

Recommended College and Career Testing Timeline

NINTH GRADE:

No standardized testing

TENTH GRADE:

Fall: PLAN (contains an interest survey)
PSAT (needed for Governor's Honors nominations)

ELEVENTH GRADE:

Fall: PSAT (for college bound juniors)
Armed Services Aptitude Battery (ASVAB—for juniors who sign up)
Georgia High School Graduation Test (Writing)

Spring: Georgia High School Graduation Test (English, Math, Science, Social Studies)
ACT/SAT (college bound juniors—second semester)
* Students planning to attend two-year colleges or technical colleges should consult with that institution and the program which they are entering to see if testing is necessary.

TWELFTH GRADE:

Fall: ACT/SAT (for college bound students planning to attend four-year schools)
ASVAB (for seniors who sign up)

Georgia High School Graduation Test

The Georgia High School Graduation Test is one of the requirements for earning a high school diploma in the state of Georgia. This test is curriculum based, focusing on the parts of the Georgia Quality Core Curriculum for grades 9-12. Students are tested in five content areas: English/Language Arts, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science. The tests emphasize critical thinking skills and test content beyond the level of basic competence in the five areas. Students will have five opportunities to take the tests, if necessary, before the end of their twelfth grade year. The first opportunity is the writing assessment in the fall of the junior year. In March of the junior year, students will take the English, math, social studies, and science tests. Students not passing all five exams by the end of their junior year will have four more opportunities before graduation to take exams that they have not passed. A student must pass all five sections of this test in order to receive a diploma from and participate in graduation ceremonies for all Newton County high schools.