

Mifflin County High School Monthly Newsletter



MCHS News

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Home of the Huskies

April 2025

MCHS News is a newsletter from the Principal's office at Mifflin County High School. It is designed to keep parents of high school students informed about events and activities coming up at the high school each month. Teachers submit information that they would like to highlight and make parents aware of and that information will then be included in this monthly publication. For further information, please make sure to visit our website at <http://www.mcscdk12.org/mchs/> or contact the high school office at:

717-242-0240 = Main Office

717-447-2600 = Fax

2024-2025 Cafeteria Meal Prices at MCHS

High School Lunch	\$3.00
Reduced Price Lunch	\$0.00**
Secondary Breakfast	\$0.00*
Reduced Price Breakfast	\$0.00*
Milk-Skim, 1%, Flavored	\$0.70

*No charge for breakfast through the State's Free Breakfast Initiative

**No charge for reduced-price lunch through the State's Free Lunch for Reduced Eligible Students Initiative

Extra/A-la-carte items are **not** included in the School Meal. They are sold separately at a-la-carte prices and can only be purchased if a student has funds available in their account or cash to cover the cost at the time of purchase.

Upcoming Events:

- The full list of upcoming events has been moved to the last page of the newsletter.

A Message From Mr. Campagna

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Morning Student Arrival and Building Entry - Effective Monday, March 24, 2025, Mifflin County High School will open doors for students to enter the building beginning at 7:00 a.m. daily. Students will continue to follow normal procedures for entering the building and completing their morning attendance at the attendance kiosks. This is just a reminder from the Skyward message which was sent on March 20, 2025.

Marking Period 4 - We are about to enter into a very busy time of the year. Not only are spring sports in full swing, but we are about to begin Keystone and Advanced Placement testing as well as end-of-the-year activities including prom, National Honor Society Induction, band and choral concerts, and, of course, graduation. In order to help you keep track of the end of the year activities, I am going to list a number of them below. *Please also refer to the attached document for a full list of AP Exam and Keystone Exam testing dates.*

Keystone Exam - Please review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Electronic Device Letter for Keystone testing. These documents are attached. Below is the Keystone Exams testing window.

- May 12 – Keystone Exam: Literature
- May 13 – Keystone Exam: Literature
- May 14 – Keystone Exam: Makeup Session
- May 15 – Keystone Exam: Algebra
- May 16 - Keystone Exam: Algebra
- May 19– Keystone Exam: Makeup Session
- May 20 – Keystone Exam: Biology
- May 21 – Keystone Exam: Biology
- May 22 - Keystone Exam: Makeup Session
- May 23 - Keystone Exam: Makeup Session

Huskies Helping Huskies - This is an after-school tutoring program for our students at MCHS. Sessions are held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Library Lab E. Teachers will be available to help students with homework, test preparation, additional instruction, Google Classroom, etc. Students do not need to sign up ahead of time to attend, and they will need to have their own transportation home.

A few procedural items to keep in mind as we start the school year.

1. Attendance - Students will either scan their ID cards or enter their ID number in the morning at one of the attendance stations at the front of the school.
2. Students must submit a note to the main office prior to leaving the building for all early dismissals. Notes may be submitted during their homeroom/first period class. Failure to provide a note prior to leaving the building for an early dismissal will result in disciplinary action from the office.
3. When writing excuses for absences, please make sure you put your child's full name and grade on the excuse. In addition, I want to remind you that you can email either assistant principal or me with your excuses. Our email addresses are as follows:
 - a. Mr. Campagna - ktc17@mcsdk12.org
 - b. Mrs. Ruble - jmg26@mcsdk12.org
 - c. Mr. Durn - amd05@mcsdk12.org

Please don't hesitate to call (717-242-0240) or email (ktc17@mcsdk12.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Kelly T. Campagna
Principal

Athletic News

- May 19th will be our recognition night for any athlete continuing their career at the collegiate level or entering the military. It will begin at 6:00 pm in the MCHS Auditorium.
- The Husky Club All Sports Recognition Night has been set for May 21st at 6:00 pm in the MCHS Auditorium. Mark your calendars to celebrate our MC Student-Athletes. All are welcome to attend.
- Senior Citizen, Active Military and Veteran Free Athletic Passes can be obtained at the MCHS Main Office. Passes are good for life.
- Check out the Athletics website for the most up to date information regarding Sports information.
- Get the most up-to-date athletic information on our athletic website and by following ArbiterLive!
- Check out our MC Athletics' Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MiffcoAthletics>, and follow us on Twitter @MCHuskySports for the most up-to-date information regarding MC Athletics.
- Many sponsorship opportunities are available to support your MC Huskies! Please contact the athletic office for more information.

