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SUBJECT: Update on New SAT Score Equivalency to Determine Graduation Requirements

**New SAT Equivalency**

Beginning in March 2016, a redesigned SAT has been administered and the scoring has been updated. The College Board has published a concordance table explaining score equivalencies between the redesigned SAT and the old SAT: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/educators/higher-ed/scoring-changes/concordance>. Using this concordance table, the Department has updated the list of substitute competency assessments:

English Language Arts	Mathematics
PARCC ELA Grade 9 $\geq$ 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>	PARCC Algebra I $\geq$ 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 10 $\geq$ 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>	PARCC Geometry $\geq$ 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 11 $\geq$ 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>	PARCC Algebra II $\geq$ 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>
<b>Prior to 3/1/16 SAT Critical Reading <math>\geq</math> 400 <i>or</i></b>	<b>Prior to 3/1/16 SAT Math <math>\geq</math> 400 <i>or</i></b>
<b>3/1/16 or later SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section <math>\geq</math> 450 OR SAT Reading Test <math>\geq</math> 22</b>	<b>3/1/16 or later SAT Math Section <math>\geq</math> 440 OR SAT Math Test <math>\geq</math> 22</b>
ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading $\geq$ 16 <i>or</i>	ACT or ACT PLAN Math $\geq$ 16 <i>or</i>
Accuplacer Write Placer $\geq$ 6 <i>or</i>	Accuplacer Elementary Algebra $\geq$ 76 <i>or</i>
Accuplacer Write Placer ESL $\geq$ 4 <i>or</i>	
PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading* $\geq$ 40 <i>or</i>	PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math* $\geq$ 40 <i>or</i>
PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading** $\geq$ 22 <i>or</i>	PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math** $\geq$ 22 <i>or</i>
ACT Aspire Reading $\geq$ 422 <i>or</i>	ACT Aspire Math $\geq$ 422 <i>or</i>
ASVAB-AFQT Composite $\geq$ 31 <i>or</i>	ASVAB-AFQT Composite $\geq$ 31 <i>or</i>
Meet the Criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal	Meet the Criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal

Note: \* PSAT taken prior to October 2015; \*\*PSAT taken after October 2015.

Effective immediately, students who took the redesigned SAT after March 1, 2016, may meet the state assessment graduation requirement by attaining a Math Section Score of 440 or a Math Test Score of 22 and an Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section Score of 450 or a Reading Test Score of 22.

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