

## **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*

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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

(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*

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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 1,  
then the student can use the following*

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