

## Discussion Resolution April 5, 2023

## A Resolution Establishing Proficient Level Cut Score Standards for the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA): Mathematics and English Language Arts

Whereas, according to N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1, the Acting Commissioner of Education with the approval of the State Board of Education shall establish a program of standards for graduation from secondary school, and such a program shall include, but not be limited to the development of a Statewide test in reading, writing and computational skills to be administered to all secondary school pupils as provided herein, and clear and explicit Statewide levels of proficiency in reading, writing and computational skills to be demonstrated as a minimum requirement for high school graduation; and

Whereas, according to N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6, the State graduation proficiency test shall be administered to all 11th grade pupils and to any 11th or 12th grade pupil who has previously failed to demonstrate mastery of State graduation proficiency standards on said test; and

Whereas, the establishment of cut scores was completed for the State graduation proficiency test, called the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA), in accordance with industry best practices in large-scale assessment to determine the assessments' validity and the theoretically appropriate performance level cut scores; and

**Whereas,** the State Board acknowledges the Department's selection of the respective NJGPA proficient level cut scores; and

Whereas, the Department will monitor the impact of these tests and proficient level cut scores on the proficiency rates and will report any problems with the same 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 May 3, 2023:

## **NJGPA Graduation Ready Cut Scores**

ELA	Mathematics
725	725

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