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HSPT Exam Scheduled for Next Week

The High School Proficiency Test (HSPT) will be administered to approximately 80,000 eleventh graders throughout New Jersey on October 3, 4 and 5. In addition, all twelfth graders who have not yet passed one or more sections of the test will take the test.

Passing all three sections of the HSPT is a requirement for a high school diploma. The test is administered in three sections - reading, math and writing. Students who are unable to take the test on any of the scheduled days next week will have opportunities to take make-up exams on October 10, 11, and 12.

This year's 11th grade students - the Class of 2002 - comprise the last graduating class taking the HSPT. A new graduation test, the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA), will replace the HSPT during the 2001-02 school year. The HSPA is linked to the Core Curriculum Content Standards, the state's academic standards that identify what all students should know and be able to do by the time they graduate from high school.

A trial field test of the HSPA in the areas of mathematics, science, social studies and language arts literacy, will be administered to all 11th graders in April 2001.

NOTE: [Sample HSPT test items are attached.](#) For your reference, district scores from previous test administrations can be found on the Department of Education website:

<http://www.state.nj.us/njded/schools/achievement/>