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Happy Spring Parents and Guardians:

You are receiving this letter to explain the changes that the state has recently made to the PARCC test and to provide you with the state graduation requirements. As you probably know, students in grades 3-11 have been required to take the PARCC for both math and English for the last several years. The test has changed names to the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments for English and mathematics (NJSLA). Also, the State Board of Education will no longer require districts to administer end-of-course statewide assessments in ELA and mathematics to students in grade 11. All freshmen and sophomores are required to take the NJSLA and it is strongly recommended that any juniors who have not met a graduation requirement should still attend the NJSLA testing if they are currently enrolled in a math or English class. Testing at BTHS is scheduled for May 13th-May 15th for English 1,2,and 3 and May 16,17, and 20th for math. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's guidance counselor. Thank you for your time.

STATE OF NJ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BROADCAST

New Jersey High School Graduation Assessment Requirements

On February 22, 2019, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) updated the high school graduation assessment requirements in both English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and mathematics for the Classes of 2019 and 2020, pursuant to a consent order from the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court.

The Classes of 2019 and 2020

Students graduating as members of the Classes of 2019 and 2020 can meet graduation assessment requirements through any of these three pathways:

- (1) Achieve passing scores on high school level NJSLA/PARCC assessments;
- (2) Achieve scores defined in the table below on alternative assessments such as the SAT, ACT, or ACCUPLACER; or
- (3) Submit, through the district, a student portfolio appeal to the NJDOE.

Each school year the NJDOE will determine the proficiency level and/or cut scores needed on the assessments to meet the graduation assessment requirements.

The proficiency levels/cut scores for the Classes of 2019 and 2020 are below.

Note: Special Education students, whose Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) specify an alternative way to demonstrate proficiencies, will continue to follow the graduation assessment requirements set forth in their IEPs.

The Class of 2021 and Beyond

The NJDOE will continue to work with the New Jersey State Board of Education to address, through the regulatory process, the Appellate Division's December 31, 2018 decision. It is the goal of the NJDOE to address this matter in a thoughtful yet expeditious manner.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)	MATHEMATICS
PARCC ELA Grade 9 \geq 750 (Level 4) or	PARCC Algebra I \geq 750 (Level 4) or
PARCC ELA Grade 10 \geq 750 (Level 4) or	PARCC Geometry \geq 725 (Level 3) or
PARCC ELA Grade 11 \geq 725 (Level 3) or	PARCC Algebra II \geq 725 (Level 3) or
SAT Critical Reading (taken before 3/1/16) \geq 400 or	SAT Math (taken before 3/1/16) \geq 400 or
SAT Evidence-Based Reading & Writing Section (taken 3/1/16 or later) \geq 450 or	SAT Math Section (taken 3/1/16 or later) \geq 440 or
SAT Reading Test (taken 3/1/16 or later) \geq 22 or	SAT Math Test (taken 3/1/16 or later) \geq 22 or
ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading* \geq 16 or	ACT or ACT PLAN* Math \geq 16 or

Accuplacer WritePlacer ≥ 6 or	Accuplacer Elementary Algebra ≥ 76 , Next-Generation ACCUPLACER Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS) (beginning January 2019) ≥ 255 , or
Accuplacer WritePlacer ESL > 4 or	PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken before 10/1/15) ≥ 40 or
PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken before 10/1/15) ≥ 40 or	PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken 10/1/15 or later) ≥ 22 or
PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken 10/1/15 or later) ≥ 22 or	ACT Aspire Math* ≥ 422 or
ACT Aspire Reading* ≥ 422 or	ASVAB-AFQT Composite ≥ 31 or
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Regards,

Mr. Brownridge
Principal

NJSLA Testing Schedule
May 13th – 20th, 2019
NJSLA-Science Testing Schedule
May 29th – 30th, 2019

All students testing should report to their bus stop at the normal time and report to their testing rooms by 7:15 am. Testing will begin promptly at 7:20.

Students not testing should arrive at their bus stop 2 hours and 40 minutes later than their normal time and report to the following locations when they arrive at school:

Grade 9- Hopkins Café
Grades 10 and 11- Main Building Café
Grade 12- PAC

Period 1/2	10:05 – 10:41
Period 3/4	10:45 – 11:26
Period 5/6	11:30 – 12:21
Period 5	11:30 – 11:53
Period 6	11:57 – 12:21
Period 7/8	12:25 – 1:16
Period 7	12:25 – 12:48
Period 8	12:52 – 1:16
Period 9/10	1:20 – 2:00