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Dear Parent/Guardian:

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 require, as a prerequisite for graduation, all students to demonstrate proficiency by achieving a passing score on the English language arts (ELA) and mathematics components of the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA), by achieving a passing score on a substitute competency assessment, or by submitting portfolio appeals through their district.

Students in the classes of 2023, 2024, and 2025 will take the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) in grade 11. This assessment is aligned to New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLs) for grade 10 ELA and NJSLs for Algebra I and Geometry. The assessment format will be familiar to students and educators, as it will be delivered on the same platform students use for the current New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA).

If, after completing the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment, a student does not demonstrate proficiency on the ELA or Mathematics section, the student may take the following steps:

- Retake the NJGPA in summer 2022 or fall 2022
- Meet a designated cut score from the same menu of alternative assessments as the Class of 2022
- Complete a portfolio appeal

To be clear, a student may only be eligible for the three options above if they have taken the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in ELA and Mathematics.

The NJGPA will be administered to the Class of 2023 the week of March 14-18, 2022. Students will be required to sit for the assessments at that time. Further details will be provided closer to the testing dates.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's guidance counselor.

Sincerely,

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