20.5	4.4
STEPHENS COUNTY	306	0.0	0.3	19.9	44.4	31.0	3.9
WALTON COUNTY	652	0.0	1.1	18.4	48.2	25.9	6.3
WHITE COUNTY	246	0.0	0.4	21.5	41.5	28.5	7.7
COMPARISON GROUP	4627	0.1	1.2	17.3	44.7	28.2	8.3

SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 6		MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 39% TO 45% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH					
CARROLLTON CITY	209	1.0	3.4	16.8	44.5	28.7	5.3
FANNIN COUNTY	202	0.5	1.0	13.9	39.1	34.2	10.9
FRANKLIN COUNTY	249	0.0	4.8	24.1	40.2	22.9	8.0
HARALSON COUNTY	261	0.0	2.3	25.7	42.5	26.0	3.1
HART COUNTY	217	0.0	0.9	15.2	49.8	28.6	5.5
JACKSON COUNTY	370	0.0	1.1	18.1	42.2	29.7	8.9
MADISON COUNTY	305	0.0	0.7	11.8	41.3	33.4	11.8
MONROE COUNTY	226	0.0	2.2	30.5	46.9	17.3	3.1
MORGAN COUNTY	184	0.0	0.0	16.8	46.2	23.9	13.0
MURRAY COUNTY	483	0.0	1.0	15.5	43.1	30.6	9.1
OGLETHORPE COUNTY	152	0.0	2.0	20.4	38.8	28.3	10.5
POLK COUNTY	477	0.2	0.6	19.3	49.7	25.4	4.6
COMPARISON GROUP	3335	0.1	1.5	18.7	44.0	27.7	7.7

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 7							
MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 46% TO 55% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
BALDWIN COUNTY	360	0.0	1.7	19.4	45.8	25.8	5.8
BANKS COUNTY	154	0.0	0.7	21.4	44.8	29.2	3.9
BERRIEN COUNTY	241	0.0	2.5	26.6	42.3	25.3	3.3
BLECKLEY COUNTY	141	0.0	4.3	22.7	36.9	23.4	12.8
BRANTLEY COUNTY	208	0.0	1.4	26.4	48.1	20.2	3.9
BULLOCH COUNTY	519	0.0	1.3	12.3	41.8	32.8	10.6
BUTTS COUNTY	252	0.0	1.2	24.6	51.2	18.6	4.0
CHATTOOGA COUNTY	174	0.0	1.7	26.4	44.3	20.7	6.9
COLOQUITT COUNTY	462	0.2	0.9	21.6	47.2	24.9	5.0
CRAWFORD COUNTY	130	0.0	0.8	17.7	48.5	27.7	5.4
DALTON PUBLIC	280	0.0	3.9	31.4	43.9	15.0	5.7
DECATUR CITY	175	0.6	0.6	10.3	35.4	33.1	19.4
ELBERT COUNTY	268	0.0	5.2	22.4	42.2	23.9	6.3
GRADY COUNTY	308	0.3	0.3	14.0	45.8	32.5	7.1
HEARD COUNTY	156	0.6	3.2	32.1	38.5	18.6	6.4
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	178	1.1	1.1	20.8	41.0	28.1	7.9
LAMAR COUNTY	207	0.0	2.9	20.3	47.8	23.2	4.8
LAURENS COUNTY	391	0.3	0.8	20.2	44.0	25.3	9.2
MARIETTA CITY	426	0.0	0.0	8.9	41.6	36.9	12.7
MCDUFFIE COUNTY	300	0.3	6.3	26.7	42.7	17.7	5.7
PIERCE COUNTY	205	0.5	1.5	28.8	43.9	21.0	3.9
THOMAS COUNTY	305	0.0	1.3	19.7	46.2	24.3	8.2
TIFT COUNTY	529	0.2	0.8	15.7	48.2	28.0	7.0
UPSON COUNTY	291	0.0	1.0	14.1	46.7	30.2	7.6
VIDALIA CITY	177	0.0	4.0	28.8	40.7	20.9	5.7
WALKER COUNTY	603	0.0	1.5	21.6	45.1	22.5	9.0
WAYNE COUNTY	330	0.0	0.6	8.8	39.7	42.1	8.5
COMPARISON GROUP	7593	0.1	1.7	19.6	44.3	26.4	7.5