MCHS Prom

Tickets are on sale NOW until April 18th. Tickets are \$30/person and can only be paid for with cash or check. Class dues MUST be paid in order to purchase tickets. Tickets will be sold in the mornings before 8 a.m. and during all lunches at the high school. Please see Mrs. Clancy-Burns in Room B214 with any questions!

WIN FREE PROM TICKETS!: Students can enter the PBIS raffle to win a pair of prom tickets. The raffle will be pulled for 3 winners on April 17th. (If a student enters and wins the raffle but had already paid for prom tickets, he or she will receive a full refund.)

IMPORTANT INFO:

Guests: Students bringing a guest from outside Mifflin County High School MUST fill out a guest form for their guest. The guest form needs to include a copy of a photo ID for the guest. Guest forms are due back by April 18th.

Vehicle Promenade: 5-6 p.m. (It will end PROMPTLY at 6 p.m. This event may be viewed by the public.)

- Vehicles will enter the front of the high school from the Sentinel side and drive through to the Student Parking Lot. Vehicles will then park in the Student Parking Lot. Students will gather there and wait for the beginning of the Promenade.
- **NEW THIS YEAR:** If you will be driving an exotic vehicle or a vehicle not approved for the road, you will need to provide proof that you are licensed to drive the vehicle.

Promenade: 6-7 p.m. (This event may be viewed by the public.)

- Promenade will begin once the Vehicle Promenade has ended. Students will walk in front of the high school, starting from the Student Parking Lot and they will enter the school through the area next to the gym.

Prom: 7-11 p.m. (This event is NOT open to the public.)

- Prom begins at 7 p.m. There will be a photo booth, DJ, food trucks, coffee bar, desserts, dancing, yard games, raffles, formal portraits, and crowning of Senior King & Queen and Junior Prince & Princess!

After-Prom Party at YMCA: 10:30 p.m. - 5 a.m. (This event is NOT open to the public.)

There is an After-Prom Party sponsored by multiple community groups. It will be held at the Juniata Valley YMCA in Burnham from 10:30 p.m. - 5 a.m. There will be swimming, rock climbing, bumperball, board games, food, volleyball, Twin Kiss milkshakes, a mechanical bull, and more. Permission slips to attend the After-Prom Party will be available during prom ticket sales and can be handed in to Mrs. Clancy-Burns. Any juniors or seniors who do not attend prom but would like to attend the After-Prom Party are more than welcome but will need a permission slip signed. Any non-MCHS guests that were brought to prom (and had approved guest forms) are also welcome to attend the After-Prom Party but will ALSO need their own permission slip signed.

Student Parking Passes

Attention students, we are now **SOLD OUT** of parking passes for the 2024-2025 school year. We will no longer be accepting any other requests for parking passes for either the student lot or the Highland/Tennis Courts parking areas.

M.C.H.S. at the All-State Choir

The following students will represent M.C.H.S. at the All-State Choir festival held April 9-12 at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center in Pocono Manor, PA.

Cora Hartzler-Soprano 1, grade 11

Breanna Forshey-Alto 2, grade 12

Max Persing-Bass 1, grade 11

Malachi Snyder-Bass 1, grade 12

Also coming up in April, Breanna Forshey will be traveling to Hartford, Connecticut to represent M.C.H.S. as a member of the All-Eastern Treble Chorus. The festival begins Thursday, April 24 and concludes with a concert at the Bushnell Performing Arts Center on Sunday, April 27.

From the MCHS Guidance Office

May SAT: The SAT will be offered at MCHS on May 3, 2025. The registration deadline for the May SAT will be April 18, 2025. Students should register at www.collegeboard.org. The cost of the SAT is \$68; students who qualify for free/reduced price lunches should see their school counselor about a fee waiver. Please reach out to your child's school counselor with any questions.

Local Scholarships: Many local scholarships for MCHS students will be due in April. Please encourage your seniors to check the MCHS Local Scholarship Guide on the MCSD website for deadlines. Seniors should also be stopping by the Guidance Office every couple of weeks to see if new applications are posted. The Awards Assembly will be held in late May.

