



New Jersey High School Graduation Assessment Requirements

On June 5, 2019, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) updated the high school graduation assessment requirements in both English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and mathematics for the Classes of 2019 through 2022, pursuant to an amended Consent Order from the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Important Update for Class of 2021: Governor Murphy signed [Executive Order 214](#) on January 11, 2021 to address the continued disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Executive Order waives the statutory graduation assessment requirement pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1 et seq.* for any twelfth-grade student who is expected to graduate in the Class of 2021 but has not met the graduation assessment requirement. As such, the portfolio appeals process is waived for the 2020-2021 school year. This mirrors the changes made for the Class of 2020. Therefore, students in the Class of 2021 who have not yet met the assessment requirement must still meet all the other State and local graduation requirements, including but not limited to credit, curriculum, and attendance requirements.

The Class of 2022

The high school assessment graduation requirements that are in place for the Class of 2022 are:

In **English Language Arts/Literacy**, students must demonstrate proficiency:

1. On NJSLA/PARCC ELA 10; *or*
2. By meeting the designated cut score on an alternative assessment such as other high school-level NJSLA/PARCC assessments, the SAT, ACT, or ACCUPLACER as defined in the chart below;
or
3. By submitting, through the district, a student portfolio appeal to the New Jersey Department of Education.

In **mathematics**, students must demonstrate proficiency:

1. On NJSLA/PARCC Algebra I; *or*
2. By meeting the designated cut score on an alternative assessment such as other high school-level NJSLA/PARCC assessments, the SAT, ACT, or ACCUPLACER as defined in the chart below; *or*
3. By submitting, through the district, a student portfolio appeal to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Proficiency levels/cut scores for the Class of 2022 are specified in the next section.

ELA and Mathematics Assessment Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2022

This document reflects the high school graduation assessment requirements put in place for the Classes of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, pursuant to an amended Consent Order received by the NJDOE from the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey on June 5, 2019.

The requirements for the Class of 2019, including the cut scores, remain unchanged from the requirements that were applied to the Classes of 2017 and 2018. These requirements now apply to the Class of 2022.

Executive Order 117 and 214 waive the graduation assessment requirement for any twelfth-grade student in the Class of 2020 and or who are expected to be in the Class of 2021. These students must meet all the other State and local graduation requirements, including but not limited to credit, curriculum, and attendance requirements.

Pathways Available

First Pathway

Demonstrate proficiency in the high school end-of-course NJSLA/PARCC assessments in ELA-10 and/or Algebra I.

English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA)	Mathematics
NJSLA/PARCC ELA Grade 10 \geq 750 (Level 4)	NJSLA/PARCC Algebra I \geq 750 (Level 4)

Second Pathway

Demonstrate proficiency in English language arts and/or mathematics by meeting the designated cut score on one of the alternative assessments.

English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA)	Mathematics
<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NJSLA/PARCC ELA Grade 9 \geq 750 (Level 4), <i>or</i> • NJSLA/PARCC ELA Grade 11 \geq 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i> • SAT Critical Reading (taken before 3/1/16) \geq 400, <i>or</i> • SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section (taken 3/1/16 or later) \geq 450, <i>or</i> • SAT Reading Test (taken 3/1/16 or later) \geq 22, <i>or</i> • ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading¹ \geq 16, <i>or</i> • ACCUPLACER WritePlacer \geq 6, <i>or</i> • ACCUPLACER WritePlacer ESL \geq 4, <i>or</i> • PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken before 10/1/15) \geq 40, <i>or</i> • PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken 10/1/15 or later) \geq 22, <i>or</i> • ACT Aspire Reading¹ \geq 422, <i>or</i> • ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31 	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NJSLA/PARCC Geometry \geq 725 (Level 3), <i>or</i> NJSLA/PARCC Algebra II \geq 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i> SAT Math (taken before 3/1/16) \geq 400, <i>or</i> • SAT Math Section (taken 3/1/16 or later) \geq 440, <i>or</i> SAT Math Test (taken 3/1/16 or later) \geq 22, <i>or</i> ACT or ACT PLAN Math¹ \geq 16, <i>or</i> • ACCUPLACER Elementary Algebra \geq 76, <i>or</i> • Next-Generation ACCUPLACER Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS) (beginning January 2019)² \geq 255, <i>or</i> • PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken before 10/1/15) \geq 40, <i>or</i> • PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken 10/1/15 or later) \geq 22, <i>or</i> • ACT Aspire Math¹ \geq 422, <i>or</i> • ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31

Third Pathway

Demonstrate proficiency in English language arts and/or mathematics through Portfolio Appeals.

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English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA)	Mathematics
Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for ELA	Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for Math

The Class of 2023 and Beyond

The NJDOE is committed to providing fair notice to students and educators and will continue to collaborate with stakeholders to transition to the next generation of statewide assessments.

For questions or concerns, please reach out to assessment@doe.nj.gov.

¹ Test is no longer administered but can be used for the graduating year.

² Beginning on **Monday, January 28, 2019**, classic ACCUPLACER tests were no longer available. QAS replaced ACCUPLACER Elementary Algebra.