

# LINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On September 8, 2021, the State Board of Education adopted graduation assessment requirements for the classes of 2023, 2024, and 2025. The new regulations comply with State statute (N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1 et seq.) and require all students to demonstrate proficiency by achieving a passing score on the English language arts (ELA) and Mathematics components of the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA). The assessment, which students take in grade 11, will be aligned to New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) for grade 10 ELA, Algebra I, and Geometry.

Linden High School will administer the NJGPA beginning on Monday, March 14 through Thursday, March 17, 2022. Only 11<sup>th</sup> graders will report at the regular time. All other students will have delayed opening at 10:15am throughout the four-day period. Vo-Tech students will be picked up at their regular scheduled time while 11<sup>th</sup> grade AM Vo-Tech students will be excused from Vo-Tech.

What Juniors Should Bring:

- MacBook, fully charged
- Headphones
- Leisure reading (optional)

What Juniors Should NOT Bring to the Testing Room:

- Coats
- Bookbags/backpacks
- Purses
- Cell Phones, smartwatches, or any other unauthorized electronics
- Food or drink

Please note that 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. However, they have to have taken the NJGPA to have the other options available to them. Should you have any questions, please contact the counseling department.

Sincerely,

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