



Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators® (GACE®) Newsletter

The *GACE® Newsletter* is intended to be a resource for Educator Preparation Program Providers to gain access to all of the important information and changes happening in the GACE program. The *GACE® Newsletter* includes important dates, information about tests and policies, reminders about testing windows and more. The latest GACE program information can always be found at www.gace.ets.org.

Upcoming/Important Dates:

- ETS Offices will be closed on Monday, **February 19**.
- Scores for fall Teacher Leadership Submission Window will be released on **February 9**.

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PROGRAM UPDATES

Georgia Certification Fields and Required GACE Assessments

An easy reference guide — [Georgia Certification Fields and Required GACE Assessments \(PDF\)](#) — shows which assessments align with the Georgia certification fields. Achieving a passing score on a GACE® content assessment does not guarantee eligibility for certification. Please confirm your assessment selection with the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) prior to registering.

For more information about certification requirements, email the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) at mail@gapsc.com. More information about certification assessments is available on the [GACE website](#) or via email at gace_inquiries@ets.org.

Middle Grades Science Assessment Moves to Continuous Testing

Beginning this month, the Middle Grades Science assessment is offered on a continuous basis instead of in specified testing windows. Specific test date availability can be determined during the registration process. Testing time for this assessment has increased by 10 minutes for Test I and Test II and 20 minutes for the combined test.

Candidates taking this assessment should download the updated Study Companion and *Test at a Glance* from the [Test Prep Materials section](#) of the GACE website.

New Computer Science Assessment to Launch in October 2018

The GACE Computer Science assessment (Test Code 554) is being updated to reflect current trends in the field of computer science. The new assessment (Test Code 555) is being developed with input from computer science educators in Georgia, and the participation of a National Advisory Committee composed of computer science teachers and teacher educators from across the nation, as well as representatives from the Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA) and Code.org. The new assessment will align closely with the Georgia Computer Science Standards for program approval. It is scheduled to be launched in October 2018 and will replace the existing assessment. The *Test at a Glance* for the updated assessment is available in the [Test Prep Materials section](#) of the GACE website. The study companion will be available in August 2018.

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOL LEADERS (PASL)

Spring Launch for the Performance Assessment for School Leaders (PASL)

The Performance Assessment for School Leaders (PASL) is scheduled to launch in spring 2018. This assessment is designed for Tier II Educational Leadership certification and will be administered twice per year (spring and fall) during pre-established submission windows. **Note:** Candidates completing Tier II programs in spring and summer of 2018 need to register for the spring 2018 administration since they must take the PASL prior to Tier II program completion.

For more information about the PASL, see [PASL Information for Test Takers](#) and [PASL Information for Educator Programs](#).

Passing Standards for PASL

Score reports will indicate a total score instead of a passed/not passed status. The total number of points possible for all three tasks combined is 64. See the chart below for the minimum number of total points needed to pass the assessment in the state of Georgia.

Score Report Date	Passing Score
On or before August 31, 2020	42 points or higher
After September 1, 2020	46 points or higher

TEACHER LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT

Fall 2017 Submission Window Score Reporting

Scores for the fall 2017 submission window will be released on February 9, 2018. Official score reports are made available via test takers' testing accounts in the Teacher Leadership submission system. Scores are automatically sent to program providers, the GaPSC, and any designated score recipients at that time. A [sample score report](#) is available on the GACE website.

Spring 2018 Registration and Submission Window

Registration	June 13, 2017 – April 13, 2018
Submission Window	January 22, 2018 – April 27, 2018

Rescheduling a Submission Window

Rescheduling a submission window can only be done if the registration deadline for the initial submission window has not passed and the new submission window is open for registration. Changing a submission window incurs a \$50 rescheduling fee.

Note: Tasks and artifacts uploaded for the original submission window will not transfer automatically to the new submission window. Candidates will be required to re-upload any tasks and artifacts they have previously uploaded. All tasks and artifacts must be submitted by the same deadline date.

Resubmitting Tasks

Test takers who do not pass the assessment are allowed to resubmit any task that received a score of 5 or lower or Nonscorable. Scored tasks that received scores of 6 and above cannot be resubmitted. There is a \$75 resubmission fee for each task that is resubmitted.

Test takers must resubmit tasks and pass the assessment in the next two submission windows after their initial submission. If they do not do so within that time, they will have to pay another registration fee and take the assessment all over again.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Requesting Accommodations Online

Test takers who wish to apply for testing accommodations can do the following through their ETS GACE testing account:

- submit accommodations requests
- view approved accommodations
- self-schedule (if approved for extended time, extra breaks, screen magnification, selectable background and foreground colors)*
- view scheduled test registrations

* Test takers approved for accommodations other than the four listed above cannot schedule online; however, they will be able to indicate their preferred test date and location online.

ID Documents

Test takers are responsible for bringing valid and acceptable identification each time they report to a test center. To be admitted to a test center, they must bring the correct documents and ensure that they are **up to date on the date of the test**. If the documents are expired, or the name on the documents doesn't match their MyPSC account, they will not be admitted. Documents presented on a cell phone or any other electronic device are not acceptable. Identification document requirements are outlined in the GACE *Registration Bulletin* and on the GACE website at gace.ets.org/test_day/id.