

Classes of 2023–2025 High School Graduation Assessment Requirements

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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.

Information for Students with Disabilities



Under the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA), all students with disabilities must be included in all general state and district-wide assessments. IEPs of students with disabilities will address whether the student must meet the passing score on the state assessments or demonstrate proficiency through an alternate pathway. Students with disabilities whose IEPs specify an alternative way to demonstrate proficiencies, will continue to follow the graduation assessment requirements set forth in their IEPs. It is the responsibility of the student's IEP team to ensure that the IEP is implemented as written, including components addressing state graduation assessment requirements.



IEP teams should reserve the exemption of the statewide assessment graduation requirement for students with significant intellectual disabilities and for students with disabilities who have made repeated unsuccessful attempts to meet statewide assessment requirements through New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment, a substitute competency test, or a student portfolio appeal. Districts are encouraged to begin convening meetings of the student's IEP team when the student is in grade 9, or as early as possible. The IEP team includes the student, and the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) to discuss the student's specific graduation requirements.

Questions about IEP components concerning graduation assessment requirements should be directed to the Office of Special Education Policy and Dispute Resolution at oseinfo@doe.nj.gov.

First Pathway—NJGPA

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

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



Second Pathway



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.

ELA	Mathematics
<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

Third Pathway



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

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.

Third Pathway—Portfolio Appeals

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