AP Exams: From the College Board, all AP exams will be offered either fully digital or as a hybrid digital exam. Students will be testing in computer labs during their designated testing time. AP Reimbursement Forms will be given to the students during AP Exams. Students will need to score a 3 or better to request reimbursement.

Keystone Exams: Students who are taking the Biology Keystone exam will be completing their exams digitally. Literature and Algebra Keystones will be completing their exams with paper and pencil. Please see attached documents with more information regarding Keystone Exams.

Yearbook Information

Yearbook Information for ALL STUDENTS:

Buy a Yearbook!: If you have fundraiser credit, you must talk to Mr. Riden (dmr57@mcsdk12.org) about your book order. Otherwise, you can go online to www.balfour.com to order. The deadline to order a yearbook online is 5/1/2025. All yearbook sales after May 1st must be done by seeing Mr. Riden in A316. All sales after May 1st will be first come first serve.

Yearbook Questions & Contests: The Yearbook staff asks questions and posts contests on their social media as part of collecting info and pictures that will be in the yearbook. Follow MCHS Huskies Yearbook on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/MCHSHuskiesYearbook>) and [mchs_huskiesyearbook](https://www.instagram.com/mchs_huskiesyearbook) on Instagram to participate in these surveys, questions, and contests!

Questions? Mr. Riden (dmr57@mcsdk12.org) for ordering a book/ad & fundraiser credit. Mrs. Clancy-Burns (kc41@mcsdk12.org) for anything else!

From the Nurse's Office

Parents & Guardians,

MCHS hosted its first Mobile Dental Clinic on October 25, 2024. Twenty-two students received various dental services including fillings and x-rays.

Parents and guardians may review more information at MobileDentists.com.

MCHS will host the Mobile Dentist on these future dates:

- October 27, 2025
- April 28, 2026
- October 29, 2026
- April 30, 2027
- November 1, 2027
- May 2, 2028

If you need a consent form to have your child receive dental services on a future clinic date, please contact Mrs. Grabill in the MCHS Nurse's Office.

Please return the completed consent forms to the MCHS Nurse's Office.

After Mrs. Grabill sends the forms to the Mobile Dentist, their employees will contact parents and guardians with questions or let you know if your child is approved for services.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As your student prepares for the final years of high school, please note the following PA Department of Health school health requirements:

11th Grade Physical Examination: The school nurse will accept a private physical examination completed during the student's sophomore year, a sports pre-participation physical, driver's license physical (DL-180 Form), or a private physical examination completed by the student's healthcare provider. Private Physician Physical forms can be picked up in the nurse's office or obtained on the MCSD website (Student/Parents > Nurses > Forms & Policies > Private Physician Physical Form). Submitted physicals should not be dated prior to September 1, 2022. Physicals should be submitted to the school nurse by May 15, 2025.

12th Grade Meningococcal Vaccination (MCV): Prior to the 2025-2026 school year, every student entering 12th grade must have one dose of the MCV (meningococcal vaccination) by the first day of 12th grade. **This dose is in addition to the one required for 7th grade and must be given after the student turns 16 years old. Students in the Alpha program are also required to obtain this immunization.** If the student is not compliant with immunization requirements or appropriately exempted prior to the start of their senior year, **the student will be excluded from school on September 3, 2025, and after** until either compliance is documented, or an appropriate exemption is submitted.

Please submit physical exam forms and immunization documentation to the school nurse.

Over-the-Counter Medication forms were handed out to students on September 6, 2024, during 6th period. This form must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian in order for students to receive medication from the school nurse.

MCTV also ran a week-long announcement to make students aware that forms were available in the MCHS Nurse's Office.

If your child has not submitted the Over-the-Counter Medication form to the Nurse's Office, your child will not receive medication at school. Forms are available in the nurse's office.

As a reminder, students are NOT permitted to carry any medications on their person during school hours. This includes cough drops, medicated creams, eye drops or anything used for medicinal purposes.

Any medication that is required to be taken at school MUST be transported to school by a parent/guardian or designated adult and accompanied with a physician's order. Parents and guardians are required to sign medications into the nurse's office at drop-off.

If your child requires an inhaler, a new physician order must be submitted to the school nurse EACH school year before your child can carry an inhaler on their person. Failure to do so is a violation of the MCSD Medication Policy.

