



November 16, 2016

**Winter 2017 Keystone Exams**

**Hempfield High School**

**Algebra 1, Biology & Literature**

**January 9-23, 2017**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has established windows during which the Keystone Exams will occur. These assessments are administered in all 500 public school districts in Pennsylvania and with the exception of a very few students who meet specific criteria for participation in an alternate assessment, all district students enrolled in Keystone-related courses are expected to participate in the state assessments as shown above.

All assessment items are written to align with Pennsylvania's Core Standards for the specific subject being assessed. The results of each assessment provide valuable data to the school district, which are used for program planning and improvement purposes.

Two copies of the individual student report for all assessments will be sent to the school district early in the spring for distribution to parents, teachers, guidance counselors, and/or principals. As soon as individual student results are received, a copy will be provided to parents.

Additional important information from the PA Department of Education (Calculator Policy, Cell Phone Smart Phone Electronic Device Policy, Code of Conduct for Test Takers, Information for Parents and Guardians, Información para padres o tutores) is posted on the State Assessments page of the district website.  
<http://www.hempfieldsd.org/domain/262>

If you have any additional questions about the purpose, contents, or assessment process related to the Keystone Exams that will occur in January, please contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Bromirski  
Assistant Superintendent