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Dear Parents and Seniors,

To receive a high school diploma, the Class of 2015 is expected to earn 25 credits and also demonstrate competency in five areas: reading, math, writing, science and social studies. Most students can demonstrate competency by passing a state standardized test in each area.

This year’s seniors are expected to:
- Pass the New Mexico Standards Based Assessment for reading, math and science
- Pass End of Course exams for writing (taken in English classes) and social studies (taken in history, economics or government classes).

To pass the SBA, students need to earn a combined score of 2,273 in math and reading. They also need to score at least 1,138 in science.

Seniors who haven’t earned those scores will need to retake the SBA the week of Sept. 15. School counselors will let students know if they need to retake the test.

We will provide more information on End of Course exams at a later date.

Graduation requirements, including passing scores on the graduation exams, may vary for students with an Individualized Education Plan. Contact your student’s school counselor for more information.

Support will be available for students who want help reviewing for the exams.

Fall retakes are for seniors only.

The state Public Education Department offers several options for seniors who don’t pass the required tests after several attempts. More information on graduation exam requirements is posted to the APS website: www.aps.edu/schools/graduation-requirements.

If you have any questions regarding your child’s status in regards to their testing portfolio please do not hesitate to contact Manuel Burgos at 243-1458 ext. 60017.

Sincerely yours,

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G. Antonio Gonzales
Principal