Please contact Mrs. Grabill, School Nurse, if you have any questions about medications.

Brittney Grabill MSN RN

Mifflin County High School

Email: brg27@mcsdk12.org

Phone: 717-242-0240, Option 6

Student Assistance Program (SAP)

The MCHS Student Assistance Program (SAP) Team is a group of professionals dedicated to helping to identify and assist students who may be struggling with life issues that are interfering with school performance. The SAP team consists of teachers, administrators, school counselors, social workers, nurses, and representatives from community agencies who have been specially trained to work with students and make appropriate referrals. This help is provided in a completely non-disciplinary way.

Based on the diverse needs of our students, this process may include an interview with a member of the SAP team, a counseling group, or individual counseling with the school-based therapist or social worker. Services may include academic support; behavior management; drug and alcohol education, prevention, assessment and treatment through Clear Concepts; anger management; mental health assessment through the Youth Advocate Program; conflict resolution, or involvement in community agencies. All SAP-related services are free and confidential. A parent or guardian must sign a permission for SAP services. Any student, parent, or teacher may make a referral. If you have concerns for a MCSD student in grades K-12, please contact an administrator, school counselor, or school nurse.

Upcoming Dates 2024-25 School Year

- April 1 – Report Cards Issued
- April 9 – All-State Choir at Kalahari Resort
- April 10 – All-State Choir at Kalahari Resort
- April 11 – All-State Choir at Kalahari Resort
- April 18 - Good Friday - No School for Students
- April 21 - Easter Break - No School for Students Designated Make-Up Day #4
- April 23 – Field Trip – Envirothon at Kish Park
- April 26 - MCHS Prom 7:00 p.m.
- May 3 – SAT Exam – 8:00am
- May 4 - Spring Band Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- May 7 – National Honor Society Induction Ceremony – 7:00 p.m.
- May 11 - MCHS/MCJH Spring Choral Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- May 14 – MCHS Spring Art Show – 6:00 p.m.
- May 15 - Thespian Society Induction - 6:30 p.m.
- May 16 - MCSD Jazz Festival - 7:00 p.m.
- May 19 – MCHS Awards Ceremony – Periods 1-3

- May 20 - Academy Graduation - 7:00 p.m.
- May 21 – Field Trip – Envirothon at State Competition in Windber
- May 21 - Husky Club Awards Night - 6:00 p.m.
- May 26 - Memorial Day – No School for Students
- May 28 - Last Day of School for Students (Weather Pending) - Commencement Grades K-7 dismiss @ 12:15 PM Grades 8-12 dismiss @ 12:30 PM
- May 29 - Teacher Workday (Weather Pending) - Designated Make-Up Day #5
- May 30 - Designated Make-Up Day #6



NEED EXTRA HELP WITH YOUR CLASS ASSIGNMENTS?

HUSKIES HELPING HUSKIES

This is a FREE after-school resource available to ALL students.

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & THURSDAYS

3:30PM - 4:30PM

LAB E IN THE LIBRARY

TEACHERS WILL BE THERE TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR WORK.



Dear Parent/Guardian:

In an era of cell phones, smartphones and other electronic devices which can easily photograph and instantly share photographs, confidential and secure test materials can be easily compromised. Not only is it expensive to replace a compromised test item, the material contained in the PSSA and Keystone Exams is copyrighted property of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Copying or duplicating the material from the assessment, including the taking of a photograph of secure assessment material, is a violation of the federal Copyright Act. Penalties for violations of the Copyright Act may include the cost of replacing the compromised test item(s) or fines of no less than \$750 up to \$30,000 for a single violation (17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.).

In order to ensure reliable test results and to avoid the cost of replacing test items, the Department of Education requires schools to set rules and take certain steps to protect test materials. Electronic devices such as but not limited to cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, E-readers, Nooks, Kindles, iPods, tablets, camera-ready devices, and any other electronic device which can be used to photograph or duplicate test materials, access the internet and/or communicate with others during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams are not permitted in any testing site. Please speak with your child and let your child know that the possession and/or use of a cell phone or other electronic device during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams will result in consequences.

