

Brockway Area Jr./Sr. High School

Governor Tom Wolf on October 24, 2018, signed into law (Act 158). This law provided students four options to meet graduation requirements and to provide alternatives for high school students to demonstrate readiness for postsecondary success. The requirements begin with the graduating class of 2022. Additional information may be found on the PDE website.

Due to the school closures in March of 2020 the Keystone exams for the Spring of 2020 were waived but the pathways to graduation requirements were not. Thus, all students currently in grades 9-11 and who had taken the Algebra I, Literature or Biology trigger courses for the 2019-2020 school year must be provided with the opportunity to make-up the Keystone exams.

Pathway to Graduation Options

1. **Keystone Proficiency Pathway:** Scoring proficient or advanced on each Keystone Exam - Algebra I, Literature, and Biology.
2. **Keystone Composite Pathway:** Earning a composite score of **4452** on the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone 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).
3. **Alternate Assessment Pathway:** Successful completion of locally established grade-based requirements for academic content areas associated with each Keystone Exam on which the student did not achieve proficiency **and** one of the following:
 - Attainment of an established score on an approved alternate assessment (SAT, PSAT, ACT, ASVAB);
 - Gold Level on the ACT WorkKeys Assessment;
 - Attainment of an established score on an Advanced Placement Program or an International Baccalaureate Diploma Program exam in an academic content area associated with each Keystone Exam on which the student did not achieve at least a proficient score;
 - Successful completion of a concurrent enrollment course in an academic content area associated with each Keystone Exam in which the student did not achieve at least a proficient score;
 - Successful completion of a pre-apprenticeship program; or
 - Acceptance in an accredited 4-year nonprofit institution of higher education and evidence of the ability to enroll in college-level coursework.
4. **Evidence Based Pathway:** Successful completion of locally established grade-based requirements for academic content areas associated with each Keystone Exam on which the student did not achieve proficiency and demonstration of three pieces of evidence consistent with the student's goals and career plans, including

- One of the following:
 - Attainment of an established score on the ACT WorkKeys assessment, a SAT subject test, an Advanced Placement Program Exam, or an International Baccalaureate Diploma Program Exam;
 - 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; or
 - Successful completion of a concurrent enrollment or postsecondary course; and

 - Two additional pieces of evidence, including one or more of the options listed above, or: satisfactory completion of a service learning project; 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; or satisfactory compliance with the NCAA's core courses for college-bound student athletes with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.

August 2020- Students are required to select a Keystone Pathway Option.

December 1-15- Administer the Keystone Exams to students who will test for the first time in Advanced Algebra I, Algebra I, Algebra I B, and cyber math courses that meet the criteria.

January 4-15- Administer the Keystone Exams to those students who will test for the first time in Biology, Honors Biology, Literature, and cyber courses that meet the criteria.

May 17-28- Administer the Keystone Exams to students who have completed the coursework for Biology, Literature, and Algebra.