

## **High School Graduation Assessment Requirements**

*Updated October 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 PARCC assessments associated with the high-school level courses for which they were 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 PARCC assessments associated with the high-school level courses for which they were 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.**

*\* “Eligible” is defined as a student who is enrolled in a high-school level course for which there is a PARCC test. This includes all of these courses: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, ELA 9, ELA 10, and ELA 11.*

## Class of 2016 and 2017

### 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*

SAT Critical Reading (taken before 3/1/16)  $\geq$  400

*or*

SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section  
(taken 3/1/16 or later)  $\geq$  450

*or*

SAT Reading Test (taken 3/1/16 or later)  $\geq$  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 (taken before 10/1/15)  $\geq$  40

*or*

PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken 10/1/15 or later)  
 $\geq$  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*

SAT Math (taken before 3/1/16)  $\geq$  400

*or*

SAT Math Section (taken 3/1/16 or later)  $\geq$  440

*or*

SAT Math Test (taken 3/1/16 or later)  $\geq$  22

*or*

ACT or ACT PLAN\* Math  $\geq$  16

*or*

Accuplacer Elementary Algebra  $\geq$  76

*or*

PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken before 10/1/15)  
 $\geq$  40

*or*

PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken 10/1/15 or later)  
 $\geq$  22

*or*

ACT Aspire Math\*  $\geq$  422

*or*

ASVAB-AFQT Composite  $\geq$  31

*or*

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## Class of 2018 and 2019

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

PARCC ELA Grade 9

*or*

PARCC ELA Grade 10

*or*

PARCC ELA Grade 11

*or*

SAT Critical Reading (taken before 3/1/16)

*or*

SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section  
(taken 3/1/16 or later)

*or*

SAT Reading Test (taken 3/1/16 or later)

*or*

ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading\*

*or*

Accuplacer WritePlacer

*or*

Accuplacer WritePlacer ESL

*or*

PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken before 10/1/15)

*or*

PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken 10/1/15 or later)

*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 (taken before 3/1/16)

*or*

SAT Math Section (taken 3/1/16 or later)

*or*

SAT Math Test (taken 3/1/16 or later)

*or*

ACT or ACT PLAN\* Math

*or*

Accuplacer Elementary Algebra

*or*

PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken before 10/1/15)

*or*

PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken 10/1/15 or later)

*or*

ACT Aspire Math\*

*or*

ASVAB-AFQT Composite

*or*

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## Class of 2020

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

PARCC ELA Grade 9 (*must take if eligible\**)

*and*

PARCC ELA Grade 10 (*must take if eligible\**)

*and*

PARCC ELA Grade 11 (*must take if eligible\**)

*If passing score is not met on at least one of the three, then  
the student can use the following*

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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 (*must take if eligible\**)

*and*

PARCC Geometry (*must take if eligible\**)

*and*

PARCC Algebra II (*must take if eligible\**)

*If passing score is not met on at least one of the three, then  
the student can use the following*

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SAT Math

*or*

ACT or ACT PLAN Math\*\*

*or*

Accuplacer Elementary Algebra

*or*

PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math

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*or*

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Starting with the Class of 2021, students will need to meet the high school graduation assessment requirements by passing PARCC ELA Grade 10 and PARCC Algebra I.

If students are unable to pass one or both of those assessments, they will be able to access the portfolio appeals process to meet the assessment requirements, but only if they take all PARCC assessments associated with the high-school level courses for which they were eligible\* (see chart below).

## Class of 2021 and Beyond

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

PARCC ELA Grade 10 (*must take and pass*)

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*If passing score is not met on PARCC ELA Grade 10,  
then the student must have taken*

PARCC ELA Grade 9

*and*

PARCC ELA Grade 10

*and*

PARCC ELA Grade 11

*before they can*

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### MATHEMATICS

PARCC Algebra I (*must take and pass*)

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*If passing score is not met on PARCC Algebra 1,  
then the student must have taken*

PARCC Algebra I

*and*

PARCC Geometry

*and*

PARCC Algebra II (*if eligible\**)

*before they can*

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