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Dear Parents of 11th Grade Students:

Keystone Testing Dates for WCASD

Algebra 1: December 10th & 11th, Literature: January 7th & 8th, Biology: January 14th and 15th

Scoring Advanced or Proficient on each of the three Keystone Exams is *no longer a graduation requirement* for the class of 2021 (current 11th graders). Please read the following two scenarios, as they would pertain to your child.

- **If your child has previously taken all three Keystone Exams, WCASD will automatically *not include* your student in the re-test opportunity this winter.** If your child will “Opt-In” to this voluntary Keystone Exam, you or your child will need to communicate this desired change in testing status by November 26th. Communication should be directed to your High School Assessment Coordinator.
- If your child has completed Algebra 1, Biology, and/or English 10 and **has *never tested in those areas*, they are still required to take each Keystone Exam once. Your child will be scheduled to take the Keystone Exam during the winter testing window noted below.** The only exemption provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is for religious reasons. **In order to opt your child out of Keystone Exam testing, please contact your building principal to make arrangements to preview the tests.** After previewing the tests, any formal written waiver request must be sent to Dr. Jim Scanlon, Superintendent of Schools.

If your child has taken a Keystone Exam in the past, you may find their “Best” Score on the WCASD Parent Portal found here <https://www.wcasd.net/Domain/1035>. The “Best” score represents the highest score earned to date when factoring in all attempts by an individual student on a specific exam. Students whose “Best” proficiency level is Proficient or Advanced will not retake that exam at any point in the future. There are helpful Parent Portal resources on the District website, as well as a link to assist you in retrieving your Username and Password. Additional testing information can be found on the West Chester Area School District Assessment page.

Sincerely,

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