



A Guide to Graduation & Support Services

Black Horse Pike Regional Schools
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Welcome

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Tonight's Purpose:

- What is the NJGPA?
- How can we support student success?

Goals

- To help you understand the **structure and expectations** of the NJGPA.
- Provide useful **resources and strategies** to help you support your student in preparing for the test and graduation.

New Jersey Statewide Assessments

Mathematics & English Language Arts



NJGPA: Junior Year

**New
Jersey
Graduation
Proficiency
Assessment**

NJGPA Testing:

- ◆ March 11 (Math)
- ◆ March 12 (English Language Arts)



State Testing aligns with

New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLs)

- **Mathematics** (Mathematical Practices)
- **English Language Arts** (ELA)
- **Literacy** (History, Science, & Technical Subjects)

★ Focuses on college & career readiness



NJ Department of Education (NJDOE)

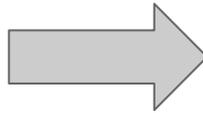
State Assessment Requirements for Graduation: Classes of 2026, 2027, 2028



In order to graduate, students must demonstrate **Proficiency** on the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA).

= **minimum score of 725 for each section** (Literacy and Math)

The State of New Jersey has not identified any other pathway to fulfill state testing requirements for graduation for Class of 2026 and beyond.



Students who do not attain proficiency will be enrolled in an additional course
(English and/or Math Lab)
during their senior year to complete a graduation portfolio with the help of the English or Math instructor.

Understanding the

Mathematics

Section of the NJGPA

Parent Information Session

Supervisor of Mathematics: Mrs. Lori Hunt

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NJGPA Mathematics Test Format

Computer Based Test consisting of TWO units

Unit 1: 90 minutes

- Section 1 - No Calculator
- Section 2 - Calculator



Unit 2: 90 minutes

- Section 1 - Calculator



Question Types:

- Multiple Choice
- Technology-enhanced (drag & drop, graphing, etc.)
- Short answer
- Open ended questions that require students to explain their mathematical reasoning and problem solving strategies.



Content Covered in the Math Section



The NJGPA Mathematics section focuses on four key areas:

1. **Algebra** – Students should be comfortable solving linear equations, graphing functions, and working with quadratic equations.
2. **Geometry** – This includes transformations, coordinate geometry, and area and volume calculations.
3. **Data Analysis & Probability** – Students will interpret graphs, calculate probability, and analyze statistical data.
4. **Mathematical Reasoning & Problem-Solving** – These questions require students to apply logic and multiple steps to find solutions.

These topics are aligned with what students have learned in their Algebra 1 and Geometry courses and continue to build on in their current math courses



Test Taking Strategies for the Math Section



During the test, students should:

- **Manage their time wisely** – Don't get stuck on a single question.
- **Read each question carefully** – Pay attention to what is being asked.
- **Use process of elimination** – If unsure, eliminate incorrect answers first.
- **Do NOT** leave anything blank or unanswered
- **Double-check work** – Review answers before submitting.
- **Use scrap paper** to work your way through problems
- **Stay Calm and Focused** throughout the test

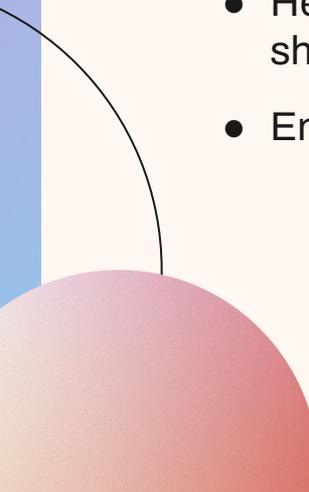


These simple strategies can make a big difference in performance



Test Prep Strategies for the Math Section

To help students prepare, I recommend:

- Utilizing online resources: practice problems from the [NJDOE website](#) to become familiar with the testing platform and format.
 - Attending school-led review sessions in Math Empower Hour for extra support.
 - Help your students develop a positive attitude toward testing...this is an opportunity to showcase their skills
 - Ensure your students gets enough sleep and eats a healthy breakfast on test day.
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English Language Arts

NJGPA Reading + Writing Tasks

**Students engage in close readings of a variety of complex texts.*

** Students are asked to write about what they read. They must refer to & explain text evidence.*

READING	WRITING
Literature and Informational Texts based on 10th grade NJSLS	Literary Analysis & Research Writing based on 10th grade NJSLS
<p>*Texts may include analysis of multimedia texts, such as videos, audio recordings, and/or visual art (photographs, drawings, paintings).</p>	



The Literary Analysis Task

(Fiction/
Nonfiction)



