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SUBJECT: Update on New SAT Score Equivalency to Determine Graduation Requirements

New SAT Equivalency

Beginning in March 2016, a redesigned SAT has been administered and the scoring has been updated. The College Board has published a concordance table explaining score equivalencies between the redesigned SAT and the old SAT: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/educators/higher-ed/scoring-changes/concordance>. Using this concordance table, the Department has updated the list of substitute competency assessments:

| English Language Arts | Mathematics |
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| 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> |
| Prior to 3/1/16 SAT Critical Reading \geq 400 <i>or</i> | Prior to 3/1/16 SAT Math \geq 400 <i>or</i> |
| 3/1/16 or later SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section \geq 450 OR SAT Reading Test \geq 22 | 3/1/16 or later SAT Math Section \geq 440 OR SAT Math Test \geq 22 |
| ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading \geq 16 <i>or</i> | ACT or ACT PLAN Math \geq 16 <i>or</i> |
| Accuplacer Write Placer \geq 6 <i>or</i> | Accuplacer Elementary Algebra \geq 76 <i>or</i> |
| Accuplacer Write Placer ESL \geq 4 <i>or</i> | |
| 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: * PSAT taken prior to October 2015; **PSAT taken after October 2015.

Effective immediately, students who took the redesigned SAT after March 1, 2016, may meet the state assessment graduation requirement by attaining a Math Section Score of 440 or a Math Test Score of 22 and an Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section Score of 450 or a Reading Test Score of 22.

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