You will be contacted by the school if your child is discovered using and/or having a cell phone or other unapproved electronic device during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams. Students who ignore this directive will be subject to the school's discipline policy and the Department of Education's requirement that the student's test will not be scored and the student will be required to retake the entire exam. The electronic device will be held by school staff, and the device's stored photographs and other functions will be examined with your permission. You may request to be present when the electronic device is examined. If a photograph of the PSSA or Keystone Exam is discovered or if permission to search other functions of the electronic device is refused, the device will be held by the school staff. The Pennsylvania Department of Education holds the copyright to all material contained within the PSSA and Keystone Exams. The Pennsylvania Department of Education will be contacted and further action may be taken.

If, after testing is complete and test materials have been returned, it is discovered that a student used and/or had a cell phone or other unapproved electronic device during the administration of the test, the school's discipline policy will be followed and the student's test will not be scored.



Estimado Padre o Representante:

En una era de teléfonos celulares, teléfonos inteligentes y otros aparatos electrónicos que pueden fácilmente fotografiar y compartir las fotos instantáneamente, se ponen fácilmente en peligro los materiales de evaluación seguros y confidenciales. No solo es costoso reemplazar preguntas de examen que se han puesto en peligro, sino que el material del PSSA y los Exámenes Keystone son propiedad protegida por los derechos de autor del Estado de Pennsylvania. Copiar y duplicar el material de la prueba, incluso fotografiar el material de evaluación seguro, es una violación a la ley federal de derechos de autor. Las sanciones por violaciones a la Ley de derechos de autor pueden incluir el costo de reemplazo de la pregunta(s) de la prueba que se ha expuesto, o multas no menores de \$750 y hasta de \$30,000 por una sola violación. 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*

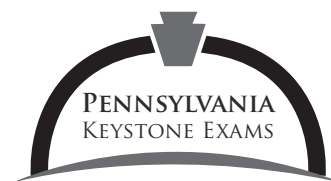
Para poder asegurar resultados confiables de la prueba y evitar el costo de reemplazar las preguntas, el Departamento de Educación requiere que las escuelas establezcan reglas y tomen ciertas medidas para proteger los materiales de la prueba. Aparatos electrónicos tales como pero sin limitarse a teléfonos celulares, teléfonos inteligentes, relojes inteligentes, lectores electrónicos (E-readers), Nooks, Kindles, iPods, tabletas, aparatos con cámara y cualquier otro aparato electrónico que se pueda usar para fotografiar o duplicar los materiales de la prueba, para entrar a Internet y/o comunicarse con otros durante el PSSA o los Exámenes Keystone no son permitidos en ningún lugar de examinación. Por favor, hable con su hijo y hágale saber que tener en su posesión y/o usar un teléfono celular o algún otro aparato electrónico durante el PSSA o los Exámenes Keystone, puede ocasionar consecuencias.

Si se descubre que su hijo usa o tiene un teléfono celular o algún otro aparato electrónico no autorizado durante el PSSA o los Exámenes Keystone, la escuela se comunicará con usted. Los estudiantes que ignoren esta regla estarán sujetos a la política disciplinaria de la escuela y al requisito del Departamento de Educación de que la prueba del estudiante no se califique y que se le exija al estudiante volver a presentar el examen entero. El personal de la escuela le confiscará el aparato electrónico y revisará con el permiso de usted las fotografías almacenadas y otras aplicaciones del aparato electrónico. Usted puede solicitar estar presente cuando se examine el aparato electrónico. Si se descubre una fotografía del PSSA o del Examen Keystone, o si se niega a dar permiso para revisar otras aplicaciones del aparato electrónico, este será retenido por el personal de la escuela. Como el Departamento de Educación de Pennsylvania tiene los derechos de autor de todo el material contenido en el PSSA y los Exámenes Keystone, se contactará al Departamento de Educación de Pennsylvania y es posible que se tomen otras medidas.

Si después de que el examen termine y se devuelvan los materiales de este, se descubre que un estudiante usó y/o tenía un teléfono celular u otro aparato electrónico no autorizado durante la administración del examen, se cumplirá con la política de disciplina de la escuela y no se calificará el examen del estudiante.

Information for Parents or Guardians

Pennsylvania Keystone Exams



What are the Keystone Exams?

The Keystone Exams are end-of-course assessments designed to evaluate proficiency in academic content. Beginning with the class of 2022–2023, students must demonstrate proficiency on the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone Exams to graduate or fulfill one of the other pathways provided to graduate. Students will be offered multiple opportunities to take the keystones throughout their high school career.

Who will participate in the Keystone Exams?

