

Brooks Elementary 2015 Spring End of Grade Milestones Score Reports

Individual student test results and performance averages for the 2014-15 administration of the Georgia Milestones Assessment System were released by the Georgia Department of Education in mid November. In the elementary schools, Milestone exams have replaced Georgia's Criterion-Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) and the Georgia Writing Assessments.

The new Milestone exams can't be compared to previous state standardized test results because they differ from Georgia's CRCTs in a number of ways. A major change with the new test is that it assesses student learning along four levels of performance rather than three, as was the case for the CRCT. The four new performance levels are: Level 1: Beginning Learner; Level 2: Developing Learner; Level 3: Proficient Learner; Level 4: Distinguished Learner. Other features of the new Georgia Milestone Assessment System include: Open-ended (constructed-response) test questions allowing students to explain their answers in all grades and courses; A writing component (in response to passages read by students) in all grades and courses within the language arts assessment; Norm-referenced test questions in all content areas and courses, to provide a national comparison; and a transition to online testing over time, with paper and pencil administration as back-up until the transition is complete. Coweta County schools will administer the test completely online in 2015-16.

The 2014-15 administration of Milestones serves as a baseline year for assessing student and district progress in coming years. The test results will factor into school and system performance ratings in Georgia's College and Career readiness Index (CCRPI).

Below you will find a comparison on the percentages of Brooks' students who received a level 2 and above on last year's Milestones and those from the county and state. As you can see we were no less than 10% points above the state in any given grade or subject – with some scores showing Brooks as more than 20% above the state.



