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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Included you will find **IMPORTANT NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2021** pertaining to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students who are currently enrolled in an Algebra 1 PARCC-eligible course.

In order to receive a high school diploma in the State of New Jersey, all students must demonstrate proficiency on PARCC ELA 10 and PARCC Algebra 1 assessments as prescribed by the Commissioner of Education and State Board of Education in accordance with *N.J.A.C 6A:8-5.1*.

It is important that all students in the class of 2021 participate in the 2017 PARCC Algebra I assessment. Eighth grade students enrolled in Algebra 1 can meet their mathematics assessment requirement for graduation this year by taking and passing the PARCC Algebra 1 assessment.

Currently under the new graduation regulations set by the New Jersey Department of Education, there are only two pathways available for the class of 2021 to meet the mathematics graduation assessment requirement:

**Math Assessment Requirements for the Class of 2021**

- x First Pathway: Complete an Algebra 1 course (and/or it's equivalent) and take and pass the PARCC Algebra 1 assessment upon course completion
- x Second Pathway: Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for Mathematics [This Pathway is only available if a student takes all PARCC tests associated with the high-school level courses for which they were eligible.]

Information regarding the graduation requirements for English language arts and math can be found on our website at [www.chclc.org](http://www.chclc.org). If you have any further questions regarding the information above, please contact the District Testing Coordinator, Faith Holmgren, at 856-429-5600 x4433 or [fholmgren@chclc.org](mailto:fholmgren@chclc.org).

Regards,

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