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 8 MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 57% TO 64% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
APPLING COUNTY	181	0.0	1.1	21.0	36.5	32.6	8.8
BEN HILL COUNTY	265	0.4	4.2	31.3	44.2	18.1	1.9
CHARLTON COUNTY	150	0.0	0.7	22.7	52.7	22.0	2.0
COFFEE COUNTY	527	0.0	2.7	19.2	41.8	28.6	7.2
COOK COUNTY	236	0.0	2.1	25.0	46.2	24.1	2.1
DECATUR COUNTY	381	0.3	0.8	13.9	46.7	31.0	7.4
DODGE COUNTY	221	0.5	2.7	24.9	42.1	20.8	9.1
DUBLIN CITY	200	0.0	1.5	20.5	47.0	26.5	3.5
GAINESVILLE CITY	194	0.0	2.1	16.0	42.3	27.8	10.8
PEACH COUNTY	306	1.3	1.3	16.7	48.7	23.5	7.2
ROME CITY	333	0.0	1.2	16.5	42.6	28.2	11.1
VALDOSTA CITY	465	0.0	1.3	24.1	42.4	26.9	5.0
WARE COUNTY	366	0.0	0.3	16.4	47.3	28.7	6.8
WORTH COUNTY	333	0.0	2.4	26.7	46.9	20.1	3.3
COMPARISON GROUP	4158	0.2	1.7	20.7	44.6	26.0	6.3
GROUP 9 MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 65% TO 70% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
CRISP COUNTY	301	0.3	2.3	26.3	43.2	21.6	6.3
EARLY COUNTY	199	0.0	1.5	15.6	48.7	28.6	5.5
EMANUEL COUNTY	277	0.0	0.0	18.8	53.8	23.8	3.6
EVANS COUNTY	125	0.0	6.4	28.0	43.2	20.0	2.4
PUTNAM COUNTY	179	0.6	1.7	21.8	49.7	20.1	6.2
SCREVEN COUNTY	220	0.5	4.1	21.8	42.3	24.1	7.3
TATTNALL COUNTY	221	0.5	1.4	22.2	43.9	26.2	4.5
THOMASVILLE CITY	232	0.0	1.3	22.8	30.6	28.9	15.5
TOOMBS COUNTY	130	0.0	2.3	13.9	50.0	27.7	6.2
TURNER COUNTY	125	0.0	2.4	23.2	41.6	27.2	4.8
WASHINGTON COUNTY	292	0.7	4.1	32.5	45.6	14.4	1.7
COMPARISON GROUP	2122	0.2	2.4	23.0	44.3	23.7	5.8
GROUP 10 MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN 74% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
BROOKS COUNTY	172	0.0	1.2	23.3	48.3	19.8	7.0
BURKE COUNTY	359	0.6	3.1	22.3	51.0	17.5	5.3
GREENE COUNTY	142	1.4	2.1	23.9	55.6	13.4	3.5
JEFFERSON COUNTY	238	0.4	2.9	39.9	36.1	18.1	2.1

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
MACON COUNTY	177	0.0	4.5	42.4	36.7	15.3	0.6
MERIWETHER COUNTY	267	0.4	1.1	30.3	46.1	16.5	4.9
MITCHELL COUNTY	154	0.0	3.9	33.8	42.2	13.6	4.6
SUMTER COUNTY	411	1.0	1.7	28.7	47.9	15.8	2.9
TWIGGS COUNTY	119	2.5	8.4	40.3	34.5	12.6	1.7
COMPARISON GROUP	2039	0.6	2.8	30.5	45.2	16.2	3.7
GROUP 11 SMALL SYSTEMS WITH FEWER THAN 22% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
BREMEN CITY	92	0.0	1.1	7.6	30.4	43.5	17.4
CHICKAMAUGA CITY	86	0.0	0.0	15.1	65.1	17.4	2.3
TRION CITY	83	0.0	0.0	2.4	16.9	50.6	30.1
COMPARISON GROUP	261	0.0	0.4	8.4	37.6	37.2	16.5
GROUP 12 SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 33% TO 43% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
BUFORD CITY	142	0.0	0.7	29.6	49.3	16.2	4.2
COMMERCE CITY	65	0.0	1.5	21.5	38.5	27.7	10.8
JEFFERSON CITY	95	0.0	0.0	3.2	55.8	28.4	12.6
SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY	102	0.0	2.0	22.5	48.0	22.5	4.9
TOWNS COUNTY	74	0.0	1.3	16.2	47.3	25.7	9.5
COMPARISON GROUP	478	0.0	1.0	19.7	48.5	23.0	7.7

