

Starting with the Class of 2021, students will need to meet the high school graduation assessment requirements by passing PARCC ELA Grade 10 and PARCC Algebra I.

If students are unable to pass one or both of those assessments, they will be able to access the portfolio appeals process to meet the assessment requirements, but only if they take all PARCC assessments associated with the high-school level courses for which they were eligible* (see chart below).

Class of 2021 and Beyond

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

PARCC ELA Grade 10 (must take and pass)

*If passing score is not met on PARCC ELA Grade 10,
then the student must have taken*

PARCC ELA Grade 9

and

PARCC ELA Grade 10

and

PARCC ELA Grade 11

before they can

Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal

MATHEMATICS

PARCC Algebra I (must take and pass)

*If passing score is not met on PARCC Algebra I,
then the student must have taken*

PARCC Algebra I

and

PARCC Geometry

and

PARCC Algebra II (if eligible*)

before they can

Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal

Note: * "Eligible" is defined as a student who is enrolled in a high-school level course for which there is a PARCC test. This includes all of these courses: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, ELA 9, ELA 10, and ELA 11.

**Welcome to 8th Grade ELA Honors
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Expectations	Class Texts
<p>Our curriculum moves at an accelerated pace with a more concentrated focus. Honors English 8 addresses reading, writing, listening and speaking within a rigorous standards-based program. Instruction will include reading comprehension, writing in narrative, argumentative, and informative/explanatory, language conventions, vocabulary development in meaningful contexts, and reference skills. Students will study various genres including the short story, novel, drama, biography, poetry, and informational materials as dictated by the Common Core Standards. Honors goes beyond English 8 with extended learning activities that require students to increase their use of critical thinking skills to include analysis, synthesis, and problem solving. Additional work is required at home as we prepare the students for high school ELA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prentice Hall Literature Textbook ● NJ Progress Grade 8 ● The Diary of Anne Frank ● The Westing Game ● Biography Books ● The Witch of Blackbird Pond ● We Beat the Street ● More to come as the year progresses!

Grading	Additional Information:
<p>Tests: 40% Quizzes: 30% HW: 10% CP: 20%</p>	<p>Please use parent portal for updates on student progress. Every effort is made to keep grading current on a weekly, if not daily basis.</p> <p>Tests will be announced. Quizzes may or may not be announced.</p> <p>HW: Students will have assignments each night that typically require reading comprehension and writing.</p> <p>Students have an at home novel and activities to complete. The outline and timeframe for the novel can be found on my webpage along with daily hw assignments.</p> <p>Google Classroom: Online work will be completed in Google Classroom. This allows students to access their work and materials at school and at home.</p> <p>Pearson Online: Students have access to their textbook online at the following website: www.pearsonsuccessnet.com</p> <p>Vocabulary: Weekly vocabulary words will be assigned by me and/or selected by the students. This helps differentiate the instruction and increase complex vocabulary.</p>

I am looking forward to a great year! Please contact me with any questions or concerns!