



Roxbury High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The State of New Jersey has scheduled the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) tests for March 2, 3, and 4 this year. All eleventh grade pupils must take this test and pass it as a requirement for graduation. Seniors who have not demonstrated proficiency on any part of last year's test will also take that portion of this year's test. In addition, we will be administering a mathematics diagnostic test (NJ PASS) to tenth graders on March 2. Tenth grade students who do not demonstrate proficiency on this diagnostic test will be scheduled for remedial courses next year.

Because this testing is so important, we have devised a schedule that will establish the best possible testing environment for our students. Thus, be advised that on March 2, 3, and 4, the high school will implement a two and one-half hour delayed opening for the following grades:

- March 2 – grades 9 and 12
- March 3 – grades 9, 10, and 12
- March 4 – grades 9, 10, and 12

The testing period each day will begin at 7:25 a.m. Buses will run at their regular time to pick up juniors and some seniors (as well as sophomores on March 2). A second bus pick-up will occur two and one-half hours later than the normal time for all students not being tested and school will begin as soon as testing is finished. A modified bell schedule for all nine periods will begin after the testing period.

There is no change in schedule for p.m. Morris County School of Technology or for grade 11 Co-Op students. Morning (a.m.) shared-time students (juniors and/or seniors) will be tested at Roxbury High School on these dates and will be excused from MCST classes. Morris County School of Technology students who are not being tested will attend the a.m. session, catching the bus at the high school at the customary time.

On March 2, students taking the HSPA and the grade 10 math diagnostic test should bring calculators to the testing session. Number 2 pencils are needed on all three test dates. Make-up dates for students who miss a section(s) of the HSPA will be held on March 10, 11, and 12.

The State has advised us that cell phones will not be permitted in the test rooms. Pupils should leave these devices home on those days. A pupil in possession of a cell phone in a test room will not be permitted to take the HSPA test this March, including make-up days.

Should you have any questions about the information contained in this correspondence, please contact the high school guidance office at ext.1221.

Sincerely,

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