

Pennsylvania Department of Education's Kevstone Exams and

Pathways toward Graduation

Implementation begins with the class of 2023

Proficient or Advanced in Algebra I



Proficient or Advanced in Biology



Proficient or Advanced in Literature

2 Keystone Composite Pathway

At least one Keystone score is Proficient or Advanced



No score is below basic



Composite Keystone Score is **4452 or greater**

#3 CTE Concentrator Pathway

#4 Alternative Assessment Pathway

#5 Evidenced Based Pathway

Earn a passing grade in course(s) associated with the content area(s) of the Keystone exams in which not proficient and complete requirements in pathways 3, 4, or 5.

Attain one of the following:

- Industry-based competency certification
- Likelihood of industry-based competency assessment success
- Readiness for continued engagement in CTE Concentrator program of study

OR Complete one of the following: **OR** Demonstrate readiness for

- Attainment of PDE established score on an alternate assessment: SAT (1010), PSAT (970), ACT (21), ASVAB (the minimum score to gain acceptance to a branch of armed service in the graduation year—currently 31)
- Attainment of the Gold Level on the ACT Work Keys
- Attainment of a score of a 3 or better on AP exam in each related Keystone Exam area in which less than proficient
- Successful completion of a dual enrollment or post-secondary course in the associated Keystone Exam content area in which less than proficient
- Acceptance to an accredited four-year institution of higher education for college-level coursework

Demonstrate readiness for postsecondary engagement consistent with the student's goals with **three** pieces of evidence.

Select at least 1 piece of evidence from tier 1:

- Attainment of 630 on any SAT subject-specific test
- Attainment of PDE established score of Silver Level or better on the ACT Work Keys
- Attainment of 3 on any AP exam
- Successful completion of any concurrent enrollment course or postsecondary course
- Industry-recognized credentialization
- Acceptance to an accredited nonprofit institution of higher education other than an accredited four-year, nonprofit institution and evidence of the ability to enroll in college-level, creditbearing coursework

Select up to 2 pieces from tier 2:

- Any additional item from tier 1
- Attainment of a proficient or advanced score on a Keystone Exam
- Successful completion of a preapproved service-learning project
- Letter guaranteeing full-time employment or military enlistment
- Completion of an internship, externship, or cooperative education program
- Compliance with the NCAA Division II academic requirements

Note: A piece of evidence may be repeated. For example, a student may have 2 AP scores count as 2 different pieces of evidence.