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Governor Murphy Signs Legislation Regarding New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment and Graduation Assessment Requirements for the Class of 2023

This broadcast provides notification that on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, Governor Murphy signed P.L.2022, c.60 (ACS for A-3196/S-2349), which requires the State Board of Education to administer the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) as a field test for the class of 2023. Additional guidance related to this legislation is provided in this memo.

P.L.2022, c.60 (ACS for A3196/S-2349)

The new State law requires that the NJGPA be administered as a field test for grade 11 students who are expected to graduate as part of the class of 2023. This law also prohibits the results of the NJGPA field test (First Pathway), a substitute competency test (Second Pathway), or portfolio appeal (Third Pathway) from being used as a prerequisite for graduation for students expected to graduate in the class of 2023.

NJGPA Administration Updates

As a result of this recent legislation, the following NJGPA administration events are impacted:

- Summer 2022 NJGPA Administration – The summer NJGPA administration, scheduled for July 25 to August 5, 2022, is cancelled. This does not impact the summer NJSLA administration, which will continue as scheduled.
- NJGPA Fall Administration – The fall NJGPA administration, scheduled for November 28, 2022 to December 9, 2022, is cancelled. This does not impact the NJSLA fall block administration, which will continue as scheduled.

Graduation Assessment Requirements for the Class of 2023

Consistent with the above law, there is no graduation assessment requirement for any student who is expected to graduate with the class of 2023. The graduation assessment requirements for the classes of 2024 and 2025 remain in place and are available for districts on the [Graduation Assessment Requirements webpage](#).

Contact information

If you have any questions, please contact the NJDOE's Office of Assessments at assessment@doe.nj.gov or (609) 376-3960.

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