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The New Jersey High School Redesign Steering Committee

TOUGHER REQUIREMENTS ON THE WAY FOR NJ HIGH SCHOOLS

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With both employers and colleges complaining that they have to do too much remedial work with new hires and students, New Jersey is pledging to raise standards to graduate high school.

With even entry-level jobs requiring more advanced math and language skills, Governor Corzine, New Jersey educators, and business leaders are looking to raise the bar for graduating high school. Art Ryan, CEO of Prudential says the standards should reflect what a student needs to do well, not just get by.

State colleges say each year the percent of students needing remedial work grows. The President of Cumberland County College says 80 percent of his new students take at least one remedial class.