

# KEYSTONE EXAMS 2023 – PLEASE READ

April 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians of High School Students,

The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires students currently enrolled in Algebra I, Biology, or Literature & Composition II take Keystone Exams in person. These exams will be administered on **May 15-18, 2023**. Tenth grade Biology Keystones and Make Up tests will be given **May 22 & 23, 2023**.

**Additionally, students in Grades 10 & 11 who have previously scored non-proficient (basic or below basic) on a Keystone Exam will need to take an exam.** If your student has to retake a Keystone test because they do not fulfill one of the various pathways to graduation, a letter will be mailed home. This letter will let students and parents know what exam(s) their student will need to retake.

For the graduating Class of 2023 and beyond, along with satisfying the course requirements listed in Policy 217 for graduation, students must also satisfy the Act 158 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). More information about Act 158 Graduation Pathways is posted on the Sharpsville Area School District website.

Please make sure you and your child are familiar with and understand the **May 2023 Keystone Exam Schedule** that is attached. For the first 4 days, May 15-18, **ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE TESTING must report to school PROMPTLY by 7:50 AM, regular time.** ALL STUDENTS NOT TESTING report to school promptly by 10:00AM. Buses will be running at their normal scheduled daily times for pick up and drop off. **May 22 & 23 ALL STUDENTS arrive from 7:50 AM - 2:44 PM for a regular day.**

**Seniors and students who have passed the scheduled examinations may report to school by 10:00 AM on the following days May 15,16,17,18.** Students arriving at 10:00 AM must provide their own transportation. Students who arrive at the normal 7:50 AM start time, who are not participating in the test session, will have a study hall available to them from 7:50 AM-10:00 AM. Attendance will be taken in Homeroom/period 1 at 10:00 AM, so please be on time. The high school will be operating from 10:00 AM- 2:44 PM on a 2 Hour-Delay schedule.

Contact the Guidance Office 724-962-8300 x1000 if you have further questions about the Keystone test, retaking exams, the Act 158 Pathways, and / or the testing schedule. Thank you for continuing to work with us to make sure your child is successful. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to better support your child. We want our students to leave school with a solid foundation of skills and a future full of opportunities.

Sincerely,

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