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 13 SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 47% TO 59% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
BACON COUNTY	111	0.9	4.5	37.8	35.1	18.9	2.7
ECHOLS COUNTY	35	0.0	0.0	17.1	42.9	34.3	5.7
GLASCOCK COUNTY	31	3.2	3.2	16.1	54.8	19.3	3.2
LINCOLN COUNTY	119	0.0	0.0	10.9	57.1	26.9	5.0
MILLER COUNTY	83	0.0	0.0	16.9	57.8	18.1	7.2
WILCOX COUNTY	78	0.0	7.7	46.2	25.6	18.0	2.6
WILKES COUNTY	127	0.0	4.7	28.3	50.4	13.4	2.4
COMPARISON GROUP	584	0.3	3.1	26.0	46.4	20.0	3.9
GROUP 14 SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 60% TO 67% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
CANDLER COUNTY	105	1.0	2.9	26.7	33.3	25.7	10.5
CLINCH COUNTY	111	0.0	7.2	27.0	50.5	13.5	1.8
JASPER COUNTY	121	0.0	3.3	28.9	57.9	9.9	0.0
LANIER COUNTY	83	0.0	1.2	8.4	50.6	30.1	9.6
MARION COUNTY	121	0.0	3.3	24.0	46.3	21.5	5.0
MCINTOSH COUNTY	148	0.7	6.8	37.2	38.5	14.2	1.3
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	107	0.0	0.9	17.8	49.5	27.1	4.7
SCHLEY COUNTY	61	0.0	6.6	27.9	42.6	19.7	3.3
SEMINOLE COUNTY	125	0.0	0.0	20.8	44.0	23.2	12.0
TREUTLEN COUNTY	94	2.1	3.2	35.1	36.2	17.0	4.3
WILKINSON COUNTY	127	0.0	0.8	19.7	51.2	23.6	4.7
COMPARISON GROUP	1203	0.3	3.2	25.3	45.6	20.1	5.1

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 15 SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 68% TO 73% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
CHATTahoochee County	30	0.0	0.0	33.3	36.7	26.7	0.0
JENKINS County	130	0.0	3.9	32.3	39.2	18.5	6.2
JOHNSON County	88	0.0	3.4	21.6	43.2	25.0	6.8
LONG County	129	0.8	8.5	34.9	29.5	20.9	3.1
PELHAM City	126	1.6	4.8	31.0	43.7	13.5	4.0
TAYLOR County	107	0.0	2.8	37.4	38.3	16.8	4.7
TELFair County	121	0.0	0.0	19.8	48.8	24.0	5.0
WHEELER County	70	0.0	4.3	30.0	48.6	15.7	1.4
COMPARISON GROUP	801	0.4	3.9	30.0	40.8	19.5	4.4
GROUP 16 SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 75% TO 90% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
ATKINSON County	79	0.0	5.1	32.9	44.3	15.2	2.5
BAKER County	49	0.0	0.0	30.6	46.9	18.4	4.1
CLAY County	44	2.3	11.4	22.7	36.4	22.7	4.6
DOOLY County	127	0.0	2.4	35.4	45.7	15.0	0.0
HANCOCK County	110	0.0	0.9	10.0	59.1	25.5	4.6
IRWIN County	107	0.0	4.7	21.5	42.1	27.1	4.7
RANDOLPH County	105	1.0	5.7	52.4	32.4	6.7	1.0
STEWART County	59	3.4	0.0	49.2	35.6	8.5	3.4
TALBOT County	54	5.6	14.8	38.9	37.0	3.7	0.0
WARREN County	69	0.0	2.9	29.0	59.4	5.8	0.0
WEBSTER County	33	0.0	0.0	27.3	39.4	27.3	6.1
COMPARISON GROUP	836	0.8	4.1	31.6	44.4	16.0	2.5

