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NEWS RELEASE
Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSGT)

Columbus, GA- The Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSGT) will be administered **March 16 – 20, 2009**. Students must pass the GHSGT to graduate from High School in Georgia.   In 1991, the Georgia General Assembly passed legislation which requires that curriculum-based assessments be administered in the 11th grade for graduation purposes. The GHSGT tests juniors in the areas of:

► English and Language Arts.   ► Science.
► Mathematics.   ► Social Studies.
► Writing.

All students who entered the ninth grade since July 1, 1994 must pass all five parts of the GSHGT to earn a high school diploma. These requirements apply to all students, regardless of the type of diploma or diploma seal they are seeking. Students take the GHSGT for the first time in their junior year.

The writing test is given to juniors for the first time in the fall. The four content area tests are given to juniors for the first time in the spring of each year. Students have five opportunities to take each of the tests by the end of the 12th grade.

Assessment Subject	Date
English and Language Arts	March 16, 2009
Math	March 17, 2009
Science	March 18, 2009
Social Studies	March 19, 2009

Georgia's graduation tests provide valuable information for students, educators, and

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parents about student strengths and areas for improvement in English and language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. The tests identify students who may need additional instruction in the concepts and skills required for a diploma. Since 2004, the English and language arts and Mathematics high school graduation tests have been used to measure Adequate Yearly Progress **(AYP)** under the No Child Left Behind legislation.

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