

# The Learning Summit

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Monthly Parent Newsletter

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## NJGPA: New Jersey Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment

On September 8, 2021, the State Board of Education adopted graduation assessment requirements for the classes of 2023, 2024 and 2025. The new regulations comply with State statute (N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1 et seq.) and establish, as one pathway for graduation, achieving a graduation ready cut score on the English language arts (ELA) and mathematics components of the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA). On February 2, 2022, the State Board of Education adopted the recommended graduation ready cut score of 750 for both the ELA and mathematics components of the NJGPA.

The NJGPA, consisting of an ELA component and a mathematics component, will be delivered on the same platform that students are familiar with from the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment; NJSLA. The NJGPA consists of two units for ELA and two units of mathematics. There will be 90 minutes of testing allotted for each unit.

The ELA component of the assessment which is aligned to the grade 10 standards and evidence statements is designed to measure the degree to which a student has demonstrated graduation readiness in ELA. The assessment requires students to read and analyze passages from authentic texts, both fiction and nonfiction, as well as multimedia. Students will also be required to cite textual evidence, synthesize information and ideas across texts, determine the meaning of words and phrases, and write effectively when analyzing sources.

The mathematics component of the NJGPA which is aligned to the standards and evidence statements for Algebra 1 and Geometry is designed to measure the degree at which a student has demonstrated graduation readiness in mathematics. The assessment requires students to solve problems involving the Major Content, Additional and Supporting content in Algebra I and Geometry with connections to the standards for mathematical practice. Students will also be required to express mathematical reasoning and solve real-world problems by developing, analyzing and using mathematical models. The NJGPA testing window is from March 14, 2022-March 18, 2022. Principal Grimaldi will provide all high school parents with information regarding the testing schedule for these dates very shortly.

## Hilltopper University

Hilltopper University is launching a section for our middle school families! Starting March 1st, you can access the LCJSMS part of the Hilltopper University website to find information and resources for the middle school level.

- The monthly calendar page will keep you up to date on all of the events happening at LCJSMS.
- Our book recommendation section will be updated regularly and sometimes include a special first chapter reading by our librarians.
- The STEAM page will provide educational activities for creative, experiential, and problem-solving fun at home.
- The time management section shares tips and tricks for helping your middle schooler balance their busy schedules. Included are links to different scheduling templates to help put those skills into practice.

Make sure to check back regularly for new books, activities, and other information!

## Parent Learning Series

### Reading Aloud to Children: Supporting Parents Using Texts with Their Children

March 24, 2022 at 7pm

Presented by: Matt Santos and Staci Kaplan

Location: LCJSMS Library

RSVP for this event [here](#).

### Supporting Your Child at Home Through Social Emotional Learning

March 24, 2022 at 7pm

Presented by: Mary Beth Reardon, Hearts and Hands Professional Development and Educational Consulting Group

Location: Summit High School Library