In 2012–13, the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone Exams replaced the 11th-grade Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA) in math, reading, and science for purposes of student, educator, and school accountability. Students should take the Keystone Exams at or near the end of a Keystone-related course. The students' results are banked until their junior year for accountability purposes and until their senior year for graduation purposes. Some students who previously completed a Keystone-related course but did not take the Keystone Exam will also participate for accountability purposes. All students who take a Keystone Exam may re-take the exam.

When will the exams be offered?

The Keystone Exams will be administered three times each year—winter, spring, and summer. Specific administration dates will be published by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Who decided what Keystone Exams should measure?

Groups of educators from across Pennsylvania chose the areas of knowledge on which the Keystone Exams are based. The groups included teachers, supervisors, curriculum directors, and college specialists. Other groups of Pennsylvania educators also reviewed, edited, and approved exam questions.

What is assessed on the Keystone Exams?

Pennsylvania adopted the Pennsylvania Core Standards, standards aligned with expectations for success in college and the workplace. The keystones are designed to measure these standards.

How long is a Keystone Exam administration?

There is no time limit for a student to complete a Keystone Exam. Each Keystone Exam should take the typical student two to three hours to complete. There are two modules on each test, and each module (or Test Session) of the Keystone Exam should take one to 1.5 hours to complete. Districts can administer the Keystone Exam modules across two days or divided across the morning and the afternoon of the same day.

What are the available formats for administering the Keystone Exams?

The Keystone Exams are available in both online and paper and pencil formats. Districts will determine if online, paper and pencil, or both formats will be used locally. Makeup exams will also be administered in either online or paper and pencil format.

Will students have an opportunity to experience online testing before taking a Keystone Exam online?

Tutorials and online training programs have been developed for the Keystone Exams. The PA Online Assessment Student Tutorial uses pictures, motion, and sound to present visual and verbal descriptions of the properties and features of the PA Online Assessment system. Students are allowed to repeat the Student Tutorial as often as desired and needed. The Online Tools Training (OTT) provides an introductory experience using the PA online assessment software allowing students to observe and try out features of the PA online assessment software prior to the actual assessment. Within the OTT, students also have the opportunity to practice typing responses in a narrative format, graphing functions, and entering equations using an equation builder tool. The online exam also has a "Help" feature that is available to the student during the exam.

What types of questions are on the Keystone Exams?

The Keystone Exams will include multiple-choice questions and constructed-response, or open-ended, questions. For each Keystone Exam, approximately 60 percent to 75 percent of the total score will be from multiple-choice questions and 25 percent to 40 percent of the total score will be from constructed-response questions.

How are the written responses to constructed-response questions scored?

The written responses for constructed-response questions are scored by evaluators trained in applying a pre-determined scoring system. Scores are based on content only. Spelling and punctuation are not included as part of the scoring process. Most constructed-response questions require students to show their work or explain their reasoning. These Keystone Exam questions will ask students to explain, analyze, describe, or compare. Some questions will also require students to perform calculations or create graphs, plots, or drawings.

How are the results reported?

Keystone Exam scores will be processed as quickly as possible and provided to the districts.

Two copies of the individual student report for all Keystone Exams will be sent to the school districts and charter schools. One copy should be sent home to parents/guardians; the other is kept by the school/district.

School-level reports will be used for curricular and planning purposes. School districts and charter schools may publish the results of Keystone Exams for each school. The state will also release school-by-school exam data.

May parents see the Keystone Exams?

Parents and guardians may review the Keystone Exams if they believe they may be in conflict with their religious beliefs by making arrangements with the School Test Coordinator once the exams arrive at the school. Confidentiality agreements must be signed, and no copies of the Keystone Exams or notes about exam questions will be permitted to leave the school.

If, after reviewing the Keystone Exams, parents or guardians do not want their child to participate in one or all of the exams due to a conflict with their religious beliefs, they may write a letter indicating they have a religious objection to the school district superintendent or charter school CAO to request their child be excused from the exam(s).

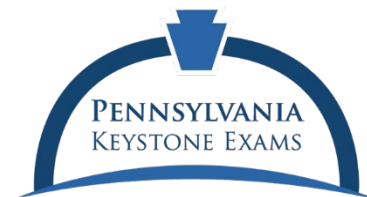
Report Testing Irregularities

Parents/guardians who believe that a testing irregularity may have occurred may email ra-edirregularities@pa.gov or call 844-418-1651 to report the incident.

