



We Build Futures

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Pathways to Graduation

Act 158 of 2018 (Act 158) provides alternatives to Pennsylvania's statewide requirement of attaining proficiency on the three end-of-course Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Literature, and Biology) for a student to achieve statewide graduation requirements. Effective with the graduating class of 2023, students have the option to demonstrate postsecondary preparedness through one of four additional pathways that more fully illustrate college, career, and community readiness. An overview of the 5 Pathways are outlined below:

5 Pathways:

1. Keystone Proficiency Pathway:

- Passing all three Keystone Exams (Algebra 1, Biology, and Literature)

2. Composite Score Pathway:

- Scoring proficient or advanced on at least one Keystone Exam and scoring at least Basic on the other two Keystone Exams with a minimum composite score of 4452.

3. Career & Technical Pathway:

- Earning a passing grade in a Keystone-aligned course **AND** either:
 - Attaining an industry-based competency certification related to the CTE Concentrator's program of study

OR

- Demonstrating a high likelihood of success on an approved industry-based competency assessment or readiness for continued meaningful engagement in the CTE Concentrator’s program of study

4. Alternate Assessment Pathway:

- Earning a passing grade in a Keystone-aligned course **AND** one of the following:
 - Attain the minimum score on one of the following subject-aligned tests: AP (3); PSAT (970); SAT (1010); ACT (21); ASVAB (minimum score required to gain admittance to a branch of the military)

OR

- Successfully complete a concurrent enrollment course in a subject-aligned course (a list of courses is pending)

OR

- Be accepted in an accredited 4-year nonprofit institution of higher education

5. Evidence-Based Pathway:

- Earning a passing grade in a Keystone-aligned course **AND** three pieces of evidence

At least one of the following:

- Attainment of a minimum score ACT Work Keys assessment, SAT subject-test, or Advanced Placement Exam (*See scores above in Pathway 4*)
- Acceptance to an accredited nonprofit institution of higher education other than a 4-year institution and evidence of the ability to enroll in college-level coursework
- Attainment of an industry-recognized credential;
- Successful completion of a concurrent enrollment or postsecondary course

Two additional pieces from the following:

- Satisfactory completion of a service-learning project (*Currently under development*)
- Attainment of a score of proficient or advanced on a Keystone Exam
- A letter guaranteeing full-time employment
- Certificate of successful completion of an internship or cooperative education
- Satisfactory compliance with the NCAA's core courses for college-bound student athletes with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.