*requires
close
readings of
complex
texts

Multiple Choice
questions that
require the use of
textual
evidence

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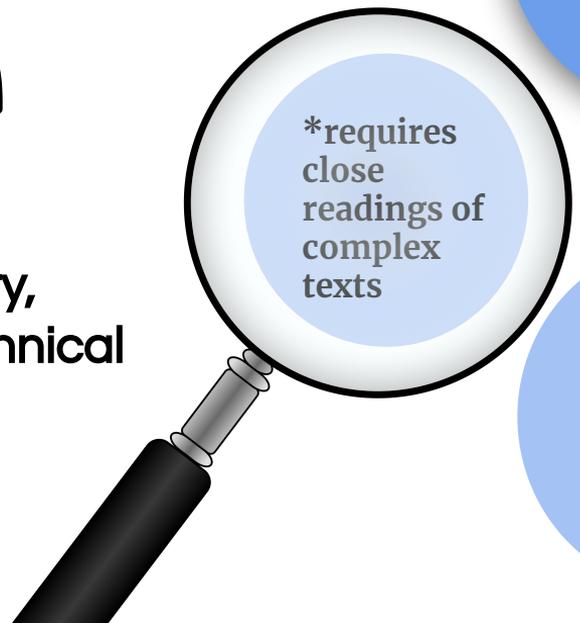
A Writing
Assignment that
requires the
synthesis of ideas
from
two texts .





The Research Simulation Task

Literacy (History,
Science, & Technical
Subjects)



*requires
close
readings of
complex
texts

Multiple Choice
questions that
require the use of
textual
evidence

Examples
of texts:

*informational
articles, charts,
videos, audio
recordings,
photographs, etc.*

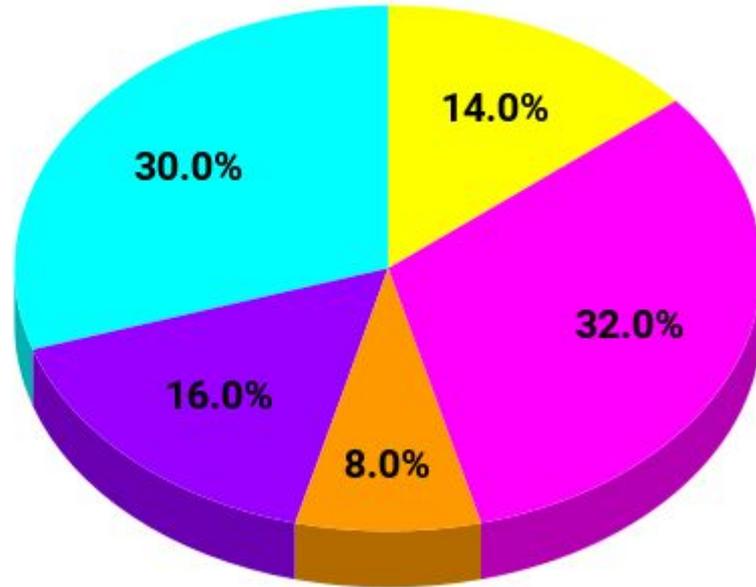
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A Writing
Assignment that
requires the
synthesis of
information from
all
three texts .



NJGPA Proportion

- Vocabulary
- Written Expression
- Language and Convention
- Literary Text
- Informational Text



Literacy Across the Curriculum

*English,
History,
Science, &
Technical
Subjects*

- ❖ Complex, varied texts
- ❖ Paired texts
- ❖ Identification of textual evidence
- ❖ Use of textual evidence in writing and speaking
- ❖ Annotation for active & close reading
- ❖ Writing Workshop
- ❖ Literary & text analysis
- ❖ Socratic Seminar
- ❖ Vocabulary-in-context learning



Highland Support Services

During School:

Literacy Lab with Ms. Moderski
Math Enrichment with Mr. Terruso
Success Coach: Mrs. Joanne Fudala

After School:

Math Empower Hour and Literacy Cafe
Tuesday and Thursday 2:00- 4:00
Wednesday 2:00 - 3:30



Timber Creek Support Services

During School:

Literacy Lab

Mrs. Jaensch

Math Enrichment

Mrs. Grone and Mrs. Rabeau

Student Success Coach

Ms. Jordana Simmons

After School:

English Express:

Tuesday and Thursday 2:00 – 4:00

Solution Station :

Tuesday and Thursday 2:00 – 4:00

Wednesday 2:00 – 3:30



Triton Support Services

During School:

Literacy Lab: Mrs. Cohen

Math Enrichment: Math Department Teachers

Success Coach: Mrs. Spaulding

After School:

Literacy Cafe

Math Empower Hour

Multilingual Tutoring

Tuesday and Thursday: 2:00 – 4:00

Wednesday: 2:00 – 3:30

Snacks, Beverages and Busing provided

Thank you for coming!

No matter what your student's plans are after graduation—starting a career, learning a trade, or exploring other opportunities—this test helps open doors to their future.

With the right preparation and support, we know they can do great things!