



# Montclair Public Schools

## STATE ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION PLAN for CLASS of 2020

### Montclair Public Schools 2018-2019<sup>1</sup>

As per the State of New Jersey Department of Education:

Students are required to take and pass the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments for Algebra 1 and English Language Arts (ELA) 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

If not then:

**Students must take all PARCC assessments:** PARCC ELA 9, ELA 10, ELA 11, Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 if they were enrolled in a course that is aligned to the test.

Only then will students have alternate options for graduation below:

- PARCC ELA 9 or 11 and PARCC Algebra 2 or Geometry,
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT),
- The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test PSAT,
- American College Test (ACT),
- ACCUPLACER- an optional college placement test for seniors,
- Or the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery assessment (ASVAB) – another optional assessment for seniors.
- If none of the above tests are passed, then students will complete the State Portfolio Appeals Process.

Students who are exempt from passing statewide assessments are only required to take PARCC Algebra 1 and PARCC ELA 10 or DLM.

If students in Class of 2020 have failed or refused PARCC and need it to graduate, they will be informed by the district. They will have an opportunity to take or re-take needed assessments during the testing windows detailed below:

#### Fall Testing 2018 and 2019

- ELA/Math: December 11-13, 2018 or December 17-19, 2018
- ELA/Math: January 7-9, 2019 or January 10-14, 2019
- After school from 2:45-4:45pm, or longer for students who need extended time.
- For Class of 2020 students who need PARCC ELA 10, Algebra 1 and/or Geometry, students will need to prepare before taking the test via instructional packet for ELA or online module for Math assigned by ELA/Math teachers.

#### Summer Testing 2019

- PARCC TESTING: ELA 9-11, Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2
- Summer instruction prior to the test is online module or summer prep class from July 1-25, Mondays through Thursdays with July 4 off, 8-12pm.

<sup>1</sup> Created November 19, 2018 using the current New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) High School Graduation Assessment Guidelines.

- Summer test will be administered July 29 - Aug 1.

Note: The above plan will satisfy assessment graduation requirements under the current statutes detailed here: <https://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/parents/GradReg.pdf>.



### Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Question #1: How do I know if my child passed PARCC?**

**Answer #1:** You can view your child's scores in the parent portal of Genesis under the assessment tab. The scores are color coded whereby Green levels are passing (Level 4 and 5).

**Question #2: How can my child prepare to take PARCC?**

**Answer#2:** Practice tests, questions and online tools/resources are found at [www.parcc.pearson.com](http://www.parcc.pearson.com). ELA teachers will give students independent practice work to support preparing for the test. Math teachers will assign students online instructional program to support preparing for the test.

**Question #3: Which PARCC tests are required for my child to take?**

**Answer #3:** Students are required to take the PARCC assessment as outlined below:

#### **ELA**

Students who are enrolled in ELA courses ELA 9, ELA 10 and ELA 11 are required to take PARCC ELA 9, 10 or 11.

Students who are enrolled in AP ELA 11 are NOT required to take the ELA PARCC assessment.

If a student is enrolled in an 11<sup>th</sup> grade patterns ELA course, they are required to take PARCC 11.

#### **Math**

Students who are enrolled in High School or Middle School Math courses Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 are required to take PARCC Algebra 1, Geometry or Algebra 2.

- In Middle School, Algebra A students take PARCC 6 or PARCC 7.
- In Middle School, Algebra B students take PARCC Algebra 1 which counts towards graduation requirements.
  - If students are enrolled in any other math course, they are NOT required to take the PARCC Math assessment.
  - If students are enrolled in two math classes simultaneously, they are ONLY required to take the Algebra 1 or Algebra 2 PARCC assessment.
  - Students who passed PARCC Algebra 1 while enrolled in Algebra B course in 2014-15 (7<sup>th</sup> grade) are NOT required to retake PARCC Algebra 1.
- Students who failed PARCC Algebra 1 while enrolled in Algebra B course in 2014-15 (7<sup>th</sup> grade) can re-take PARCC Algebra 1 OR utilize their passing PARCC Geometry or Algebra 2 assessment scores towards meeting graduation requirements.

### **Individualized Education Plan (IEP) - Exempt from passing**

Students who are exempt from passing statewide assessments are only required to take PARCC Algebra 1 and PARCC ELA 10 or DLM.

- These students do not need to sit for other assessments.

### **What if my child takes an online course?**

Students who take online courses are required to take PARCC assessments.

- Parents/guardians must complete external course approval form prior to a student enrolling in the course.
- Parents must contact the Director of Guidance, Dustin Bayer, [dbayer@montclair.k12.nj.us](mailto:dbayer@montclair.k12.nj.us) to register their child for PARCC in the summer or fall for online courses.

### **Question #4: How does the state proposal for changes to PARCC affect my child?**

**Answer #4:** The state is changing the name and length of testing from PARCC to New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) in Spring 2019. There are proposed changes from the state to assessment requirements that have NOT been adopted yet. The current requirements are detailed here.

[https://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/Oct3ProposalLevel\\_ppt\\_2.pdf](https://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/Oct3ProposalLevel_ppt_2.pdf)

Montclair Public Schools will inform you if and/or when the proposed changes will be adopted.