On August 3, 2016, the State Board of Education approved updated regulations (N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1) for the high school graduation assessment requirements in both English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. The regulations state that students in the Class of 2021 and beyond will have "multiple opportunities" to take and try to meet expectations on the PARCC Algebra I and ELA ten assessments.

Students in the Class of 2021 and beyond who did not pass the PARCC Algebra I assessment to meet their graduation assessment requirement in mathematics can retake the assessment during the summer, fall or spring PARCC administrations, but **only** if enrolled in a:

- **full-year, credit-bearing course,**
- **a refresher course approved by the Local Education Agency (LEA), or**
- **an LEA-designed instructional learning module(s) based on the student's abilities**

This requirement is in place to ensure the student improves the skills he/she needs to successfully meet the requirement.

This flexibility allows the student to have multiple opportunities to meet their high school graduation requirement for mathematics without interfering with their high school mathematics progression. The NJDOE highly recommends NOT waiting until the spring to retest the student since he/she will be administered the PARCC assessment for their next course.

To address the New Jersey graduation requirements, RHS students in the class of 2021 who earned a score below 750 on the Algebra 1 PARCC will be enrolled in an Algebra 1 Refresher Course. This course will run after school for up to 10 sessions of 90 minutes (2:10-3:40). Students will work with an RHS math teacher to address their Algebra weaknesses and prepare to retake the Algebra 1 PARCC this December. This small-group time, along with their current Algebra 2 course, will help them meet the NJ DOE graduation requirements early in their high school careers.

Two RHS mathematics teachers will be paid for up to 20 hours for planning and teaching the Algebra 1 refresher course. (20 x $34 = $680 each; $1360 total).