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SUBJECT: 2017 Graduation Assessment Requirements

This memorandum is to reiterate to school districts that the graduating requirements for class of 2017 do not change from last year. Students graduating as members of the class of 2017 can meet graduation assessment requirements through a variety of ways, including:

- 1) Achieving passing scores on certain PARCC assessments;
- 2) Achieving certain scores on alternative assessments such as the SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer; or
- 3) The submission by the district of a student portfolio through the Department's portfolio appeals process. (Special education students whose Individual Education Plans (IEPs) specify an alternative way to demonstrate proficiencies will continue to follow the graduation requirements set forth in their IEPs.)

Below is the comprehensive list of options to meet the graduation assessment requirement, which is also available on the Department's [graduation requirements webpage](#). Please note that to fulfill the graduation assessment requirements, a student will need to achieve a passing score for an assessment in both the Math column and the English Language Arts (ELA) column:

English Language Arts (ELA)
PARCC ELA Grade 9 ≥ 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 10 ≥ 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 11 ≥ 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>
SAT Critical Reading (taken before 3/1/16) ≥ 400 <i>or</i>
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section (taken 3/1/16 or later) ≥ 450 <i>or</i>
SAT Reading Test (taken 3/1/16 or later) ≥ 22 <i>or</i>
ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading* ≥ 16 <i>or</i>
Accuplacer Write Placer ≥ 6 <i>or</i>
Accuplacer Write Placer ESL ≥ 4 <i>or</i>
PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken before 10/1/15) ≥ 40 <i>or</i>
PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken 10/1/15 or later) ≥ 22 <i>or</i>
ACT Aspire Reading* ≥ 422 <i>or</i>
ASVAB-AFQT Composite ≥ 31 <i>or</i>
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Mathematics
PARCC Algebra I ≥ 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>
PARCC Geometry ≥ 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>
PARCC Algebra II ≥ 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>
SAT Math (taken before 3/1/16) ≥ 400 <i>or</i>
SAT Math Section (taken 3/1/16 or later) ≥ 440 <i>or</i>
SAT Math Test (taken 3/1/16 or later) ≥ 22 <i>or</i>
ACT Math or ACT PLAN Math* ≥ 16 <i>or</i>
Accuplacer Elementary Algebra ≥ 76 <i>or</i>
PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken before 10/1/15) ≥ 40 <i>or</i>
PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken 10/1/15 or later) ≥ 22 <i>or</i>
ACT Aspire Math* ≥ 422 <i>or</i>
ASVAB-AFQT Composite ≥ 31 <i>or</i>
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* Indicates test is no longer administered but can be used for the graduating year.
 Note: The symbol \geq means a score greater than or equal to

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