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SYSTEM NAME	N	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	FOCUSING	EXPERIMENTING	ENGAGING	EXTENDING
GROUP 17							
SMALL SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN 90% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH							
CALHOUN COUNTY	55	0.0	0.0	30.9	41.8	21.8	1.8
QUITMAN COUNTY	33	0.0	6.1	57.6	33.3	3.0	0.0
TALIAFERRO COUNTY	26	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
TERRELL COUNTY	106	0.0	2.8	14.2	60.4	18.9	3.8
COMPARISON GROUP	220	0.0	2.3	29.1	50.5	15.0	2.3

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 MEAN SCALED SCORE AND PERCENT WITHIN TARGET ZONES BY SYSTEM

SYSTEM	SCALED SCORE	PERCENT NOT ON TARGET	PERCENT ON TARGET	PERCENT EXCEEDING TARGET
<u>GEORGIA</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>14</u>
APPLING COUNTY	354	26	68	6
ATKINSON COUNTY	350	39	60	1
ATLANTA CITY	351	41	52	7
BACON COUNTY	353	27	68	5
BALDWIN COUNTY	352	36	57	7
BANKS COUNTY	358	17	71	12
BARROW COUNTY	356	19	72	9
BARTOW COUNTY	356	18	73	9
BEN HILL COUNTY	353	36	51	13
BERRIEN COUNTY	349	49	50	1
BIBB COUNTY	355	24	66	9
BLECKLEY COUNTY	362	19	49	32
BRANTLEY COUNTY	356	24	62	14
BREMEN CITY	361	13	56	31
BROOKS COUNTY	344	68	30	2
BRYAN COUNTY	359	11	72	17
BUFORD CITY	359	16	63	21
BULLOCH COUNTY	351	37	56	7
BURKE COUNTY	349	44	53	3
BUTTS COUNTY	350	43	50	7
CALHOUN CITY	361	14	56	30
CALHOUN COUNTY	347	57	43	0
CAMDEN COUNTY	356	20	70	11
CANDLER COUNTY	351	47	43	10
CARROLL COUNTY	354	28	61	11
CARROLLTON CITY	360	12	65	23
CARTERSVILLE CITY	357	19	62	20
CATOOSA COUNTY	356	17	72	11
CHARLTON COUNTY	356	19	70	11
CHATHAM COUNTY	353	34	60	6
CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY	350	51	41	7
CHATTOGA COUNTY	356	25	59	16
CHEROKEE COUNTY	358	17	64	19
CHICKAMAUGA CITY	357	13	78	8
CLARKE COUNTY	356	30	52	18

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SYSTEM	SCALED SCORE	PERCENT NOT ON TARGET	PERCENT ON TARGET	PERCENT EXCEEDING TARGET
<u>GEORGIA</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>14</u>
CLAYTON COUNTY	353	33	58	9
CLINCH COUNTY	345	55	42	3
COBB COUNTY	360	12	64	24
COFFEE COUNTY	354	28	63	8
COLQUITT COUNTY	354	27	62	11
COLUMBIA COUNTY	359	14	66	20
COMMERCE CITY	357	15	69	15
COOK COUNTY	355	22	73	5
COWETA COUNTY	355	24	65	11
CRAWFORD COUNTY	354	27	68	5
CRISP COUNTY	354	32	60	9
DADE COUNTY	355	26	64	10
DALTON PUBLIC	352	36	55	9
DECATUR CITY	362	9	62	28
DECATUR COUNTY	356	26	61	14
DEKALB COUNTY	354	32	53	15
DODGE COUNTY	352	38	55	7
DOOLY COUNTY	350	41	53	6
DOUGHERTY COUNTY	352	35	60	5
DOUGLAS COUNTY	356	20	69	12
DUBLIN CITY	357	26	55	20
EARLY COUNTY	352	37	57	6
ECHOLS COUNTY	355	30	53	17
EFFINGHAM COUNTY	355	23	69	8
ELBERT COUNTY	351	38	53	9
EMANUEL COUNTY	352	34	59	7
EVANS COUNTY	354	30	63	7
FANNIN COUNTY	355	25	65	10
FAYETTE COUNTY	360	11	67	22
FLOYD COUNTY	358	18	66	16

