



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: Principals, Curriculum Supervisors, District Test Coordinators, Directors of School Counseling, Teachers, School Counselors, Students

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Graduation Ready Cut Scores Established for the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment-Adaptive (NJGPA-A): English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, and Alternative Assessments

On August 5, 2026, the New Jersey State Board of Education approved the proficiency level cut score for the ELA and mathematics components of the NJGPA-A. The cut scores for the menu of alternative assessments will remain the same as they were for the classes of 2024-2026. The requirements for the class of 2027 are provided below and will be available on the [Graduation Assessment Requirements](#) webpage.

First Pathway – NJGPA-A Cut Scores

ELA	Mathematics
≥ 450 (Graduation Ready)	≥ 450 (Graduation Ready)

Second Pathway – Menu of Alternative Assessments Cut Scores

ELA	Mathematics
One of the following: • ACT Reading ≥ 17 • Accuplacer WritePlacer ≥ 5 • Accuplacer WritePlacer English Second Language ≥ 4 • PSAT10 Evidence Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) ≥ 420 • PSAT10 Reading* ≥ 21 • PSAT/NMSQT EBRW ≥ 420 • PSAT/NMSQT Reading* ≥ 21 • SAT EBRW ≥ 450 • SAT Reading ≥ 23	One of the following: • ACT Math ≥ 17 • Accuplacer Elementary Algebra* ≥ 49 • Accuplacer Next-Generation QAS ≥ 250 • PSAT10 Math Section or PSAT/NMSQT Math Section ≥ 420 • PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math ≥ 21 • SAT Math Section ≥ 440 • SAT Math Test ≥ 22

*These assessments are no longer administered.

Third Pathway – Portfolio Appeals

The Portfolio Appeals process will continue to be available for students in the class of 2027.

Contact information

For any questions, please contact the Office of Assessments via email at assessment@doe.nj.gov.