



DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

The following is vital information regarding NJ State Graduation Assessment Requirements:

Students graduating as members of the classes of 2017 through 2019 can meet graduation assessment requirements through a variety of ways, including:

1. Achieving Passing Scores on certain PARCC ASSESSMENTS
2. Achieving certain scores on alternative assessments such as the SAT, ACT, ASVAB, PSAT, Accuplacer, or
3. The submission by the district of a student portfolio through the portfolio appeals process.

There are some significant changes starting with our current freshmen, the class of 2020. The class of 2020 can demonstrate graduation assessment proficiency through the same alternative means as those in the classes of 2017-2019, *provided that students in the class of 2020 take ALL PARCC assessments associated with the high school level courses for which they are enrolled. If students/families for the class of 2020 plan on refusing to take the PARCC assessment, they **will not** be able to utilize alternative assessments to meet the high school graduation assessment requirement.*

For the class of 2021 (current 8th graders), students must pass the PARCC Algebra I and PARCC ELA 10 Assessments to receive their High School Diploma. Failure to do so would result in students having to demonstrate assessment proficiency by meeting the criteria of the portfolio appeals process. **The portfolio appeals process can only be utilized if students have taken all PARCC assessments for which they have been enrolled during their high school career.** Again, students in the class of 2021 must pass PARCC Algebra I and PARCC ELA 10. No other testing alternatives (e.g. SAT, ACT, PSAT, ASVAB) can be utilized except for the portfolio appeals process.

Please visit the high school website and click on the link under school announcements titled "State Testing Requirements for Graduation" for a complete breakdown of scores and requirements needed for each graduating class.

We are looking forward to another successful testing season!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Petito".

Mark Petito

Director of Student Services

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