



State of New Jersey

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Discussion Level  
December 1, 2021

**Resolution to Establish Proficient Level Cut Score Standards for The New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA): Mathematics and English Language Arts**

**Whereas**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1, the Commissioner of Education, with the approval of the State Board of Education, shall establish a program of standards for graduation from secondary school and

**Whereas**, N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1 requires the program to 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, and to also include 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**, pursuant 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 the test; and

**Whereas**, the establishment of cut scores for the State graduation proficiency test, called the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA), was completed in accordance with industry best practices in large-scale assessment to determine the test’s validity and the theoretically appropriate performance 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 NJGPA proficient level cut scores, effective January 5, 2022:

*NJGPA Graduation Ready Cut Scores*

English Language Arts	Mathematics
725	725

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