

Act 158

Pathways to Graduation

Methacton High School

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Act 158 of 2018 (Act 158) provides alternatives to Pennsylvania's statewide requirement of attaining proficiency on the three Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Literature and Biology) for a student to meet statewide graduation requirements. Effective with the class of 2023, students have the option to demonstrate postsecondary preparedness through one of five pathways.

Pathways to Proficiency

Keystone Proficiency Pathway

- Score Proficient or Advanced on each Keystone Exam: Algebra I, Literature, and Biology

Keystone Composite Pathway

- Earn a satisfactory composite score (minimum composite score of 4452) on the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Exams (while achieving at least a proficient score on at least one of the three exams and no less than a basic score on the remaining two)

Alternate Assessment Pathway

- Earn a C 70% or better in the courses associated with each Keystone Exam on which a proficient grade was not earned **AND either:**
 - Attain the minimum score on one of the following subject-aligned tests: PSAT (970), SAT(1010), ACT (21), or ASVAB; Gold Level on the ACT WorkKeys Assessment; an established score on the AP Biology (3) or AP English Exam (3)
OR
 - Successful completion of a pre-apprenticeship program

Evidence Based Pathway

- Earn a C 70% or better in the courses associated with each Keystone Exam on which a proficient grade was not earned **AND** demonstration of **three** pieces of evidence consistent with the student's goals and career plans
 - Including **one** of the following:
 - an established score on the ACT WorkKeys Assessment, SAT subject area test or AP Exams,
 - *attainment of an industry-recognized credential*
 - **AND two** of the following:
 - attainment of a score of Proficient or Advanced on a Keystone Exam
 - a letter guaranteeing full-time employment
 - a certificate of successful completion of an internship or cooperative education program
 - satisfactory compliance with the NCAA's core courses for college bound student athletes with a minimum grade point average of 2.0

CTE Pathway (for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Concentrators)

- Earn a C (70%) or better in the courses associated with each Keystone Exam on which a proficient grade was not earned **AND**
- Attain industry-based competency certificate related to the CTE Concentrator's area of study

Communication Plan

- Communication to class of 2023, 2024, 2025 via School Messenger
- Newsletter
- Program Planning Guide
- Website

Tracking Progress

- LinkIt! Resources
- Refinement of our internal procedures for tracking following PDE training in mid-October