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SYSTEM	SCALED SCORE	PERCENT NOT ON TARGET	PERCENT ON TARGET	PERCENT EXCEEDING TARGET
<u>GEORGIA</u>	356	24	62	14
FORSYTH COUNTY	363	10	56	35
FRANKLIN COUNTY	354	27	65	8
FULTON COUNTY	360	15	61	24
GAINESVILLE CITY	350	45	43	13
GLASCOCK COUNTY	355	34	58	8
GLYNN COUNTY	355	26	59	14
GORDON COUNTY	352	34	57	10
GRADY COUNTY	357	16	72	12
GREENE COUNTY	351	32	65	3
GWINNETT COUNTY	361	11	61	28
HABERSHAM COUNTY	356	19	68	13
HALL COUNTY	355	23	67	11
HANCOCK COUNTY	351	41	55	4
HARALSON COUNTY	351	41	51	8
HARRIS COUNTY	359	13	70	17
HART COUNTY	353	33	60	8
HEARD COUNTY	354	23	70	7
HENRY COUNTY	358	15	70	15
HOUSTON COUNTY	359	16	64	20
IRWIN COUNTY	359	18	58	24
JACKSON COUNTY	353	36	49	15
JASPER COUNTY	352	34	59	7
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	357	21	60	20
JEFFERSON CITY	361	15	57	28
JEFFERSON COUNTY	351	38	56	6
JENKINS COUNTY	360	18	53	30
JOHNSON COUNTY	349	50	48	3
JONES COUNTY	356	24	61	14
LAMAR COUNTY	351	35	61	4
LANIER COUNTY	353	25	71	4
LAURENS COUNTY	353	36	52	12
LEE COUNTY	358	20	60	19
LIBERTY COUNTY	354	27	65	9
LINCOLN COUNTY	351	41	51	7
LONG COUNTY	349	49	45	6

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<u>GEORGIA</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>14</u>
LOWNDES COUNTY	357	17	70	13
MACON COUNTY	348	47	51	2
MADISON COUNTY	357	24	59	17
MARIETTA CITY	356	24	61	15
MARION COUNTY	346	61	38	1
MCDUFFIE COUNTY	356	21	67	12
MCINTOSH COUNTY	352	38	54	7
MERIWETHER COUNTY	353	31	63	6
MILLER COUNTY	358	16	59	24
MITCHELL COUNTY	349	44	53	2
MONROE COUNTY	352	36	57	8
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	353	30	58	11
MORGAN COUNTY	359	10	69	21
MURRAY COUNTY	354	25	66	9
MUSCOGEE COUNTY	353	31	63	6
NEWTON COUNTY	352	35	57	8
OCONEE COUNTY	363	12	55	33
OGLETHORPE COUNTY	353	31	63	6
PAULDING COUNTY	358	13	72	14
PEACH COUNTY	355	26	62	12
PELHAM CITY	352	32	62	6
PICKENS COUNTY	357	20	67	13
PIERCE COUNTY	356	25	58	16
PIKE COUNTY	351	39	55	6
POLK COUNTY	352	34	60	6
PUTNAM COUNTY	354	23	67	10
RANDOLPH COUNTY	344	65	33	2
RICHMOND COUNTY	354	27	65	8
ROCKDALE COUNTY	358	17	65	17
ROME CITY	359	19	61	21
SCHLEY COUNTY	350	49	47	4
SCREVEN COUNTY	354	37	47	16
SEMINOLE COUNTY	352	34	59	7
SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY	357	17	68	15
SPALDING COUNTY	351	38	56	6

