
Baron H. Jones, Principal

To Students and Parents

In 2018, the Pennsylvania Legislature passed Act 158 establishing graduation requirements for all high school students beginning with the Class of 2022. Act 158 specifies that students must successfully complete one of five possible pathways in order to fulfill the necessary state graduation requirements. The most direct pathway to meet the graduation requirement is achieving a score of proficient or better on each of the subject-specific Keystone Exams. We believe and have evidence that students who perform well in the classes that lead to a student taking a specific Keystone Exam are well prepared for the exam.

If your son or daughter were enrolled in an Algebra 1, Biology, and/or Literature course during the 2019-2020 school year, your son or daughter would need to participate in the September Keystone Exam test administration. Students that are slated to take the Keystone exams will receive an email next week with their specific Keystone Exam subject area, test date, and testing location. The test administration calendar is below:

Testing Calendar:

Monday, September 28: Group A - Algebra Modules 1 and 2

Tuesday, September 29: Group A - Biology Modules 1 and 2

Wednesday, September 30: PMVS Algebra and Biology

Thursday, October 1: Group B - Algebra Modules 1 and 2

Friday, October 2: Group B - Biology Modules 1 and 2

Monday, October 5: Group A – Literature Module 1 (afternoon only)

Tuesday, October 6: Group A – Literature Module 2 (morning only)

Wednesday, October 7: PMVS Literature

Thursday, October 8: Group B – Literature Module 1 (afternoon only)

Friday, October 9: Group B – Literature Module 2 (morning only) - early dismissal

Tuesday, October 13 through Friday, October 16: makeups

Special Circumstances:

Students that do not have to participate in the Keystone Exams- All students that are not participating in the exams will follow their regular schedule.

Half-Day CTC Students- Half Day CTC students that need to participate in the Keystone Exams may miss the CTC programs on certain days if the Keystone Exam schedule coincides with their CTC program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Baron H. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "B" and a long, sweeping tail.

Baron H. Jones
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