

HHSD PARCC NEWSLETTER

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In a concerted effort to help provide the Hasbrouck Heights Community with the most pertinent information about PARCC testing, the HHSD has created the PARCC Newsletter.

This week's focus for the PARCC Newsletter is to illuminate the importance of participating in PARCC testing. Inherently, participating in PARCC is the most direct route to ensure each student earns scores to fulfill NJ High School graduation requirements. Whether a child is in third grade or eleventh grade, the PARCC tests' material directly relates to the curriculum that is being taught at HHSD. Most importantly, by participating in PARCC testing, the Faculty and Administrators of our School District are able to accurately measure the effectiveness of the education your children receive. In essence, the PARCC is a critical tool used to evaluate how well our schools teach the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Here is a link to the NJ Department of Education Graduation Assessment Requirements: [Grad Req. link](#)

The Classes of 2017, 2018, and 2019

Students can meet graduation assessment requirements through any of these three pathways:

- (1) Achieving passing scores on high-level PARCC assessments;
- (2) Achieving certain scores on alternative assessments such as the SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer; or
- (3) The submission by the district of a student portfolio through the Department's portfolio appeals process.

The Class of 2020

Students can demonstrate graduation assessment proficiency through the same three pathways as those in the Classes of 2017 through 2019, provided that students in the Class of 2020 take all PARCC assessments associated with the high-school level courses for which they were eligible and receive valid scores.

The Class of 2021 and Beyond

Starting with the Class of 2021, students will only have two pathways to meet the high school graduation assessments requirements:

- (1) Pass the ELA 10 and Algebra 1 assessments; or
- (2) The submission by the district of a student portfolio through the Department's portfolio appeals process, assuming the student has taken all PARCC assessments associated with the high-school level courses for which they were eligible* and receives valid scores

Significantly, PARCC participation at all grades levels is an important metric in how all NJ schools are evaluated by the NJDOE. The PARCC Participation Benchmark for schools is 95% of all students.