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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has implemented a new graduation assessment for students in the classes of 2023 and beyond as well as additional assessments in English Language Arts, mathematics, and science. The purpose of this letter is to help parents and students understand when each assessment will be given and which students will test.

Beginning with the Class of 2023, students will be required to take and pass an 11th grade assessment called the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA). **This test will be given to all 11th grade students on March 15, 16, 17, & 18.** For students who take, but do not pass this assessment, the state DOE has created additional ways for students to satisfy the mandatory graduation assessment requirement:

- Students can retest in the fall of their 12th grade year.
- Students can use a passing score from a substitute assessment such as the PSAT, SAT, or Accuplacer.
- Students can complete a portfolio of work to demonstrate their mastery of the content in ELA and math.

In addition to the 11th grade NJGPA assessment, the NJDOE requires schools to give **all 9th grade students** the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) in ELA and math. This assessment will be given on **May 10, 11, 12, & 13.** A passing score on these assessments can be used as an alternate graduation requirement only if the student takes the NJGPA when they are in the 11th grade.

Lastly, the NJDOE also requires schools to administer the NJSLA - science assessment to all **11th grade students.** This assessment will be given on **May 25 & 26.**

For the NJGPA and the NJSLA - ELA and math assessments, only the students who are testing on those days will report to school at 7:45 AM. All other students will report to school on a two hour delay, at 9:45 AM. Transportation will be provided at both times for those students who are entitled. For the NJSLA - science assessment, all students will report to school at 7:45 AM and all students will be dismissed at 12:45 PM.

To help parents and students understand who is testing and when they are testing, please refer to this chart:

BHS Testing Schedule

Test	Who is testing	Dates	Tester report time	Non-tester report time	Dismissal time
NJGPA	11th Grade	March 15-18	7:45 AM	9:45 AM	2:35 PM
NJSLA- ELA & Math	9th Grade	May 10-13	7:45 AM	9:45 AM	2:35 PM
NJSLA - Science	11th Grade	May 25-26	7:45 AM	7:45 AM	12:15 PM

All tests are digital and will be taken on the Chromebook. On those days that a student is testing, it is mandatory that the student bring their fully charged Chromebook and their charger to school with them. Replacement devices will not be provided.

Thank you,

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