

March 16, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Keystone Exams are administered following the completion of the Algebra I, English II, and Biology courses. As a part of the Pennsylvania State Code 4.24:

1. **All** students must complete a Keystone exam in each subject area.
2. The performance level (advanced, proficient, basic or below basic) of each Keystone Exam will be printed on high school transcripts.
3. Students graduating in the year 2023 and beyond must meet the statewide graduation requirement either by scoring proficient or advanced on each Keystone Exam or by meeting an alternative set of criteria outlined on the PA Department of Education's website, linked [here](#).
  - Students who successfully completed Algebra I, English II, and/or Biology during the 2019-2020 school year will be exempt from the respective Keystone Exam.
  - Schools will offer remediation materials if a student does not score proficient or advanced prior to a retest occurring. DAHS focuses most of its remediation efforts in the fall.

**The Keystone exams will take place in the morning on the following dates: Biology, May 16-17; Algebra I, May 18-19; Literature, May 23-24, with make-up testing occurring May 25- 27, 2022.** You are receiving this notification because your student is enrolled in or has previously completed a Keystone course and has not completed the respective Keystone Exam. As a result, your student has been assigned to take at least one of the three Keystone subject tests during the May 2022 administration of the Keystone Exams. All Keystone Exams will be administered in person this spring. Students will receive a room schedule for their tests approximately one week prior to the start of testing.

The following resources from the Pennsylvania Department of Education can be accessed on the *Parents* tab on our [high school homepage](#): [Information for Parents or Guardians](#), [Cell Phone/Electronic Device Letter](#), [PDE Calculator Policy](#), [Code of Conduct for Test Takers](#). This information will be updated as new information from PDE becomes available.

Thank you in advance for your support of the implementation of this state testing requirement. For more information about the Keystone Exams, please visit the Pennsylvania Standards Aligned System Website at [www.pdesas.org](http://www.pdesas.org) (click on the *Assessments* tab and then click on the *Keystone Exams* tab) or contact our main office at 717-244-4021.

Sincerely,

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