



**Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT)/
Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT)
Variance Checklist**

If you wish to apply for a variance, you must be able to check each of the items listed below. If you have questions, check with your school counselor. If you do not meet all of the requirements, your request will be returned to your local school superintendent; it will not be reviewed by the State Board of Education.

1. ____ I have attempted to take the relevant section(s) a minimum of four times.
Number of times relevant section(s) attempted _____
2. ____ I have taken advantage of structured remediation after each unsuccessful test attempt.
3. ____ I have passed three of the five graduation tests (four content sections of the GHSGT and the GHSWT). Be sure that transcript reflects scores of passed sections.
4. ____ I have successfully passed the End-of-Course Test(s) (EOCT) related to the section(s) of the GHSGT or the GHSWT in which the variance is being sought.
5. ____ I have met the attendance and course unit requirements for graduation (or am currently on track for completing such requirements).
Type of diploma _____
6. ____ I have a 90 percent or better attendance record, excluding excused absences while enrolled in grades 9-12.
7. ____ I have obtained a scaled score that falls within one standard error of measurement (SEM) for passing the relevant section(s) of the GHSGT or GHSWT. (see SEM chart on right)

If you feel that you are eligible for consideration of a variance of one or more portions of the GHSGT or GHSWT, you (or your parent/guardian if you are under the age of 18) must submit in writing to your local superintendent of schools a letter requesting consideration for a variance. In the letter, you must indicate the section(s) of the test for which you are requesting consideration and give permission for your local school system to release any records regarding the variance request to the State Board of Education.



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Waiver Checklist**

If you wish to be considered for a waiver, you must be able to check at least one of the items in 1 and items 2, 3 and 4. If you have questions, check with your school counselor.*

1. ____ I have a disability that is documented in an Individual Education Program (IEP) that prevents me from passing a section of the GHSGT/GHSWT,
and/or
____ I have a substantial hardship that is beyond my control that prevents me from passing a section(s) of the GHSGT/GHSWT.
2. ____ I have met the attendance and course unit requirements for graduation (or am currently on track for completing such requirements).
Type of diploma _____
3. ____ I have attempted to take the test four times with appropriate accommodations. (*unless your waiver requests consideration for fewer administrations)
4. ____ I have taken advantage of structured remediation after each unsuccessful test attempt.

If you feel that you are eligible for consideration of a waiver of one or more portions of the GHSGT or GHSWT, you (or your parent/guardian if you are under the age of 18) must submit in writing to your local superintendent of schools a letter requesting consideration for a waiver. In the letter, you must indicate the section(s) of the test for which you are requesting consideration and give permission for your local school system to release any records regarding the waiver request to the State Board of Education.

Content Area	Calculated Scale Score (SEM)	Range of Scores Within One SEM
ELA	7	493 to 507
Math	6	494 to 506
Science	6	494 to 506
Social Studies	4	496 to 504
Writing	4	496 to 504