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New Jersey State Board of Education Includes Passing PARCC as a High School Graduation Requirement Beginning with the Class of 2021



At their meeting on August 3, 2016, the New Jersey State Board of Education adopted changes to the NJ High School Graduation Requirements. The PARCC English Language Arts (ELA) 10 and the Algebra I tests have been selected as the statewide assessments that will become graduation requirements beginning with the Class of 2021 (current 8th grade students). The transition to this requirement will take place gradually. Students graduating in 2017 through 2019 will be able to satisfy the requirement to demonstrate proficiency in English language arts and mathematics through an alternate means to the PARCC assessment. These students may achieve a passing score on a substitute competency test (such as PSAT, SAT, or ACT) or meet the criteria of the NJDOE's portfolio appeals process.

Students graduating in 2020 will be permitted to demonstrate graduation proficiency through the same alternative means as members of the Classes of 2017, 2018 and 2019 provided that these students take all end-of-course PARCC assessments for which they are eligible. This means that students in the class of 2020 will have to take the ELA, 9, ELA 10, and ELA 11 as well as the Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry PARCC assessments (if they are enrolled in those classes), but will be able to submit a passing grade on one of the alternate tests (PSAT, SAT, ACT, etc.) if they do not attain a passing score on the PARCC.

Beginning with the Class of 2021, students who have not demonstrated proficiency on ELA and mathematics through the end-of-course PARCC assessments by their senior year may demonstrate graduation proficiency by meeting the criteria of the portfolio appeals process.

Montville Township Public Schools Seeks Public Input for Development of Five Year

Strategic Plan



The members of the Montville Township Public Schools community and Montville Township residents are invited to participate in the school district's Strategic Planning Process. We are inviting staff members, parents, students, community leaders, and other interested members of the public to contribute their thoughts, ideas and hopes. Participants in the process will work together to create a shared vision for the district, identify both the strengths of the school district (those specific attributes we can build on as we move into the future) and the critical issues that we will face (the challenges that the district must be prepared for in the future). The first meeting will take place on **Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Montville Township High**

School Media Center. We will work in both small and large groups, and discussion will lead us to a consensus document that will identify our district's vision, strengths and challenges and develop goal areas focusing on the future for our schools. The Board of Education will use the Strategic Plan to help shape future goals for the district as we move forward.

The additional meeting dates for public participation in the Strategic Planning Process are **Monday, November 7, 2016** and **Thursday, January 12, 2017**. Participation in any or all of our three meetings will be greatly appreciated.

Demographic Study Presentation



At the September 20, 2016 Board of Education meeting, Dr. Richard Grip, from Statistical Forecasting, LLC, will present the results of the Demographic Study that was conducted for the Montville Township Public Schools in the Spring of 2016. Dr. Grip's report includes an overview of the community as well as historical enrollment trends within the district. Dr. Grip will also present data on enrollment projections, by school, for the next five years through the 2020-2021 school year.

This information will be used by the district's Demographic Study Task Force to analyze trends in enrollment to meet the 2016-2017 District Goal of developing plans to effectively address any forecast changes in enrollment while supporting the continuation of the district's comprehensive programs at the middle and high school levels.

The meeting will be held beginning at 7:45 p.m. at the Montville Township Municipal Building. All are welcome to attend.

Bits and Pieces....

Montville Township High School was ranked 198 among Newsweek Magazine's Top U.S. High Schools for 2016.

Back to School Nights will be held in September:
Elementary Schools: Wednesday, September 14
Lazar Middle School: Thursday, September 15
Montville Township H.S.: Wednesday, September 21

Montville Township High School will kick off the Fall Sports Season with a bonfire to be held on Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Just a reminder, the Montville Township Public Schools will be closed on October 3rd and 4th in observance of Rosh Hashanah and on October 12 in observance of Yom Kippur.



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