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Gov. Murphy Announces Suspension of Exit-Testing Requirement for Class of 2020 amid COVID-19 Pandemic

In his April 7 daily briefing, Gov. Phil Murphy announced that he will issue an executive order to suspend the exit-testing requirement for the Class of 2020. There are currently approximately 13,000 seniors in the state of New Jersey who have yet to meet the exit-testing requirement. If these students have met all [credit, attendance, and local graduation requirements](#), pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8, they will be eligible to graduate without fulfilling the exit-test requirement.

[Executive Order No. 117](#) states, “The statutory graduation assessment requirement mandated by N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1 et seq. is waived for any twelfth-grade student who is expected to graduate in the class of 2020 but, as of March 18, 2020, had not met said graduation assessment requirement.”

Over the past few weeks, NJEA has been working with the governor’s office and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) to advocate for the suspension of statewide standardized testing and exit-testing requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic. NJEA’s Professional Development and Instructional Issues Division will supply the field with updates from the NJDOE as they become available. Please visit [NJEA’s COVID-19 Resource page](#) for the current version of our assessment work during this time.

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