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### **2016 GEORGIA MILESTONES RESULTS RELEASED**

*Bibb Students Demonstrate Growth Across Most Grade Levels*

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(MACON, GA) - Today, the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) released school and district level results for the administration of the 2016 Georgia Milestones Assessment System. In the second year of its administration, students in Bibb County showed growth across most grade levels, particularly in grades 3, 5 and 8 where promotion and retention are impacted by Milestones results.

Results are reported by proficiency levels that indicate student mastery of the tested grade-level standards. The levels are Beginning Learner, Developing Learner, Proficient Learner and Distinguished Learner. The goal is for students to be proficient and distinguished. In third grade, the percent of students considered proficient and distinguished grew in the subject areas of ELA and science. The percent of proficient and distinguished students in third grade math and social studies remained steady and did not show any decrease. In fifth grade, students showed growth in all subject areas. The percent of students considered proficient and distinguished grew by at least 2 percent in each subject area and as much as 6 percent in social studies. In eighth grade, students demonstrated growth in all subject areas except math. Here, the percent of students considered proficient and distinguished in social studies also increased by 6 percent.

Students in high school demonstrated increased proficiency across the subject areas of literature, math, science and social studies. In the area of economics, the percent of students considered proficient and distinguished grew by 7 percent.

"I'm excited to see the progress taking shape. Moving forward this year, I expect our focus on scheduling at the elementary level, as well as our continued focus on reading support programs and professional learning for teachers to impact our students in a positive way," Superintendent Dr. Curtis L. Jones Jr. said.

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*Vision: Each student demonstrates strength of character and is college or career ready.  
Mission: The Bibb County School District will develop a highly trained staff and an engaged community dedicated to educating each student for a 21st century global society.*

Implemented in 2015, the Georgia Milestones replaced both the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) and the End of Course Tests (EOCT). These rigorous tests require more from students than the CRCT and EOCT tests they replaced. The state revised these assessments in order to better prepare students for college and career readiness and to provide a more realistic picture of academic progress.

Promotion and/or retention in the area of reading in grades 3, 5 and 8 are not be determined by an Achievement Level. Instead, a reading score is provided for the purpose of determining promotion status in grades 3, 5 and 8. At the high school level, these measures serve as the final exam for Milestones courses and contribute 20 percent to the student's final course grade.

With some exceptions for special education students with specific testing accommodations, Georgia Milestones will be administered entirely online by the fifth year of implementation. During the second year of implementation, 73 percent of elementary and middle school End of Grade tests in Bibb County were administered online and 92 percent of End of Course tests were administered online.

Achievement levels with explanations:

Beginning Learners do not yet demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students need substantial academic support to be prepared for the next grade level of course and to be on track for college and career readiness.

Developing Learners demonstrate partial proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students need additional academic support to ensure success in the next grade level or course and to be on track for college and career readiness.

Proficient Learners demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students are prepared for the next grade level or course and are on track for college and career readiness.

Distinguished Learners demonstrate advanced proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students are well prepared for the next grade level or course and are well prepared for college and career readiness.

To view a copy of district Milestones scores for 2016, [click here](#).

To view a copy of district Milestones scores for 2015, [click here](#).

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