



**ALL BETHEL PARK SCHOOLS EARN KEYSTONE ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION**

All eight Bethel Park School District schools received the Keystone Achievement Award from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) on the PSSA Exams for two consecutive years. This year's awards recognized outstanding PSSA achievement during the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years.

Bethel Park schools were part of the 1,939 schools in Pennsylvania to earn this recognition.

All Bethel Park elementary schools received their fifth Keystone Achievement Award, qualifying for this award every year they have been eligible. Independence Middle School received its fifth award as well, out of the six times it was eligible to do so.

Neil Armstrong has received the Keystone Achievement Award four times and Bethel Park High School has earned the Keystone Achievement Award the past three years.

To qualify for AYP, 63 percent of a school's students must score at the Advanced or Proficient levels in Reading and 56 percent must score Advanced or Proficient in Math. PSSA Exams are given each spring to students in third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and 11th grades.

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