

## **Discussion Resolution** September 4, 2019

## A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PROFICIENT LEVEL CUT SCORES FOR THE NEW JERSEY STUDENT LEARNING ASSESSMENT-SCIENCE (NJSLA-S)

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Board of Education (State Board) has required that all students enrolled in grade five, grade eight, and high school be assessed in science in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education (Department) has recently established the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Science (NJSLA-S) to replace the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK) for Science and the New Jersey Biology Competency Test (NJBCT); and

WHEREAS, the Department has participated in standard-setting studies for the NJSLA-S to determine the assessments' validity and the theoretically appropriate proficient level cut scores; and

WHEREAS, the State Board approves the Department's selection of the respective NJSLA-S proficient level cut scores; and

WHEREAS, the Department will monitor the impact of the NJSLA-S and the proficient level cut scores on the proficiency rates for each grade level at which the assessment is administered and will make recommendations for modifications as the need arises to the State Board: now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education hereby approves the following proficient level cut scores, effective November 1, 2019:

## Proficient Level Cut Scores

Grade level	Raw score	Percent correct
5	39	65
8	40	57
11	45	58

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Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education

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