

**Sharpville Area School District**  
**Graduation Pathways in Accordance with Act 158 of 2018**  
**Class of 2023 and Beyond**

Along with satisfying the course requirements listed in Policy 217 for graduation, students must also satisfy the Keystone Exam requirements. This requirement has been established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education in Act 158 starting with the Class of 2023. The Class of 2023 and beyond will be required to fulfill one of the pathways listed in Act 158 to successfully graduate. In accordance with Act 158, students are expected to take the Keystone exams that are associated with the identified Keystone courses (Algebra I, Biology, Literature & Composition II). If a successful score is not obtained on any of the Keystone exams (3Pathway #1), students can meet the graduation requirement through one of the pathways described in #2 through #4 below.

**#1 Keystone Proficiency Pathway:** Scoring proficient or advance on each Keystone Exam Algebra 1, Biology, and Literature.

**#2 Keystone Composite Pathway:** Earning a satisfactory composite score (4452) on the Algebra I, Biology, and Literature Keystone Exams (while achieving a proficient or advanced score on at least one of the three exams and no less than a basic score on the remaining two).

**# 3 Alternate Assessment Pathway:** Earning at least a passing grade for the SASD courses associated with each Keystone Exam (Algebra I, Biology, Literature and Composition II) **PLUS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PSAT Score</b></p> <p>PSAT Score of 510 Math            PSAT Score 460 Reading/Writing            PSAT Total Score of 970            (Can replace only the same subject area of basic or below basic on the Keystone Exams)</p>	<p><b>ASVAB:</b> Minimum score to gain admittance into a branch of the armed services the year the student graduates.  <b>ASBEB AFQT 31</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SAT Score</b></p> <p>SAT combined score of 1010            Reading / Writing 480            Math 530            College Admissions</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AP Exams</b></p> <p>AP Biology: Score of 3            AP English: Score of 3            AP English Language &amp; Compositions            AP English Literature and Composition            (Can replace only the same subject area of basic or below basic on the Keystone Exams)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Completion of a Pre-Apprenticeship Program</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dual Enrollment</b></p> <p>Earning at least a C in one or more of the college in high school courses or other pre-approved college courses.</p> <p>AP Biology, AP English, AP Lit, Pitt Calc., Pitt Stats, Pitt Chem., Pitt Physics</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ACT score 21</b></p>	<p>Acceptance into an accredited <b>4-year nonprofit institution</b> of higher education and evidence of the ability to enroll in college- level course work (college letter, placement tests indicating student can enroll, college registration form confirming enrollment, a local profile of an acceptable high school GPA, Attendance, SAT/ACT score)            (i.e. Enrollment directly into college level course without a required remedial or pre-college course)</p>	

**# 4 Evidence Based Pathway:** Earning at least a passing grade for the SASD courses associated with each Keystone Exam (Algebra I, Biology, Literature and Composition II).

**AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

<p><b>Attainment of an Industry Recognized Credential</b></p> <p>Mercer County Career Center – NOCTI certification</p>	<p><b>SAT Subject-Specific Exam 630</b></p>
<p><b>One AP Exam Score of 3</b></p> <p>AP Biology AP Literature and Composition AP Language and Composition</p>	<p><b>Dual Enrollment</b></p> <p>Earning at least a C in one or more of the college in high school courses or other pre-approved college courses.</p> <p>AP Biology, AP English, AP Lit, Pitt Calc., Pitt Stats, Pitt Chem., Pitt Physics</p>
<p>Acceptance into an accredited <b>2 or 4 – Year nonprofit institution of higher education</b> and evidence of the ability to enroll in college-level course work. (i.e. Enrollment directly into college level course without a required remedial or “pre-college” course)</p>	

**PLUS, TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:**

<p><b>Attainment of a score of Proficient or Advanced</b> on at least <b>ONE</b> Keystone Exam</p>	<p><b>Evidence of Full-time Employment related to career plan</b></p>
	<p>Satisfactory compliance with the NCAA’s core courses for college bound student athletes with a <b>minimum grade point average.</b></p> <p>2.0 GPA</p>
<p>Satisfactory completion of Community Service/Service Learning Project of <b>60 Hours</b> <b>(Outside of District Projects)</b></p>	<p><b>Evidence of successful completion of an internship or cooperative education program related to career plan.</b></p> <p>This is not our District’s Co-op / Work Release Appendix a of Act 158 explains co-op requirements.</p>