



## Get Work Ready

Dear Parent:

Eastside High School will be offering our senior class the opportunity to earn a Georgia Work Ready Certificate, a valuable tool our students can use to let potential employers know they have the core skills and work habits necessary for success.

Georgia Work Ready was created to ensure that Georgians have the best skills, easy access to training and world-class job opportunities now and in the future. And, because it is never too early to take control of your career, high school seniors can take advantage of these benefits now.

On Friday, October 29, 2010 we will administer the Georgia Work Ready assessment, which gauges students' core skills in the areas of applied mathematics, reading for information and locating information. Based on their scores, students will receive a Work Ready Certificate that verifies their skill level to potential employers and demonstrates a commitment to success and life-long learning. For students who wish to improve their scores, the state also offers no-cost, online skills gap training. Upon graduation, students entering the workforce also have access to a special job search tool – Work Ready Connect at [www.workreadyconnect.org](http://www.workreadyconnect.org) – that helps Work Ready Certified graduates connect with Work Ready Certified companies (a listing of GA Work Ready companies can be found on the website).

Earning a Georgia Work Ready Certificate can be the first step on a student's career pathway. We are thrilled to be able to offer the assessment on-site and believe it will be a valuable tool to complement your child's high school diploma and other professional or academic certifications and degrees. For more information on Georgia Work Ready, visit [www.gaworkready.org](http://www.gaworkready.org).

Sincerely,

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