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SYSTEM	SCALED SCORE	PERCENT NOT ON TARGET	PERCENT ON TARGET	PERCENT EXCEEDING TARGET
<u>GEORGIA</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>14</u>
STEPHENS COUNTY	357	21	65	15
STEWART COUNTY	351	41	55	4
SUMTER COUNTY	348	55	42	3
TALBOT COUNTY	348	44	56	0
TATTNALL COUNTY	354	25	66	9
TAYLOR COUNTY	346	54	44	2
TELFAIR COUNTY	352	34	59	7
TERRELL COUNTY	350	41	57	2
THOMAS COUNTY	355	24	70	6
THOMASVILLE CITY	353	33	57	9
TIFT COUNTY	355	24	66	11
TOOMBS COUNTY	348	47	49	4
TOWNS COUNTY	361	10	64	25
TREUTLEN COUNTY	352	36	55	9
TRION CITY	357	18	72	10
TROUP COUNTY	353	33	57	10
TURNER COUNTY	353	33	58	9
TWIGGS COUNTY	350	34	63	3
UPSON COUNTY	355	25	62	13
VALDOSTA CITY	352	30	66	5
VIDALIA CITY	355	24	66	10
WALKER COUNTY	353	29	64	7
WALTON COUNTY	355	25	64	11
WARE COUNTY	356	19	68	13
WARREN COUNTY	344	72	26	2
WASHINGTON COUNTY	354	25	66	9
WAYNE COUNTY	354	29	62	9
WEBSTER COUNTY	353	23	68	9
WHEELER COUNTY	350	49	42	8
WHITE COUNTY	354	30	63	7
WHITFIELD COUNTY	352	35	57	8
WILCOX COUNTY	351	43	53	5
WILKES COUNTY	355	22	69	9
WILKINSON COUNTY	353	30	66	4
WORTH COUNTY	352	32	64	5

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SYSTEM	SCALED SCORE	PERCENT NOT ON TARGET	PERCENT ON TARGET	PERCENT EXCEEDING TARGET
<u>GEORGIA</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>14</u>
GROUP 1: LARGE SYSTEMS WITH FEWER THAN 22% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
CHEROKEE COUNTY	358	17	64	19
COBB COUNTY	360	12	64	24
COLUMBIA COUNTY	359	14	66	20
FAYETTE COUNTY	360	11	67	22
FORSYTH COUNTY	363	10	56	35
GWINNETT COUNTY	361	11	61	28
HENRY COUNTY	358	15	70	15
PAULDING COUNTY	358	13	72	14
COMPARISON GROUP 1	360	12	64	24
GROUP 2: LARGE SYSTEMS WITH 25% TO 42% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
BARTOW COUNTY	356	18	73	9
CARROLL COUNTY	354	28	61	11
COWETA COUNTY	355	24	65	11
DOUGLAS COUNTY	356	20	69	12
FLOYD COUNTY	358	18	66	16
FULTON COUNTY	360	15	61	24
GLYNN COUNTY	355	26	59	14
HALL COUNTY	355	23	67	11
HOUSTON COUNTY	359	16	64	20
NEWTON COUNTY	352	35	57	8
ROCKDALE COUNTY	358	17	65	17
WHITFIELD COUNTY	352	35	57	8
COMPARISON GROUP 2	357	21	63	16
GROUP 3: LARGE SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN 48% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
ATLANTA CITY	351	41	52	7
BIBB COUNTY	355	24	66	9
CHATHAM COUNTY	353	34	60	6
CLARKE COUNTY	356	30	52	18
CLAYTON COUNTY	353	33	58	9
DEKALB COUNTY	354	32	53	15
DOUGHERTY COUNTY	352	35	60	5
LIBERTY COUNTY	354	27	65	9
MUSCOGEE COUNTY	353	31	63	6
RICHMOND COUNTY	354	27	65	8
SPALDING COUNTY	351	38	56	6
TROUP COUNTY	353	33	57	10
COMPARISON GROUP 3	353	33	59	8

