



# New Jersey Department of Education



## Discussion of New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment Cut Scores

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# Agenda for Discussion



- **Overview of New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment**
  - Requirements
  - Assessment Content
- **Development**
  - Content
  - Process
  - Cut Score Process (compared to New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA))
  - Proposed Cut Scores
- **Implementation**





# Overview



- In consultation with the State Board of Education and proposed for public comment in 2019 and 2020, the new State Graduation Proficiency Assessment will consist of content aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) for **ELA 10, Algebra 1 and Geometry**.
- Statute requires the State graduation proficiency assessment to be **administered to all 11th grade students**. (N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6).
- The **first administration is March 2022** for students in the **Class of 2023**.





# Familiar Features – NJSLA and New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment



Students will recognize many features of the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment, including:

- **Platform:** Maintains computer-based delivery and administration platform.
- **Item types:** All items derive from same item bank.
- **Standards:** Aligns to NJSLS.

# ELA Content



## Master Claim: New Jersey Graduation Proficiency in ELA

### Major Claim: Reading Complex Text

#### Subclaims:

- Vocabulary Interpretation and Use (RL/RI 10.4 and L. 10.4-6)
- Reading Literature (RL. 10.1-10)
- Reading Informational Text (RI. 10.1-10)

### Major Claim: Writing

#### Subclaims:

- Written Expression (W.10.1-10)
- Conventions and Knowledge of Language (L.10.1-3)

**Subclaim:** Research (data taken from Research Simulation Task)

# Mathematics Content



## Master Claim: New Jersey Graduation Proficiency in Mathematics (Algebra I and Geometry)

**Subclaim A:** Major Content with Connections to Practices

**Subclaim B:** Additional & Supporting Content with Connections to Practices

**Subclaim C:** Highlighted Practices MP.3 and MP.6 with Connections to Content (expressing mathematical reasoning)

**Subclaim D:** Highlighted Practice MP.4 with Connections to Content (modeling/application)





# Shifts: NJSLA to New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment



In developing the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment, including the recommended cut scores, the following shifts were considered:

- **Timing:** From end-of-course summative assessment to 11th grade.
- **Math content:** From Algebra I to a combination of Algebra I and Geometry.
- **Purpose:** Measure of proficiency on standards for the purpose of school-level accountability to individual graduation readiness.



# New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment Development Process



- Comprised of **high-quality assessment content** previously field tested in New Jersey on the NJSLA.
- Utilized **similar assessment blueprints**.
- **Meets rigorous technical requirements** and approved by New Jersey Technical Advisory Committee (NJTAC).
- Following the administration of the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in March 2022, the NJDOE will conduct a **review of impact data with NJTAC**.



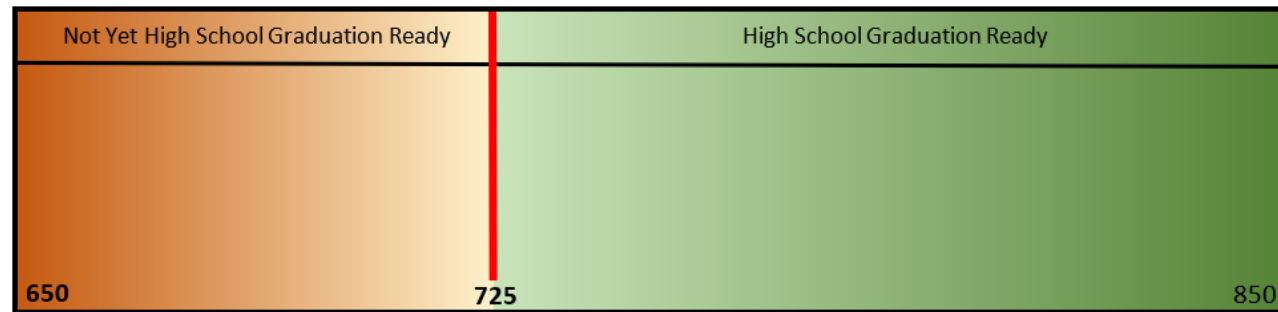
# New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment Cut Score



NJDOE, New Meridian, and NJTAC recommend the demarcation between “Not Yet High School Graduation Ready” and “High School Graduation Ready” is set at a minimum of **725** for both the ELA and mathematics components of the assessment.

This recommended cut score aligns with the statutory requirement that the graduation proficiency assessment measures the core skills all students must possess in order to be graduation ready.

NJGPA Scale



NJSLA Scale





# New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment Implementation



- The administration window is March 14, 2022 – March 18, 2022.
- The make-up window is March 21, 2022 – March 25, 2022.
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive their assessment results in June 2022.
- Students who do not meet a passing score on the assessment will have the opportunity to receive additional supports and may take the following steps:
  - Retake the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in the following summer or fall.
  - Meet a designated cut score from the [same menu of alternative assessments](#) as the class of 2022, or
  - Complete a portfolio appeal.



# Thank You



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