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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT)

**April 10 – 20, 2012**

**(Columbus, GA)**-Students in grades 3 - 8 will take the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) April 10 - 20, 2012, in the Muscogee County School District (MCSD). The CRCT was previously administered in grades 1-8, but due to budget reductions the state Department of Education reduced the number of grades tested. CRCT scores for grades 3 - 8 are a factor used to determine system and school accountability and student promotion.

According to the Georgia Department of Education, the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) set specific academic benchmarks and expectations for all students in Georgia's public schools. The tests measure how well a student has acquired the knowledge and skills covered by the curriculum at his or her grade level. Students are not compared to each other, but are measured on how well they are meeting the standards. Student achievement in each content area is classified in three performance levels: *Meets Standard*, *Does Not Meet Standard*, and *Exceeds Standard*.

Educators work with students throughout the year to prepare them for tests in the following subject areas:

- √ Reading
- √ English/Language Arts
- √ Mathematics
- √ Science
- √ Social Studies

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Throughout the school year parents are encouraged to:

- √ Make sure students are on time and present for class daily.
- √ Make sure each child has a healthy breakfast.  
(\*Breakfast is served 30 minutes before school.)
- √ Communicate with their child about school lessons and review.
- √ Communicate with the teacher and child throughout the school year.
- √ Attend planned parent/child school learning activities and events.
- √ Set a schedule that allows for daily study.
- √ Use family routines and business matters as teachable moments and learning experiences.

Each subject area of the test is administered on the same day throughout the Muscogee County School District.

Tuesday, April 10, 2012	Reading
Wednesday, April 11, 2012	Language Arts
Thursday, April 12, 2012	Math
Friday, April 13, 2012	Make-Up
Monday, April 16, 2012	Make-Up
Tuesday, April 17, 2012	Science
Wednesday, April 18, 2012	Social Studies
Thursday, April 19, 2012	Make-Up
Friday, April 20, 2012	Make-Up
Monday, April 23, 2012	CRCT Scores Mailed to be Scored

Remediation begins immediately after the CRCT is completed. The retest is given while students are still in school **May 14-15, 2012**. CRCT scores (non-retest) are expected to be received in the summer.

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