

Proposals for *N.J.A.C. 6A:8*, Standards and Assessment

NJ Department of Education

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Proposed Amendments to High School Assessment Component and Graduation Assessment Requirements

Topic	Current Regulations	Amendments as of October 3, 2018*
High School Assessment Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA 9, 10, 11 • Alg. I, Geometry, Alg. II <p><i>An advanced English course with an aligned assessment (IB or AP) may be substituted for the ELA 11 state assessment. Algebra II is not a required course for high school graduation, so every student would not take the Algebra II assessment.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA 9 and 10 • End-of-course math in 9th and 10th grade (Algebra I and Geometry or Geometry and Algebra II)
Graduation Assessment Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must take and pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA 10 • Algebra I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must take and pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA 10 • Algebra I
Alternative Graduation Assessment Pathways for students who do not pass ELA 10 and/or Algebra I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting with the Class of 2021, the only alternative graduation assessment option: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio Appeals Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the menu of graduation assessment options (currently afforded to the Class of 2020) that includes other end-of-course state assessments (e.g. Geometry and Algebra II) and assessments such as ACT, SAT, PSAT, ASVAB, and ACCUPLACER • Portfolio Appeals Process
Access to the Menu of Graduation Assessment Options for students who take but do not pass ELA 10 and/or Algebra I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting with the Class of 2020, a student must take all other applicable state assessments (Geometry, Algebra II, ELA 9 and 11) prior to being able to avail themselves of the menu of alternative competency assessments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A student must be remediated in and be offered the opportunity to retake ELA 10 and/or Algebra I (including during the summer)

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Summary of Proposed Changes Previously Presented at Earlier State Board Meetings

- Eliminate references to “PARCC”
- Technical changes throughout
- Clarify that a student’s IEP or 504 plan establishes the individualized accommodations and/or modifications that a district must provide
- Extend to high school the rule currently in elementary and middle school that allows English Language Learners in their first year in the U.S. to substitute the state-mandated language proficiency test for the state ELA assessment; allows students who as a result of this law, do not take the ELA 10 to be granted access to the alternative graduation pathways
- Ensure boards of education provide student state assessment results to students, parents, and teachers within 30 days of receipt from the NJDOE

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