

Classes of 2023–2025

High School Graduation Assessment Requirements

Updated July 2022

On Tuesday, July 5, 2022, Governor Murphy signed P.L.2022, c.60 (ACS for A-3196/S-2349), which requires the State Board of Education to administer the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) as a field test for the class of 2023. There is no graduation assessment requirement for any student who is expected to graduate with the class of 2023. Students in the class of 2023 must still meet all the other State and local graduation requirements, including but not limited to credit, curriculum, and attendance requirements. The graduation assessment requirements for the classes of 2024 and 2025 remain in place.

The requirements in this section were adopted by the New Jersey State Board of Education on September 8, 2021 for the classes of 2023–2025.

English Language Arts and Literacy (ELA)

If, after completing the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in grade 11, students did not demonstrate proficiency by passing the ELA component, such students may access the following pathways:

- Second Pathway: By meeting the designated cut score on a substitute competency test such as other high school-level NJSLA/PARCC assessments, the SAT, ACT, or ACCUPLACER; or
- Third Pathway: By submitting, through the district, a student portfolio appeal to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Mathematics

If, after completing the required New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in grade 11, students did not demonstrate proficiency by passing the mathematics component, such students may access the following pathways:

- Second Pathway: By meeting the designated cut score on a substitute competency test such as other high school-level NJSLA/PARCC assessments, the SAT, ACT, or ACCUPLACER; or
- Third Pathway: By submitting, through the district, a student portfolio appeal to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Students must take and demonstrate proficiency in grade 11 on the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment, which includes content aligned to the grade 10 New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) in ELA, and the NJSLS in Algebra 1 and Geometry. If after completing the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment a student does not demonstrate proficiency on the ELA or mathematics section, the student may retake the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in the following summer or fall.

A student with disabilities whose IEP states that they are not eligible for the alternate assessment (Dynamic Learning Maps) must take the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in grade 11.

First Pathway—NJGPA

Note: Cut Scores Approved by the New Jersey State Board of Education on February 2, 2022

New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment—ELA \geq 750 (Graduation Ready)	New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment—Mathematics \geq 750 (Graduation Ready)

Note: This pathway is only available to students who completed the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in grade 11.

Students who sat for the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in grade 11 and did not demonstrate proficiency are able to demonstrate proficiency in ELA and/or mathematics by meeting the designated cut score on one of the assessments on the menu of substitute competency tests in the table for the second pathway (below).

Important Notes:

- Tests marked with an asterisk (*) are no longer administered but can be used for the graduating year.
- Beginning on Monday, January 28, 2019, classic ACCUPLACER tests were no longer available. QAS replaced ACCUPLACER Elementary Algebra

Second Pathway—Menu of Substitute Competency Tests

Note: Cut scores forthcoming following New Jersey State Board of Education Approval.

<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NJSLA/PARCC ELA Grade 9 ● SAT Critical Reading (taken before 3/1/16) ● SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section (taken 3/1/16 or later) ● SAT Reading Test (taken 3/1/16 or later) ● ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading* ● ACCUPLACER WritePlacer ● ACCUPLACER WritePlacer ESL ● PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken before 10/1/15) ● PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken 10/1/15 or later) ● ACT Aspire Reading* ● ASVAB-AFQT Composite 	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NJSLA/PARCC Algebra I ● NJSLA/PARCC Geometry ● NJSLA/PARCC Algebra II ● SAT Math (taken before 3/1/16) ● SAT Math Section (taken 3/1/16 or later) ● SAT Math Test (taken 3/1/16 or later) ● ACT or ACT PLAN Math ● ACCUPLACER Elementary Algebra ● Next-Generation ACCUPLACER Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS) (beginning January 2019) ● PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken before 10/1/15) ● PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken 10/1/15 or later) ● ACT Aspire Math* ● ASVAB-AFQT Composite
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Note: This pathway is only available to students who completed the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in grade 11.

Third Pathway—Portfolio Appeals

Students who completed the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in grade 11 and did not demonstrate proficiency are able to demonstrate proficiency in ELA and/or mathematics through a portfolio appeal in grade 12.

Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for ELA	Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for Math