

	BETHEL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT		
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Dear Parent/Guardian

Each year the Pennsylvania Department of Education requires all public school systems to administer the Keystone Exams to all students upon completion of the identified *Keystone Courses (Algebra, Literature/10th grade English, & Biology)*. As we near the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year, the administration of these required Keystone Exams will begin Wednesday May 19th. Please review the following letter which outlines expectations for required v.s. optional participants, testing schedule, and Keystone graduation requirements.

Students Scheduled to Participate in May 2021 Keystone Exam Administration

- *All students currently enrolled in a Keystone related course* (Algebra 1, Biology, English 10) will be scheduled to take the exam for those subjects.
- ***Options for students who were enrolled and completed a Keystone course during the 2019-20 school year, but did not test due to the pandemic and school closure***
 - Students are encouraged to take the Keystones to earn the highest score and retain the option of using the composite score if not proficient in other Keystone Exams.
 - Students do have the option to OPT-OUT of the exam (See Below).
 - Students who have *earned a passing final grade* for the course (Last Year) will be provided a ***non-numerical proficient score*** for the corresponding Keystone Exam.

**** Note: If you take the exam and score below proficient, the NNP will stand as the higher score.***

State Assessments and Pathway Requirements

Act 158 shifted Pennsylvania’s reliance on high stakes testing as a graduation requirement to provide alternatives for high school students to demonstrate readiness for postsecondary success. The statewide graduation requirements have been delayed until the graduating class of 2023. Please click the link below to see the different ways for satisfying the Keystone Requirements if not proficient in all three exams.

[State Assessments and Pathway Requirements](#)

- Class of 2021 & 2022 (Seniors & Juniors) - Keystone graduation requirement **does NOT apply**
- Class of 2023, 2024 & beyond. (Sophomores & Freshman) - Keystone graduation requirement **does apply**

Opting-Out of Keystone Participation

- Students in the class of 2023 & 2024, who earned a Non-Numeric Proficient Score for a Keystone course last year (2020), are not eligible for the composite score pathway as there is no number associated with non-numeric proficient scores but can follow the 4 remaining pathways. Sophomores & Freshman who earned a Non-Numeric Proficient Score for a related Keystone course from 2019/20 should click to complete the [2020-21 KEYSTONE EXAM OPT-OUT](#) form.
- Pursuant to Pennsylvania Code Title 22 Chapter 4, Section 4.4(d)(4), parents have the right to exempt their child from Keystone Testing due to Religious Beliefs. This must be completed prior to the first day of testing. Please reach out to BPHS Assistant Principal James Fodse for more information. fodse.jim@bphawks.org

Fully Remote Students

Students who are in the full-remote learning model & currently enrolled in a Keystone related course and/or are current sophomores or freshman who completed a Keystone course in 2020 & would like to participate, must report to their originally assigned homeroom on their schedule by 7:35AM - 10:14AM for testing. These students can continue to participate in-person for the remainder of the school day or these students have the option to arrange for transportation home following the exam.

Students NOT Participating in the Keystone Exam

Students not participating in a Keystone exam have permission to attend school REMOTELY for each corresponding Keystone Subject Testing dates listed above due to the modified schedule.

Keystone Exam Schedule

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>
Literature	Wednesday May 19th & Thursday May 20th
Biology	Monday May 24th & Tuesday May 25th
Algebra	Wednesday May 26th & Thursday May 27th

Please contact your child's assigned school counselor or Assistant Principal, Mr. Fodse with any questions.

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Spring 2021 Keystone Testing Schedule

155 Minute Extended Homeroom / Keystone Testing Bell Schedule

Building Entry / Report to HOMEROOM						7:25 - 7:39	14 Minutes
Homeroom Attendance / Extended Homeroom / Testing Period						7:39 - 10:14 AM	155 Minutes
W	Th	M	Tu	W	Th	10:19 - 10:39	20 Minutes
19th	20th	24th	25th	26th	27th		
Pd. 1	Pd. 2	Pd. 3	Pd. 4	Pd. 1	Pd. 2		
5						10:44 - 11:14	30 Min
6						11:19 - 11:49	30 Min
7						11:54 - 12:24	30 Min
W	Th	M	Tu	W	Th	12:29 - 12:49	20 Minutes
19th	20th	24th	25th	26th	27th		
Pd. 2	Pd. 3	Pd. 4	Pd. 1	Pd. 2	Pd. 3		
W	Th	M	Tu	W	Th	12:54 - 1:14	20 Minutes
19th	20th	24th	25th	26th	27th		
Pd. 3	Pd. 4	Pd. 1	Pd. 2	Pd. 3	Pd. 4		
W	Th	M	Tu	W	Th	1:19 - 1:39	20 Minutes
19th	20th	24th	25th	26th	27th		
Pd. 4	Pd. 1	Pd. 2	Pd. 3	Pd. 4	Pd. 1		
8						1:44 - 2:04	20 Min
9						2:09 - 2:28	19 Min