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**RE: Required Parental Notification of Standardized Assessments**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Pursuant to NJSA 18A:7C -6.6, beginning fall of 2016 school districts must, by October 1 of each year, provide parents or guardians certain information on State or commercially-developed standardized assessments that will be administered to our students during the school year. We have developed a template with this information for your review:

Assessment Subject Area	Date and Time	Graduation Requirement*		Assessment Subject Area	Date and Time	Graduation Requirement*
PARCC English Language Arts Literacy (ELA/L) and Math 3, 4, 5	April 16 – May 25, 2018	n/a		PARCC English Language Arts Literacy (ELA/L) 9, 10, 11	April 16 – May 25, 2018	*NJDOE requirement for Graduation
NJASK Science 4	See below (1)	n/a		PARCC Algebra I (For students taking Algebra)	April 16 – May 25, 2018	
PARCC (ELA/L) /Math 6	April 16 – May 25, 2018	n/a		PARCC Geometry (For students taking Geometry)	April 16 – May 25, 2018	
PARCC (ELA/L) /Math 7	April 16 – May 25, 2018	n/a		PARCC Algebra II (For students taking Algebra II)	April 16 – May 25, 2018	
PARCC (ELA/L) /Math 8	April 16 – May 25, 2018	n/a		Portfolio Appeals Window (For select students Grade 12)	October 3, 2017 – (received at DOE by) May, 11, 2018	
NJASK Science 8	See below (1)	n/a		NJ BIO Competency Test (NJBCT) (For students taking Biology)	See below (1)	n/a
PARCC Algebra I Grade 8@DEOMS	April 16 – May 25, 2018	*NJDOE requirement for Graduation		PSAT/NMSQT	Oct. 25	n/a National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) (Only select students with IEPs in grades Grades 3-8, and 11)	April 3 – May 19	n/a		SAT	Oct/Nov/Dec 2017 March/May/June 2018	n/a Some colleges and universities require SAT scores
APA Science (Only select students with IEPs in grades Grades 4-8, and HS)	See below (1)	n/a		Advanced Placement (AP) Exams (For students taking AP courses)	May 7- 11 & May 14-18, 2018	n/a Some colleges/universities award credit for achievement on AP testing

Access or ELLs	February 20 – April 13, 2018	n/a		Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)	Oct/March/April TBD	n/a
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**Elementary and Middle School Science, High School Science, APA Science:** The New Jersey Department of Education is currently in the process of developing a new science assessment. The assessment will be aligned with the newly implemented New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Science. Information regarding this assessment and testing dates will be provided as it becomes available.

**\*Graduation Requirements**

On August 3, 2016, the State Board of Education approved updated state regulations for the high school graduation assessment requirements in both English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. These new state regulations (N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1) became effective on September 6, 2016.

**The Classes of 2018 and 2019** – Students graduating as members of the Classes of 2018 and 2019 can meet graduation assessment requirements through any of these three pathways:

- (1) Achieving passing scores on high-level PARCC assessments;
  - (2) Achieving certain scores on alternative assessments such as the SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer; or
  - (3) The submission by the district of a student portfolio through the Department’s portfolio appeals process.
- (Special Education students whose Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) specify an alternative way to demonstrate proficiencies will continue to follow the graduation requirements set forth in their IEPs.)

**The Class of 2020** – Students in the Class of 2020 can demonstrate graduation assessment proficiency through the same three pathways as those in the Classes of 2018 through 2019, provided that students in the Class of 2020 take all PARCC assessments associated with the high-school level courses for which they were eligible\* and receive valid scores, as of the September 6, 2016 effective date the amendments were adopted by the State Board of Education.

**The Class of 2021 and Beyond** – Starting with the Class of 2021, students will only have two pathways to meet the high school graduation assessments requirements:

- (1) Pass the ELA 10 and Algebra 1 assessments; or
- (2) The submission by the district of a student portfolio through the Department’s portfolio appeals process, assuming the student has taken all PARCC assessments associated with the high-school level courses for which they were eligible\* and receives valid scores.

**Each school year the NJDOE will determine the proficiency level** needed on the assessments to meet the requirements.

It is important to note that our students have always been able to meet graduation requirements through an alternative assessment or pathway to graduation throughout New Jersey’s forty-year history with a statewide assessment program, and will continue to be able to do so.

Note: \* “Eligible” is defined as a student who is enrolled in a high-school level course for which there is a PARCC test and receives a valid score. This includes all of these courses: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, ELA 9, ELA 10, and ELA 11.

As we approach testing, the New Milford school district will provide parents and guardians with more specific **dates and times, including make-up dates**. All testing sessions begin in the morning or early in the day. Please note that timelines are approximate, and students with IEPs, 504 plans, and those who are identified as English Language Learners, will receive appropriate accommodations. Should you have any specific questions about your child’s testing environment, please contact your building principal, your child study team member or guidance counselor. Please visit the NJDOE website for more information on state assessments at [www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/parents](http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/parents).

Sincerely,

*Danielle M. Shanley*