



November 9, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We wanted to provide an update regarding the Keystone Exams. Please note the following:

- Spring Keystone scores are available. These scores can be accessed on the [parent portal](#) by clicking on the “Forms” link on the left side of the screen and then clicking on “Keystone Administration Scores.” The scores will also be available on the student portal for your student to directly access. **NOTE:** *This correspondence applies to Middle School Students who completed Algebra I in the 20-21 SY or High School Students (Class of 2023, 2024, 2025) who completed Algebra I, Algebra 1B, Biology, or Literature in the 20-21 SY. Current 10th grade students will take the Literature Keystone in the Spring of 2022.*
- Please note that the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has not generated BEST SCORES and these will not be available until the end of the Algebra or during/after the Literature and Biology window (December or January 2022). Note that this is current information given by PDE and all PA school districts are in the same situation.
- The delay in the score reporting at the state level will potentially impact repeat test takers or any student who plans to use the [composite score](#) to meet the Keystone graduation requirement.
- First time test takers will have the most accurate representation of their scores.
- In spite of the pandemic related delay in score reporting, the PDE indicated that the Winter Keystone Window will not change.
- For these reasons listed, students can wait until the Spring 2022 Keystone window to test (when we’ll have more information and scores) OR “opt-in” to taking the Winter 2021 Keystone based on the information we have.
- Opt-in information can be found on the Keystone Administration Scores Form in the parent portal and the deadline to submit the “opt-in” is November 21, 2021.
- Please take note that due to the [ACT 158](#) legislation, if your student opted out (non-religious) of the Spring 2021 Keystone, your student in the class of 2023 and beyond will need to test at least once.
- If your student chooses the [alternate pathway](#) for the graduation requirement, note that all eligible students must test at least once for the alternate pathway to be considered.

If you have additional questions or questions specific to your student’s situation, please contact your building level Test Coordinator. My contact information is listed below.

Best,

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