

High School Graduation Requirements

Updated August 2016

On August 3, 2016, the State Board of Education approved updated state regulations for the high school graduation assessments requirements in both English language arts (ELA) and mathematics for the Classes of 2016 through 2021, and beyond.

Students graduating as members of the classes of 2016 through 2019 can meet graduation assessment requirements through a variety of ways, including:

- (1) Achieving passing scores on certain PARCC assessments;**
- (2) Achieving certain scores on alternative assessments such as the SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer; or**
- (3) The submission by the district of a student portfolio through the Department's portfolio appeals process. (Special Education students whose Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) specify an alternative way to demonstrate proficiencies will continue to follow the graduation requirements set forth in their IEPs.)**

The Class of 2020 can demonstrate graduation assessment proficiency through the same alternative means as those in the Classes of 2016 through 2019, provided that students in the Class of 2020 take all end-of-course PARCC assessments for which they are eligible, as of the effective date of when the amendments were adopted by the State Board of Education.

For the Class of 2021 and thereafter, students who have not demonstrated proficiency on the ELA 10 and Algebra 1 assessments, and have taken all end-of-course PARCC assessments for which they are eligible, can demonstrate graduation assessment proficiency by meeting the criteria of the portfolio appeals process.

It is important to note there has always been a system for students to demonstrate and meet graduation requirements through an alternative assessment or pathway to graduation throughout New Jersey's forty-year history with a statewide assessment program.

In this document, you will find charts containing the list of assessment requirements in both ELA and mathematics for the high school graduation Classes of 2016 through 2021.

Class of 2016

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

PARCC ELA Grade 9 \geq 750 (Level 4)

or

PARCC ELA Grade 10 \geq 750 (Level 4)

or

PARCC ELA Grade 11 \geq 725 (Level 3)

or

Prior to 3/1/16 SAT Critical Reading \geq 400

or

3/1/16 or later SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section \geq 450; or SAT Reading Test \geq 22

or

ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading \geq 16

or

Accuplacer WritePlacer \geq 6

or

Accuplacer WritePlacer ESL \geq 4

or

PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading* \geq 40

or

PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading** \geq 22 or

ACT Aspire Reading \geq 422

or

ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31

or

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MATHEMATICS

PARCC Algebra I \geq 750 (Level 4)

or

PARCC Geometry \geq 725 (Level 3)

or

PARCC Algebra II \geq 725 (Level 3)

or

Prior to 3/1/16 SAT Math \geq 400

or

3/1/16 or later SAT Math Section \geq 440;
or SAT Math Test \geq 22

or

ACT or ACT PLAN Math \geq 16

or

Accuplacer Elementary Algebra \geq 76

or

PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math* \geq 40

or

PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math** \geq 22

or

ACT Aspire Math \geq 422

or

ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31

or

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Note: * PSAT taken prior to October 2015; **PSAT taken after October 2015. Effective immediately, students who took the redesigned SAT after March 1, 2016, may meet the state assessment graduation requirement by attaining a Math Section Score of 440 or a Math Test Score of 22 and an Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section Score of 450 or a Reading Test Score of 22.

Class of 2017, 2018 and 2019

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

PARCC ELA Grade 9

or

PARCC ELA Grade 10

or

PARCC ELA Grade 11

or

SAT Reading

or

ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading

or

Accuplacer WritePlacer

or

Accuplacer WritePlacer ESL

or

PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading

or

PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading

or

ACT Aspire Reading

or

ASVAB-AFQT Composite

or

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MATHEMATICS

PARCC Algebra I

or

PARCC Geometry

or

PARCC Algebra II

or

SAT Math

or

ACT or ACT PLAN Math

or

Accuplacer Elementary Algebra

or

PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math

or

PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math

or

ACT Aspire Math

or

ASVAB-AFQT Composite

or

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Class of 2020

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

(Must Take) PARCC ELA Grade 9

and

(Must Take) PARCC ELA Grade 10

and

(Must Take) PARCC ELA Grade 11

*If passing score not met on any of the three,
then the student can use the following*

SAT Reading

or

ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading

or

Accuplacer WritePlacer

or

Accuplacer WritePlacer ESL

or

PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading

or

PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading

or

ACT Aspire Reading

or

ASVAB-AFQT Composite

or

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MATHEMATICS

(Must Take) PARCC Algebra I

and

(Must Take) PARCC Geometry

and

(Must Take) PARCC Algebra II

*If passing score not met on any of the three,
then the student can use the following*

SAT Math

or

ACT or ACT PLAN Math

or

Accuplacer Elementary Algebra

or

PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math

or

PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math

or

ACT Aspire Math

or

ASVAB-AFQT Composite

or

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Class of 2021 and Beyond

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

(Must Take) PARCC ELA Grade 9

and

(Must Take and Pass) PARCC ELA Grade 10

and

(Must Take) PARCC ELA Grade 11

***If passing score not met on PARCC ELA Grade 10,
then the student can use the following***

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MATHEMATICS

(Must Take and Pass) PARCC Algebra I

and

(Must Take) PARCC Geometry

and

(Must Take) PARCC Algebra II

***If passing score not met on PARCC Algebra I,
then the student can use the following***

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