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<u>GEORGIA</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>14</u>
GROUP 4: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH FEWER THAN 32% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
BARROW COUNTY	356	19	72	9
CALHOUN CITY	361	14	56	30
CATOOSA COUNTY	356	17	72	11
EFFINGHAM COUNTY	355	23	69	8
JONES COUNTY	356	24	61	14
LEE COUNTY	358	20	60	19
OCONEE COUNTY	363	12	55	33
PIKE COUNTY	351	39	55	6
COMPARISON GROUP 4	357	20	65	15
GROUP 5: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 34% TO 38% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
BRYAN COUNTY	359	11	72	17
CAMDEN COUNTY	356	20	70	11
CARTERSVILLE CITY	357	19	62	20
DADE COUNTY	355	26	64	10
GORDON COUNTY	352	34	57	10
HABERSHAM COUNTY	356	19	68	13
HARRIS COUNTY	359	13	70	17
LOWNDES COUNTY	357	17	70	13
PICKENS COUNTY	357	20	67	13
STEPHENS COUNTY	357	21	65	15
WALTON COUNTY	355	25	64	11
WHITE COUNTY	354	30	63	7
COMPARISON GROUP 5	356	21	67	13
GROUP 6: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 39% TO 45% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
CARROLLTON CITY	360	12	65	23
FANNIN COUNTY	355	25	65	10
FRANKLIN COUNTY	354	27	65	8
HARALSON COUNTY	351	41	51	8
HART COUNTY	353	33	60	8
JACKSON COUNTY	353	36	49	15
MADISON COUNTY	357	24	59	17
MONROE COUNTY	352	36	57	8
MORGAN COUNTY	359	10	69	21
MURRAY COUNTY	354	25	66	9
OGLETHORPE COUNTY	353	31	63	6
POLK COUNTY	352	34	60	6
COMPARISON GROUP 6	354	29	60	11

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GROUP 7: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 46% TO 55% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH

BALDWIN COUNTY	352	36	57	7
BANKS COUNTY	358	17	71	12
BERRIEN COUNTY	349	49	50	1
BLECKLEY COUNTY	362	19	49	32
BRANTLEY COUNTY	356	24	62	14
BULLOCH COUNTY	351	37	56	7
BUTTS COUNTY	350	43	50	7
CHATTOOGA COUNTY	356	25	59	16
COLQUITT COUNTY	354	27	62	11
CRAWFORD COUNTY	354	27	68	5
DALTON PUBLIC	352	36	55	9
DECATUR CITY	362	9	62	28
ELBERT COUNTY	351	38	53	9
GRADY COUNTY	357	16	72	12
HEARD COUNTY	354	23	70	7
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	357	21	60	20
LAMAR COUNTY	351	35	61	4
LAURENS COUNTY	353	36	52	12
MARIETTA CITY	356	24	61	15
MCDUFFIE COUNTY	356	21	67	12
PIERCE COUNTY	356	25	58	16
THOMAS COUNTY	355	24	70	6
TIFT COUNTY	355	24	66	11
UPSON COUNTY	355	25	62	13
VIDALIA CITY	355	24	66	10
WALKER COUNTY	353	29	64	7
WAYNE COUNTY	354	29	62	9
COMPARISON GROUP 7	354	28	61	11

GROUP 8: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 57% TO 64% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH

APPLING COUNTY	354	26	68	6
BEN HILL COUNTY	353	36	51	13
CHARLTON COUNTY	356	19	70	11
COFFEE COUNTY	354	28	63	8
COOK COUNTY	355	22	73	5
DECATUR COUNTY	356	26	61	14
DODGE COUNTY	352	38	55	7
DUBLIN CITY	357	26	55	20
GAINESVILLE CITY	350	45	43	13
PEACH COUNTY	355	26	62	12
ROME CITY	359	19	61	21
VALDOSTA CITY	352	30	66	5
WARE COUNTY	356	19	68	13
WORTH COUNTY	352	32	64	5
COMPARISON GROUP 8	354	28	62	11

