

NJDOE PARCC Broadcast Information

To help alleviate confusion about the PARCC mandate, we want to provide pertinent information school districts have received with regard PARCC implementation for New Jersey students. The links below are a chronological resource disseminated by the State of New Jersey explaining the requirements of high school students to be eligible for graduation. Therefore, the two mandates provided to schools by the state, supported by the documentation below, are as follows:

PARTICIPATION MANDATE

- The Every Student Succeeds Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 and N.J.A.C. 6A:14- 4.10(a), require that all students participate in the statewide assessment system.

GRADUATION MANDATE

- Students must demonstrate proficient score in Math and ELA that meets state approved graduation requirements.
- Students who DO NOT achieve the established threshold scores may use a proficient score in an alternative assessment (PSAT, SAT, ACT, ASVAB, etc.) to satisfy graduation requirements.
- Students who DO NOT achieve the threshold on any of the above alternative assessments must complete the PARCC portfolio process in their senior year.
- The only exception for the above requirements are students with IEPs, which specifically state that a student is not required to pass PARCC. However, even students with IEPs must sit for (take) the assessment.

February 12, 2014	NJ State Board of Education Resolution in Support of and Commitment to the Common Core Standards
This document details the State's formal adoption of the Common Core and its commitment to implement all common core aligned assessments.	
October 30, 2014	Student Participation in Statewide Assessment Program
Letter from Commissioner Hespe explaining the Federal and State requirements for all students to participate in PARCC.	
December 2, 2014	Graduation Requirements Class of 2016, 2017, and 2018
Letter from Commissioner Hespe defining the End-of-Course assessment, explaining graduation requirements, introducing allowable substitute competency tests, and the portfolio appeal process.	
February 20, 2015	US Department of Education Office of Elementary and Secondary Education to Commissioner Hespe
Assistant Director Delisle's response to Commissioner Hespe's February 17, 2015 letter regarding the requirements for State assessments under the ESEA of 1965.	
February 26, 2015	NJ School Boards Association - Your Students and PARCC FAQ
NJSBA's legal, policy, and field services staff responses to FAQ	
September 9, 2015	Student Participation in the Statewide Program
Letter from Commissioner Hespe explaining the requirement for students to participate in PARCC	
September 9, 2015	Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2019
Letter from Commissioner Hespe extending the substitute competency assessments to the Class of 2019	

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January 7, 2016	UPDATED: Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019
Letter from Jeffrey Hauger providing updated threshold scores that students will need to achieve on the redesigned PSAT/NMSQT.	
March 8, 2016	Statewide Assessment and Graduation Requirements for Students with Disabilities
Letter from John Worthington explaining the Statewide Assessment and Graduation Requirements for the Students with Disabilities	
April 5, 2016	The Every Student Succeeds Act Update
Letter from Peter Shulman explaining timeline implementation for 2016-2017	