



# *Pequannock Township High School*

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

In 2022, the State Board of Education adopted [graduation assessment requirements](#) for the classes of 2023, 2024, and 2025. The new regulations comply with State statute (N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1 et seq.) and require, as a prerequisite for graduation, all students to demonstrate proficiency by achieving a passing score of **725 or greater** on the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics components of the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA). We are anticipating that the requirements will remain the same for the PTHS Class of 2026.

Students in the class of 2026 will take the NJGPA this year in Grade 11. This assessment is aligned to New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLs) for grade 10 ELA, and NJSLs for Algebra I and Geometry. The assessment format will be familiar to students and educators, as it will be delivered on the same platform students use for the current New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA).

The NJGPA will be administered to the Class of 2026, the week of **March 10-13, 2025**. All students in Grade 11 will be required to sit for the assessments at that time. If, after completing the NJGPA, a student does not demonstrate proficiency on the ELA or Mathematics section, the student may take the following steps:

- 1) Retake the NJGPA in either summer 2025 or fall 2025
- 2) *If proficiency is not achieved in Step 1*; Demonstrate proficiency through an [alternative assessment](#) or pathway.
- 3) *If proficiency is not achieved in Step 1 or 2*; Complete a portfolio appeal

A student may only be eligible for the three options above if they have taken the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in ELA and Mathematics.

Further details will be provided closer to the testing dates. If you have any questions or concerns please visit the [district website](#) or contact your child's guidance counselor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard M. Hayzler".

Richard M. Hayzler  
Principal