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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This important letter outlines information regarding the New Jersey Graduation Performance Assessment (NJGPA), a state issued assessment for 11th grade students. For the past four years, the test has been a [graduation assessment requirement](#) for students. Guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education has yet to be communicated regarding similar requirements for the Class of 2027. The information below is being presented in a way that assumes it will also be a graduation requirement for our current 11th grade students. Please read it carefully, as it contains information regarding your child's ability to graduate from high school.

NJGPA Basics

- The NJGPA covers English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. The ELA assessment is aligned to 10th grade standards; Mathematics is aligned to Algebra I and Geometry standards.
- The NJGPA is a digital examination and students are required to test on district issued chromebooks.
- Sample questions and information for families regarding the assessment can be found on the [NJDOE website](#).

Testing Window

- The NJGPA is required to be administered beginning on Monday, March 16th. One section will be completed each day, Monday through Thursday. All 11th grade students present in school this week will be expected to test, except those exempted by their IEP. 9th, 10th and 12th graders will operate on a delayed opening schedule so testing can be completed before classes begin.
- Makeup exams are scheduled by the state for the week of March 23rd. Special arrangements will be made to allow affected students to test during this week, however every effort should be made to attend school during the week of March 16th.

Students are required to sit for the NJGPA - there is no parent refusal permitted.

- If a student does not complete the NJGPA, their ability to graduate will be in jeopardy as they will not be eligible to meet graduation requirements using alternate graduation pathways linked below.
- If a student completes the NJGPA but does not meet proficiency, they are eligible to use the following alternate graduation pathways:
 - Retake the NJGPA in the following summer or the following fall;
 - Meet a cut score from one of the alternative assessments (see [Second Pathway](#)); or
 - Complete a portfolio appeal.

If you know that your child will not be present for testing during the week of March 16th, please contact Ms. Internicola in guidance to schedule a time for make-up testing. If you have any general questions please feel free to reach out to your child counselor or case manager.

Sincerely,

David Drechsel
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