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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The New Providence School District recently learned that the State Board of Education adopted graduation assessment requirements for the classes of 2023, 2024, and 2025. The new regulations require, as a prerequisite for graduation, all students to demonstrate proficiency by achieving a passing score on the English language arts (ELA) and mathematics components of the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (a new test), by achieving a passing score on a substitute competency assessment, or by submitting portfolio appeals through their district.

Students in the classes of 2023, 2024, and 2025 will take the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in grade 11, starting in March 2022. The assessment will be aligned to the 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). If, after completing the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment, a student does not demonstrate proficiency on the ELA or Mathematics section, the student may take the following steps:

- Retake the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in the following summer or the following fall. Our district will offer remediation and support to prepare the student to retake the assessment;
- Meet a designated cut score from the same menu of alternative assessments as the class of 2022; or
- Complete a portfolio appeal.

The [graduation assessment requirements](#) for students in the class of 2022 and the classes of 2023-2025 can be found on the NJDOE website. Students in the graduating class of 2022 who have yet to attain the assessment requirement will be contacted by the counseling department at the high school for next steps.

For questions or more specific information, please contact Mr. Henry, Principal, Mrs. Kwiatkowski, Assistant Principal, or the Director of School Counseling, Mrs. Shadis. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JRichter".

Jay Richter  
Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Supervision