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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Beginning with the class of 2021, every student must pass the Algebra I New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (formerly PARCC) in order to graduate from high school. This graduation requirement was established by the New Jersey Department of Education.

With this requirement in mind, this letter is to inform you of your child's possible course progressions from his or her middle school to Shore Regional High School. Your child will follow one of two course progressions:

Course Progression #1

If your child completes the grade 8 General Algebra course, he or she will be administered the grade 8 mathematics New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (formerly PARCC). As a Freshman at Shore Regional High School, he or she will place into an Algebra I course and will be administered the Algebra I New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (formerly PARCC) during Freshman year.

Course Progression #2

If your child completes the grade 8 Algebra I course, he or she will be administered the Algebra I New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (formerly PARCC) as a grade 8 student. As a Freshman at Shore Regional High School, he or she will place into an Algebra II or Algebra II Honors course unless it is determined he or she needs to retake Algebra I. He or she will be administered the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (formerly PARCC) that corresponds with the course he or she is enrolled in (i.e. Algebra I or Algebra II).

It is to be noted that any grade 8 student who does not take the grade 8 Algebra I course and the Algebra I New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (formerly PARCC) will not be eligible to place into Algebra II or Algebra II Honors as a Freshman.

If your child has taken the Algebra I course and has not earned a qualifying score (performance level 4 or performance level 5) on the Algebra I New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (formerly PARCC) as a grade 8 student, he or she will also be required to either complete a learning module or attend a refresher course. Once one of these options is completed, your child will retake the Algebra I New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (formerly PARCC) during Freshman year.

Information regarding the Algebra I graduation requirement referenced in this letter can be found on this Shore Regional website link:

<https://www.shoreregional.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=2791>

Please contact me should you need further clarification, or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Howell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Howell
Principal