For additional information about the Keystone Exams, visit the PDE website at www.education.pa.gov or contact your school district.

Información para padres o tutores

Exámenes Keystone de Pennsylvania



¿Qué son los Exámenes Keystone?

Los Exámenes Keystone son evaluaciones de final de curso diseñados para evaluar el dominio del contenido académico. A partir de la clase de 2022-2023, los alumnos para graduarse deben demostrar dominio en los Exámenes Keystone de Álgebra I, Literatura y Biología o cumplir con uno de los otros planes ofrecidos. A los alumnos se les ofrecerán varias oportunidades para tomar los Exámenes Keystone a lo largo de sus estudios en la escuela secundaria.

¿Quién participará en los Exámenes Keystone?

En los años 2012-13, los Exámenes Keystone de Álgebra I, Literatura y Biología reemplazaron las pruebas de matemática, lectura y ciencia del Sistema de Evaluación Escolar de Pennsylvania (por sus siglas en inglés, PSSA) del 11.º grado para contabilización del rendimiento de estudiantes, educadores y escuelas. Los alumnos deben hacer los Exámenes Keystone al finalizar o cuando están próximos a finalizar un curso relacionado con Keystone. Los resultados de los alumnos se acumulan hasta el tercer año (en inglés, junior year) para su contabilización y hasta el cuarto año (en inglés, senior year) para la graduación. Algunos de los alumnos que ya hayan completado algún curso relacionado con Keystone pero que no hayan hecho el Examen Keystone también participarán para fines de contabilización. Todos los alumnos que tomen un Examen Keystone podrán volver a tomar el examen.

¿Cuándo se ofrecerán los exámenes?

Los Exámenes Keystone se administrarán tres veces cada año: invierno, primavera y verano. El Departamento de Educación de Pennsylvania publicará las fechas específicas de administración.

¿Quién decidió qué es lo que deben medir los Exámenes Keystone?

Grupos de educadores de toda Pennsylvania eligieron las áreas de conocimiento en las cuales se basan los Exámenes Keystone. Los grupos incluyeron docentes, supervisores, directores de planes de estudio y especialistas universitarios. Otros grupos de educadores de Pennsylvania también revisaron, editaron y aprobaron las preguntas de los exámenes.

¿Qué se evalúa en los Exámenes Keystone?

Pennsylvania adoptó los criterios fundamentales de Pennsylvania (en inglés, *Pennsylvania Core Standards*), que son estándares alineados con las expectativas de éxito en la universidad y en el lugar de trabajo. Los Exámenes Keystone están diseñados para medir estos estándares.

¿Cuánto tiempo lleva la administración de un Examen Keystone?

No hay un límite de tiempo para que un alumno termine un Examen Keystone. Cada Examen Keystone debería llevarle al alumno típico entre dos y tres horas para terminarlo. Hay dos módulos en cada evaluación y cada módulo (o Sesión de evaluación) del Examen Keystone debería completarse en una a 1.5 horas. Los distritos pueden administrar los módulos del Examen Keystone a lo largo de dos días o dividirlos en la mañana y la tarde del mismo día.

¿Cuáles son los formatos disponibles para administrar los Exámenes Keystone?

Los Exámenes Keystone están disponibles tanto en línea como en papel. Los distritos determinarán si localmente usarán el formato en línea, en papel, o ambos. Los exámenes de recuperación también se administrarán en formato en línea o en papel.

¿Los alumnos tendrán una oportunidad de experimentar una prueba en línea antes de hacer un Examen Keystone en línea?

Existen tutoriales y programas de capacitación en línea disponibles para los Exámenes Keystone. El tutorial (PA Online Assessment Student Tutorial) para alumnos sobre las evaluaciones en línea de PA usa ilustraciones, movimiento y sonido para presentar las descripciones visuales y verbales de las propiedades y características del sistema de evaluación en línea de PA. Los alumnos podrán repetir el tutorial tantas veces como lo deseen y necesiten. La Capacitación sobre herramientas en línea (por sus siglas en inglés, OTT) brinda una experiencia introductoria con el uso del “software” de evaluaciones en línea de PA, y permite a los alumnos observar y probar sus funciones antes de la evaluación propiamente dicha. Dentro de la OTT, los alumnos también tienen la oportunidad de

practicar cómo escribir respuestas en un formato narrativo, cómo graficar funciones y cómo ingresar ecuaciones usando la herramienta de construcción de ecuaciones. El examen en línea también tiene una función de “Ayuda” que está disponible para el alumno durante el examen.

