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TO: Chief School Administrators
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SUBJECT: UPDATED: Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019

The purpose of this Memo is to provide districts with updated threshold scores that students will need to achieve on the redesigned PSAT/NMSQT in order to satisfy their assessment graduation requirement.

The redesigned PSAT/NMSQT was first administered to students in October 2015. As such, the previously issued threshold score of 40 in reading and mathematics is no longer applicable for certain students. More specifically, **for those students who took the redesigned PSAT/NMSQT in October 2015, and for those students who will take the redesigned PSAT/NMSQT in future administrations, a 22 on reading and a 22 on mathematics will satisfy their assessment graduation requirement.**

The updated chart below details how students can satisfy their assessment graduation requirement.

PARCC ELA Grade 9 \geq 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>	PARCC Algebra I \geq 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 10 \geq 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>	PARCC Geometry \geq 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 11 \geq 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>	PARCC Algebra II \geq 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>
SAT Reading* \geq 400 <i>or</i>	SAT Math* \geq 400 <i>or</i>
ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading \geq 16 or	ACT or ACT PLAN Math \geq 16 <i>or</i>
Accuplacer Write Placer \geq 6 or	Accuplacer Elementary Algebra \geq 76 or
PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading** \geq 40 <i>or</i> PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading*** \geq 22 <i>or</i>	PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math** \geq 40 <i>or</i> PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math*** \geq 22 <i>or</i>
ACT Aspire Reading \geq 422 <i>or</i>	ACT Aspire Math \geq 422 <i>or</i>
ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31 <i>or</i>	ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31 <i>or</i>
Meet the Criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal	Meet the Criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal

Note: * SAT taken prior to March 2016; ** PSAT taken prior to October 2015; ***PSAT taken after October 2015. The College Board will establish new ‘threshold scores’ in May 2016 for the new SAT.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the assessment graduation requirement, please contact the Office of Assessments at assessment@doe.state.nj.us or 609-984-6311.

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