

Pennsylvania Department of Education's Keystone Exams and

Pathways toward Graduation

Implementation begins with the class of 2023

#1 Keystone Proficiency Pathway

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

AND

Composite Keystone Score is **4452 or greater**

as 2 different pieces of evidence.

#3 CTE Concentrator Pathway #4 Alternative Assessment #5 Evidenced Based Pathway 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. **OR** Complete one of the following: **OR** Demonstrate readiness for Attain one of the following: Attainment of PDE established postsecondary engagement score on an alternate consistent with the student's goals Industry-based competency assessment: SAT (1010), PSAT certification with **three** pieces of evidence. (970), ACT (21), ASVAB (the Likelihood of industry-based Select at least 1 piece of evidence from tier 1: minimum score to gain competency assessment success Attainment of 630 on any SAT acceptance to a branch of subject-specific test Readiness for continued armed service in the graduation Attainment of PDE established score engagement in CTE year—currently 31) of Silver Level or better on the ACT Concentrator program of study Attainment of the Gold Level Work Kevs on the ACT Work Keys Attainment of 3 on any AP exam Attainment of a score of a 3 or Successful completion of any concurrent enrollment course or better on AP exam in each postsecondary course related Keystone Exam area in Industry-recognized credentialization which less than proficient Acceptance to an accredited nonprofit Successful completion of a dual institution of higher education other enrollment or post-secondary than an accredited four-year, nonprofit course in the associated institution and evidence of the ability Keystone Exam content area in to enroll in college-level, creditwhich less than proficient bearing coursework Acceptance to an accredited Select up to 2 pieces from tier 2: four-year institution of higher Any additional item from tier 1 education for college-level Attainment of a proficient or advanced score on a Keystone Exam coursework 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

^{*}If a student has a non-numeric proficient from 2020 in one Keystone area, and a composite score in the remaining two areas of 2939 or greater with at least one score being proficient or better and neither being below basic, the student has met the composite pathway.