



# Muscogee County School District

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### CRCT Dates Change

**(Columbus, GA)**-Students in the Muscogee County School District (MCSD) have more time to prepare for the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT). Inclement (winter weather forced many school districts, including the MCSD, to lose four (4) instructional days. While at least 4 instructional days do not have to be made up due to inclement weather, the Georgia Department of Education has granted school districts the ability to move the CRCT test timeline. MCSD students were scheduled to take the CRCT beginning the week after spring break. However, after careful consideration, input from principals and other district leaders, the CRCT is scheduled for April 15 - April 25, 2014, for MCSD students. The order of subject area test days will not change.

Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Reading
Wednesday, April 16, 2014	English/Language Arts
Thursday, April 17, 2014	Math
Friday, April 18, 2014	Make-Up
Monday, April 21, 2014	Make-Up
Tuesday, April 22, 2014	Science
Wednesday, April 23, 2014	Social Studies
Thursday, April 24, 2014	Make-Up
Friday, April 25, 2014	Make-Up
Monday, April 28, 2014	CRCT Returns
Monday, May 12, 2014	CRCT Retest
Tuesday, May 13, 2014	CRCT Retest

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Students in grades 3-8 take the (CRCT). Grades 1-2 will not take the CRCT due to budget constraints. The tests measure student achievement (skills and knowledge) of the state mandated content standards in reading, English/Language Arts, mathematics, science and social studies. In addition, the CRCT helps determine strengths and areas of improvement needed for a class, school, system and the state levels. CRCT scores for grades 3, 5, and 8 are used as one of the factors to determine student promotion.

Parents are also encouraged to be actively engaged in their child's education throughout the school year. Each parent can:

- √ 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.

CRCT scores (non-retest) are expected to be released during the summer.

For more information, contact [communications@muscogee.k12.ga.us](mailto:communications@muscogee.k12.ga.us) , access the Georgia Department of Education web site, [www.gadoe.org](http://www.gadoe.org), or the [CRCT Statewide Scores](#) link.

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