



# Lakeland Regional High School

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Hello Lakeland School Community,

Last week, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) finally released detailed information concerning the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA). This assessment will be given to **Grade 11** Lakeland students.

As per the NJDOE, **students must take and demonstrate proficiency in Grade 11 on the NJGPA as the first pathway toward high school graduation.** If after completing the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment a student does not demonstrate proficiency on the ELA or mathematics section, [other pathways toward graduation will be available.](#)

Please note that these pathways will not be available to students who do not successfully complete the NJGPA. Additionally, in order to prepare students for one of the other graduation requirement options, students *may* be enrolled in a specially designed English or Math skills course during their senior year. We are encouraging our students to put forth their very best effort on the assessment.

The assessment consists of two units for ELA and two units of mathematics. There will be 90 minutes of testing allotted for each unit unless the student has approved testing modifications/accommodations.

Juniors will be testing on Monday, March 14-Thursday, March 17 with students taking one 90-minute unit of the assessment per day. We believe this model will afford the students the best opportunity to be successful on the assessment. More information about the schedule will come out within the next few weeks.

In order to prepare the students, our 11<sup>th</sup> grade English and Mathematics teachers will continue to focus on the content and skills highlighted on the assessment as well as ensuring that our students participate in practice activities periodically while not losing valuable classroom instruction. NJGPA resources (as well as practice assessments) are available [here](#).

Below is some additional information:

- The NJGPA is computer-based and utilizes the TestNav system, an interface that students are familiar with from previous state assessments.
- Students should bring in their **fully charged district-issued Chromebooks on the day of the assessment.**
- Headphones (not earbuds) are required for the assessment. LRHS will provide headphones to any student who needs them.
- Although there is a digital calculator provided in the testing system, students have the option to bring a **TI83/84** calculator for the math sections. No other calculators may be used.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to [mnovak@lakeland.k12.nj.us](mailto:mnovak@lakeland.k12.nj.us) or [kmccurnin@lakeland.k12.nj.us](mailto:kmccurnin@lakeland.k12.nj.us).

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