¿Qué tipos de preguntas hay en los Exámenes Keystone?

Los Exámenes Keystone incluirán preguntas de respuesta múltiple y preguntas de desarrollo o abiertas. En cada Examen Keystone, aproximadamente entre el 60 por ciento y el 75 por ciento de la puntuación total corresponderá a las preguntas de respuesta múltiple y entre el 25 por ciento y el 40 por ciento, a las preguntas de desarrollo.

¿Cómo se evaluarán las respuestas escritas a las preguntas de desarrollo?

Las respuestas escritas para las preguntas de desarrollo son calificadas por evaluadores capacitados en la aplicación de un sistema predeterminado de puntuación. Las puntuaciones están basadas en el contenido solamente. La ortografía y la puntuación no están incluidas como parte del proceso de calificación. La mayoría de las preguntas de desarrollo exigen que los alumnos muestren su trabajo o expliquen su razonamiento. Estas preguntas del Examen Keystone pedirán a los alumnos que expliquen, analicen, describan o comparen. Algunas preguntas también exigirán que los alumnos hagan cálculos o creen gráficas, esquemas o dibujos.

¿Cómo se informan los resultados?

Las puntuaciones de los Exámenes Keystone se procesarán tan pronto como sea posible y se informarán a los distritos.

Se enviarán dos copias del informe individual del alumno para todos los Exámenes Keystone a los distritos escolares y escuelas chárter. Una copia se deberá enviar a los padres/tutores y la otra la conservará la escuela/distrito.

Los informes a nivel de escuela se usarán para fines curriculares y de planificación. Los distritos escolares y escuelas chárter pueden publicar los resultados de los Exámenes Keystone de cada escuela. El estado también publicará información sobre los exámenes por escuela.

¿Los padres pueden ver los Exámenes Keystone?

Los padres y tutores pueden revisar los Exámenes Keystone, si consideran que pueden estar en conflicto con sus creencias religiosas, haciendo arreglos con el Coordinador Escolar de Pruebas una vez que los exámenes lleguen a la escuela. Se deberán firmar acuerdos de confidencialidad y no se permitirá que copias de los Exámenes Keystone o notas sobre las preguntas del examen al salir de la escuela.

Si después de revisar los Exámenes Keystone los padres o tutores no quieren que sus hijos participen en uno o todos los exámenes debido a un conflicto con sus creencias religiosas, pueden escribir una carta en la que especifiquen su objeción al superintendente del distrito escolar o al Jefe Administrativo (por sus siglas en inglés, CAO) de la escuela chárter para solicitar que su hijo sea eximido de la obligación de hacerlos.

Reportar irregularidades en los exámenes

Padres o tutores que creen que pudo haber ocurrido una irregularidad en los exámenes pueden enviar un correo electrónico a ra-edirregularities@pa.gov o llamar al 844-418-1651 para reportar el incidente.

Para obtener información adicional sobre los Exámenes Keystone, visite el sitio web de PDE en www.education.pa.gov o comuníquese con su distrito escolar.

Mifflin County High School
2024-2025 Testing Dates

Advanced Placement Exams
Keystone Exams

AP Exams		
Biology	Monday, May 5, 2025	8:00am
Chemistry	Tuesday, May 6, 2025	8:00am
United States Government and Politics	Tuesday, May 6, 2025	12:00pm
English Literature and Composition	Wednesday, May 7, 2025	8:00am
Computer Science A	Wednesday, May 7, 2025	12:00pm
Statistics	Thursday, May 8, 2025	8:00am
Studio Art	Friday, May 9, 2025	8:00pm
Calculus AB	Monday, May 12, 2025	8:00am
Calculus BC	Monday, May 12, 2025	8:00am
English Language and Composition	Wednesday, May 14, 2025	8:00am
Physics C: Mechanics	Wednesday, May 14, 2025	12:00pm
Computer Science Principles	Thursday, May 15, 2025	12:00pm
Psychology	Friday, May 16, 2025	12:00pm

2025 Keystone Exams		
Literature	May 12-13	Makeup date – May 14
Algebra	May 15-16	Makeup date – May 19
Biology	May 20-21	All Makeups – May 22-23