



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.

The Classes of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022

The high school assessment graduation requirements that are in place for the Classes of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 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 Classes of 2019 through 2022 are specified in the chart below.

Note: Special Education students, whose Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) specify an alternative way to demonstrate proficiencies, will continue to follow the graduation assessment requirements set forth in their IEPs.

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.

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ELA and Mathematics Assessment Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022

This document reflects the high school graduation assessment requirements 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 Classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Pathways Available	English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA)	Mathematics
First Pathway: <i>Demonstrate proficiency in the high school end-of-course NJSLA/PARCC assessments in ELA-10 and/or Algebra I</i>	NJSLA/PARCC ELA Grade 10 \geq 750 (Level 4)	NJSLA/PARCC Algebra I \geq 750 (Level 4)
Second Pathway: <i>Demonstrate proficiency in English language arts and/or mathematics by meeting the designated cut score on one of the alternative assessments</i>	NJSLA/PARCC ELA Grade 9 \geq 750 (Level 4), or NJSLA/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 ¹ \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 ¹ \geq 422, or ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31	NJSLA/PARCC Geometry \geq 725 (Level 3), or NJSLA/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 ¹ \geq 16, or ACCUPLACER Elementary Algebra \geq 76, or Next-Generation ACCUPLACER Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS) (beginning January 2019) ² \geq 255, 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 ¹ \geq 422, or ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31
Third Pathway: <i>Demonstrate proficiency in English language arts and/or mathematics through Portfolio Appeals</i>	Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for ELA	Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for Math

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.