

Keystone Exam Update  
1/13/21

Recent legislation was passed in the form of Act 136. This has the following impacts on Keystone Exams and graduation requirements for students in Pennsylvania:

- Graduation requirements have been postponed and now begin with/applies to the class of 2023. The class of 2023 and all classes beyond this date are impacted by these requirements.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent school closure, any student who was enrolled in a Keystone related course in the 2019-20 school year and therefore scheduled to take the Keystone Exam aligned with that course in the Spring of 2020 has been granted a waiver, and will automatically be assigned a non-numerical score of “proficient” for that exam. No retesting in that subject area will be necessary for these students, even if they are in the class of 2023 and beyond. We have not yet been informed of how that non-numerical score will impact the required composite score necessary to meet graduation requirements.

We understand that this information is confusing, complex, and changes frequently. Be assured that our school counselors and administration are working to ensure that all students are on a pathway to graduation and are fully informed of their status with regard to Keystone Exams. If you have questions about Keystone Exams or graduation requirements, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child’s counselor.