

# Commissioner's Seal: Assessment List and FAQ

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## Earning Commissioner's Seal Council Designation: Student Requirements

The **Commissioner's Seal Council Designation** certifies that a student is proficient in standards aligned to high school expectations in English Language Arts and Mathematics, as confirmed by external evidence. To earn a Commissioner's Seal, students must successfully meet the established benchmark on both an approved ELA assessment and an approved mathematics assessment in order to earn the one Commissioner's Seal.

## Commissioner's Seal Council Designation: Assessment List and Performance Standards

Assessment Name	Assessment Content Area	Performance Standard
ACT English	English Language Arts	18
PSAT Reading and Writing	English Language Arts	430
SAT Reading and Writing	English Language Arts	480
Advanced Placement: English Language and Composition	English Language Arts	Level 3 and above
Advanced Placement: English Literature and Composition	English Language Arts	Level 3 and above
ACT Mathematics	Mathematics	22
PARCC Algebra 1	Mathematics	Level 4 and above; 750
PARCC Geometry	Mathematics	Level 4 and above; 750
PSAT Mathematics	Mathematics	480
SAT Mathematics	Mathematics	530
Advanced Placement: Calculus AB	Mathematics	Level 3 and above
Advanced Placement: Statistics	Mathematics	Level 3 and above

## Earning Commissioner's Seal Council Designation: Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. When can a student qualify for the Commissioner's Seal?

Commissioner's Seals will be awarded beginning with the Class of 2021. Students can meet the qualifying criteria for a Commissioner's Seal at any point in their high school career. A student could also earn all or part of a Commissioner's Seal earlier if he or she takes an approved assessment aligned to high school standards. (e.g. An eighth grade student takes and earns a 4 on the PARCC Algebra I

assessment.) Students must score at the designated college- and career-ready performance standard in both a mathematics and an English Language Arts assessment in order to earn the one Commissioner's Seal.

**2. Can a student mix and match assessments? For example, could a student earn a Commissioner's Seal by meeting performance standards on PSAT English Language Arts and ACT Mathematics?**

Yes. Any combination of assessments currently approved by RIDE can be used towards earning a Commissioner's Seal.

**3. If a student takes an assessment multiple times, which score is used for the Commissioner's Seal?**

The best attempt should be used for the Commissioner's Seal. For example, if a student takes the SAT Mathematics three times and earns a 450, 555, and 529, schools should use the score of 555 towards the Commissioner's Seal.

**4. Can districts propose additional assessments to be approved by RIDE?**

Yes, a superintendent can propose a new assessment for the Commissioner's Seal Assessment List. All proposed assessments must be submitted to RIDE by July 1 for consideration and will go through a review process. Assessments added to the Commissioner's Seal Assessment List through the review process will be effective beginning the following school year.

**5. Who awards the Commissioner's Seal?**

Commissioner's Seals are awarded by the local district. RIDE provides the parameters, approved assessments and performance standards for the Commissioner's Seal. It is the local district that is responsible for recording or otherwise tracking progress of individual students.