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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Each spring, Robbinsville takes part in state sponsored standardized testing created by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). This means students in grades 3-11 will participate in assessments that measure their progress in both Mathematics and Language Arts.

In the past two years, participation in the PARCC assessment was **NOT** required to graduate. However, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has communicated new graduation requirements for the classes of 2020, 2021, and beyond.

For the class of **2017 (current seniors), 2018 (current juniors), and 2019 (current sophomores)**, students must demonstrate proficiency in either PARCC ELA 9, 10, or 11 and they must also demonstrate proficiency in either PARCC Algebra 1, Geometry, or Algebra 2 in order to graduate. If they are unable to demonstrate proficiency in the aforementioned content areas, they may use the alternative pathway assessments (i.e., ACT, SAT, etc.). Please see this [link](#) for more information about alternative pathway assessments from the NJDOE.

For the class of **2020 (current freshman)**, students must take PARCC ELA 9, 10, and 11 but pass only one of the three and they must take PARCC Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 but only pass one of the three. If they are unable to demonstrate proficiency in one ELA and one Math PARCC assessment, they may use the alternative pathway assessments (i.e., ACT, SAT, etc.). Please see this [link](#) for more information about alternative pathway assessments from the NJDOE.

**Unlike previous graduating classes, the class of 2020 (current freshman) must take all the PARCC assessments associated with the high-school level courses for which they are eligible. This means that even though students can use their passing scores on alternative assessments to graduate, they still need to sit for all high school PARCC ELA and Math assessments.**

For the class of **2021 and beyond**, students must take PARCC ELA 9, 10 and 11; however, they must pass ELA 10 in order to satisfy the graduation requirement for ELA. For math, students must take PARCC Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2; however, they must pass Algebra 1 in order to satisfy the graduation requirement for Math. **This graduation requirement includes middle school students who take Algebra I in 7th or 8th grade.** If students are unable to demonstrate proficiency in the aforementioned content areas, they will **NOT** be able to use passing scores on alternative pathway assessments such as the ACT or SAT. **Instead, they will have to submit a NJDOE portfolio appeal, which includes samples of student work and assessments.** Please see this [link](#) for more information about graduation requirements. It is important to note that all students in the **class of 2021 and beyond** must sit for all the high school PARCC assessments in order to graduate, even if they have to use a NJDOE portfolio appeal to earn a passing score.

Since the inception of the PARCC assessment, the NJDOE has revised graduation requirements each year. As we receive information, we will continue to communicate any changes to the Robbinsville community. We also intend to have a PARCC Information Night about these new requirements for all middle school and high school parents on Thursday March 2nd at 7pm in the Pond Cafetorium. To register for this event, please RSVP [here](#). Please also reach out to your building administrators, guidance counselors, and/or myself if you have additional questions.

Thank you,

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