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## NEWS RELEASE

### Criterion Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) Begin April 13

**(Columbus, GA)**-Students in grades 3-8 will take the Criterion Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) April 13-25, 2011, 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 this year. CRCT scores for grades 3-8 is also a factor used to determine Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

The CRCT is designed to measure how well students acquire the skills and knowledge described in the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) and the Quality Core Curriculum (QCC). The assessments yield information on academic achievement at the student, class, school, system, and state levels. The information is then used to determine individual strengths and weaknesses as related to the instruction of GPS/QCC, and to gauge the quality of education throughout Georgia.

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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Parents are encouraged to:

- √Make sure students are present for class daily.
- √Make sure each child has a healthy breakfast.  
(\*Breakfast is served 30 minutes before school.)
- √Ask children what he or she has learned in school 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 district. Remediation begins immediately after the CRCT is completed. The retest is given while students are still in school May 16-17, 2011. CRCT scores (non-retest) are expected to be received in the summer.

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