



2011-12

# Student Calendar

## 2011

The **first** day of school is Monday, **August 8**.

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	<b>8</b>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

SEPTEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	<b>5</b>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

### LEGEND

- 1** Student Holiday
- 1** Snow Make-up Day or Student Holiday
- 1** Early Release Days (Grades K-8)
- HS Final Exams (Grades 9-12)

**Early release days** are held twice a year in elementary and middle schools to allow for parent-teacher conferences. School is dismissed 2½ hours early.

**The calendar includes three snow make-up days. If school is cancelled for bad weather, students will make up days as follows:**

First day missed— Make up on Feb. 17;  
 Second day missed— Make up on March 30;  
 Third day missed— Make up on May 24.  
*Unused snow make-up days will be student holidays.*

If bad weather causes school to be cancelled or dismissed early, public announcements will be made on GCPS TV, on the school system's website ([www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us](http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us)), on Twitter and Facebook, and via metro-Atlanta radio and television stations. Full-day cancellations usually are announced by 6 a.m.

### FIND OUT MORE...

- Watch **GCPS TV** on the following cable stations, go online to stream live programs, or watch video on-demand ([www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/gcpstv/](http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/gcpstv/)):
  - AT&T Check U-verse Listings
  - Charter Channel 22
  - Comcast Channel 24 or 26 (digital only)
- Sign up online for GCPS' monthly e-mail newsletter, **eNews**.
- Attend **School Board meetings** on the third Thursday of each month.

OCTOBER

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2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	5	6	7	8
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NOVEMBER

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27	28	29	30			

DECEMBER

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25	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	31

## 2012

The **last** day of school is Wednesday, **May 23**.

JANUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	<b>2</b>	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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FEBRUARY

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26	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	29			

MARCH

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APRIL

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MAY

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# 2011–12 Testing Calendar

Regular attendance has a direct influence on student achievement. That's why it is important that students be in school every day, and especially on test days. Attendance on test days gives students an opportunity to show what they know, providing teachers with important information about each student's learning. Below is a list of dates when Gwinnett students will take national, state, and system assessments during the 2011–12 school year. While these days have been set aside for test administration, it is important to remember that only a small amount of time—ranging from as little as one hour up to two hours—is actually spent testing on a given day. Please use this for reference when planning appointments or time away from school.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TESTING DATES

Sept. 19–23, 2011	Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Administration Window	Grades 1, 3, and 5
Oct. 17–26, 2011	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) Administration Window	Grades 3 and 5
Jan. 17–March 2, 2012	ACCESS for ELLs Test Administration Window	English Language Learners
March 7, 2012	Georgia Writing Assessment	Grade 5
March 19–30, 2012	Georgia Writing Evaluation Window	Grade 3
April 23–27, 2012	Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT)	Grades 3–5

## MIDDLE SCHOOL TESTING DATES

Sept. 19–23, 2011	Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Administration Window	Grade 8
Oct. 17–26, 2011	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) Administration Window	Grade 8
Jan. 17–March 2, 2012	ACCESS for ELLs Test Administration Window	English Language Learners
Jan. 18, 2012	Georgia Writing Assessment	Grade 8
April 23–27, 2012	Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT)	Grades 6–8
April 30–May 18, 2012	Georgia End of Course Test (Accelerated Integrated Algebra I only)	Grade 8

## HIGH SCHOOL TESTING DATES

Sept. 27, 2011	Georgia High School Writing Test	Grade 11
Oct. 12, 2011	PSAT ( <i>no charge for grade 10, fee for grade 11</i> )	Grade 10, Grade 11 optional
Dec. 5–16, 2011	Georgia End of Course Test Administration Window, <i>designated courses</i> <i>Specific test dates for designated courses to be determined.</i>	Grades 9–12
Dec. 14–16, 2011	Final Exams	Grades 9–12
Jan. 17–March 2, 2012	ACCESS for ELLs Test Administration Window	English Language Learners
March 19–22, 2012	Georgia High School Graduation Tests ( <i>Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science subtests</i> )	Grade 11
April 16 and 18, 2012	High School Gateway ( <i>Science and Social Studies</i> )	Grade 10
May 7–16, 2012	Georgia End of Course Test Administration Window, <i>designated courses</i>	Grades 9–12
May 7–18, 2012	Advanced Placement (AP) Exams	AP students
May 21–23, 2012	Final Exams	Grades 9–12

Local schools will communicate testing dates within administration windows. Note: High schools on block schedule or mini-semester will have an additional testing window for End of Course Tests and Final Exams in October and March. Contact your local school with questions.

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