

SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Scott Feder
Superintendent of Schools



Kimberly Maloy-White
Assistant Superintendent for Human
Resources

David E. Pawlowski
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

Suzanne Luck-Born
Assistant Superintendent

Dear Families of the Class of 2024,

As we approach the second half of your child's Junior year at SBHS, we wanted to reach out with some important information regarding changes to the Graduation Assessment requirement that impact your child. To graduate from a New Jersey high school, your child must meet course, credit, and assessment requirements. [Click here for more information](#) from our SBHS Guidance website.

In March, this year's Juniors, the Class of 2024, will participate in the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA). The NJGPA was administered last year and used as a Field Test, which means the scores did not count. However, this year's test scores will count towards your child's graduation. This new online assessment measures student proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The assessment is aligned to New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLs) for grade 10 ELA, Algebra I and Geometry. NJGPA is designed to determine a student's ability to think critically, solve problems, and use information from what they read and write to develop essays and to solve mathematical problems.

State statute (N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1 et seq.) requires all students to take this **mandatory test** and demonstrate proficiency by achieving a passing score on the English language arts (ELA) and mathematics components of the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA). Students who complete the NJGPA but do not receive a passing score will have the opportunity to retake the NJGPA in the following summer or fall, utilize the menu of alternative assessments, or complete a portfolio appeal. The alternate assessments may be found [here](https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/docs/GradReq.pdf):
<https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/docs/GradReq.pdf>

The testing dates for NJGPA are as follows:

- Testing Dates: March 13, 2023 to March 17, 2023
- Makeup Dates: March 20, 2023 to March 24, 2023

Students must pass the test to graduate and if they are unable to achieve a passing score, other assessment pathways may be considered for meeting the requirements. **Student participation is required on the NJGPA to assess the additional pathways.**

Once our testing day schedule of specific times has been finalized, we will share it with students and families. In the meantime, know that we will keep you informed about testing schedules, passing scores, and your child's progress towards graduation requirements.

Sincerely,
Michael Scheese, Assistant Principal
Jaymee Boehmer, Director of Special Projects