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4/30/2024

Dear Parents,

We are preparing to administer the Keystone exams for any student who needs to take or retake a Keystone to meet graduation Pathways. According to statewide graduation requirements, students may use scores in the three Keystone exams: Algebra I, Biology, or Literature to meet Pathways to graduation. Act 158, signed into law in 2018 allows for alternative pathways to graduation for students to demonstrate postsecondary preparedness beyond the Keystone exams. However, to provide as many and all options to pathways over the course of the schoolyear, Keystone exams in Algebra, Biology, and Literature will be administered in December to those students who have not yet met a graduation Pathway. Students have been working on the components of the tests both multiple choice questions and open-ended responses in the remediation class(es) to which they have been assigned to be better prepared to reach proficiency scores on the upcoming exams.

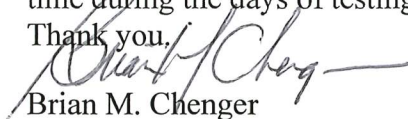
Our schedule for taking these assessments is listed below. Also included with this letter are Frequently Asked Questions, Code of Conduct for Test Takers, Request to View State Assessment Materials, and Guidelines for Electronic Devices. I ask that you please review this information, and if you have questions about the Keystone Exams or the rules governing them, please feel free to contact me at **610-383-3730**.

TEST	TEST DATES
Keystone Literature – All 10 th grade and some 11 th grade (FID day for remaining students)	Tuesday, May 14, 2024, AM and PM
Keystone Algebra – 10 th /11 th as needed	Wednesday, May 15, 2024 AM
Keystone Biology – 10 th and 11 th grade as needed	Thursday, May 16, 2024, AM and PM
Keystone Make Up Exams	5/17-5/20 AM and PM as needed

Please note that parents or guardians have the right to request that a student be exempted from the assessment. According to state regulations, parents can preview the test and request to exempt their student from the assessment only if it conflicts with their religious beliefs. **The exemption request must be submitted in writing to the building principal two weeks prior to the start of the assessment. Please see the attached letter.**

Finally, we would like all students to perform to the best of their ability on these state assessments and we need your help. For them to perform well, I ask that they be well rested, eat a healthy breakfast, and be at school on time during the days of testing. Thank you for supporting your child's achievement and growth!

Thank you.



Brian M. Chengler

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