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GEORGIA	356	24	62	14
GROUP 9: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH 65% TO 70% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
CRISP COUNTY	354	32	60	9
EARLY COUNTY	352	37	57	6
EMANUEL COUNTY	352	34	59	7
EVANS COUNTY	354	30	63	7
PUTNAM COUNTY	354	23	67	10
SCREVEN COUNTY	354	37	47	16
TATTNALL COUNTY	354	25	66	9
THOMASVILLE CITY	353	33	57	9
TOOMBS COUNTY	348	47	49	4
TURNER COUNTY	353	33	58	9
WASHINGTON COUNTY	354	25	66	9
COMPARISON GROUP 9	353	33	58	9
GROUP 10: MID-SIZED SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN 74% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
BROOKS COUNTY	344	68	30	2
BURKE COUNTY	349	44	53	3
GREENE COUNTY	351	32	65	3
JEFFERSON COUNTY	351	38	56	6
MACON COUNTY	348	47	51	2
MERIWETHER COUNTY	353	31	63	6
MITCHELL COUNTY	349	44	53	2
SUMTER COUNTY	348	55	42	3
TWIGGS COUNTY	350	34	63	3
COMPARISON GROUP 10	349	45	52	3
GROUP 11: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH FEWER THAN 22% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
BREMEN CITY	361	13	56	31
CHICKAMAUGA CITY	357	13	78	8
TRION CITY	357	18	72	10
COMPARISON GROUP 11	358	15	70	15
GROUP 12: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 33% TO 43% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
BUFORD CITY	359	16	63	21
COMMERCE CITY	357	15	69	15
JEFFERSON CITY	361	15	57	28
SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY	357	17	68	15
TOWNS COUNTY	361	10	64	25
COMPARISON GROUP 12	359	15	64	21

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GEORGIA	356	24	62	14
GROUP 13: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 47% TO 59% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
BACON COUNTY	353	27	68	5
ECHOLS COUNTY	355	30	53	17
GLASCOCK COUNTY	355	34	58	8
LINCOLN COUNTY	351	41	51	7
MILLER COUNTY	358	16	59	24
WILCOX COUNTY	351	43	53	5
WILKES COUNTY	355	22	69	9
COMPARISON GROUP 13	354	30	60	10
GROUP 14: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 60% TO 67% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
CANDLER COUNTY	351	47	43	10
CLINCH COUNTY	345	55	42	3
JASPER COUNTY	352	34	59	7
LANIER COUNTY	353	25	71	4
MARION COUNTY	346	61	38	1
MCINTOSH COUNTY	352	38	54	7
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	353	30	58	11
SCHLEY COUNTY	350	49	47	4
SEMINOLE COUNTY	352	34	59	7
TREUTLEN COUNTY	352	36	55	9
WILKINSON COUNTY	353	30	66	4
COMPARISON GROUP 14	351	40	54	6
GROUP 15: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 68% TO 73% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY	350	51	41	7
JENKINS COUNTY	360	18	53	30
JOHNSON COUNTY	349	50	48	3
LONG COUNTY	349	49	45	6
PELHAM CITY	352	32	62	6
TAYLOR COUNTY	346	54	44	2
TELFAIR COUNTY	352	34	59	7
WHEELER COUNTY	350	49	42	8
COMPARISON GROUP 15	351	40	50	9
GROUP 16: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH 75% TO 90% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
ATKINSON COUNTY	350	39	60	1
DOOLY COUNTY	350	41	53	6
HANCOCK COUNTY	351	41	55	4
IRWIN COUNTY	359	18	58	24
RANDOLPH COUNTY	344	65	33	2
STEWART COUNTY	351	41	55	4
TALBOT COUNTY	348	44	56	0
WARREN COUNTY	344	72	26	2
WEBSTER COUNTY	353	23	68	9
COMPARISON GROUP 16	350	41	52	7
GROUP 17: SMALL SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN 90% OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH				
CALHOUN COUNTY	347	57	43	0
TERRELL COUNTY	350	41	57	2
COMPARISON GROUP 17	349	45	53	1



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