

Act 158 Presentation

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Act 158

- [Act 158 of 2018](#) (Act 158), signed into law by Governor Tom Wolf on October 24, 2018, provides alternatives to Pennsylvania's statewide requirement of attaining proficiency on the three end-of-course Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Literature, and Biology) for a student to achieve statewide graduation requirements.



Act 158

- Effective with the graduating class of 2023, students have the option to demonstrate postsecondary preparedness through one of four additional pathways that more fully illustrate college, career, and community readiness.
- Keystone Exams will continue as the statewide assessment Pennsylvania uses to comply with accountability requirements set forth in the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Although students will no longer be required to achieve proficiency on the Keystone Exams to meet the statewide graduation requirement, students must take the Keystone Exams for purposes of federal accountability. Failure to do so will affect a Local Education Agency (LEA) and school's participation rate.



Graduation Pathways

- Keystone Proficiency
- Keystone Composite
- Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Alternative Assessment
- Evidenced Based



Keystone Proficiency Pathway

- Students who achieve proficient or advanced scores in the three (3) Keystone Exams administered after a Keystone trigger course
- These exams include:
 - Algebra (8th or 9th grade)
 - Literature (9th grade)
 - Biology (10th grade)



Keystone Composite Pathway

- Students who earn a combined score of at least 4452 on all three exams
 - Students with this minimum combined score must earn at least one proficiency and cannot earn below basic for any of the three Keystone Exams



CTE Pathway

- Students who participate in one of our eight Career and Technical Education Programs and are likely to succeed in the industry-based competency assessment such as the NOCTI



Alternate Assessment Pathway

- [PSAT/NMSQT](#)
 - Score of 970+
 - Measures knowledge in the areas of math & evidenced based reading & writing
 - WAHS administers the PSAT/NMSQT in October to all students in grades 10 & 11
- [ASVAB](#)
 - Score of 31+
 - A Career Aptitude Test
 - Consists of 8 subtests: general science, word knowledge, arithmetic reasoning, paragraph comprehension, mathematics knowledge, electronics information, auto & shop information, & mechanical comprehension.
 - Not a commitment or obligation to a future within the military.
- [SAT](#)
 - Score of 1010+
 - A scholastic aptitude test utilized to measure college & career readiness.
 - Measures knowledge in the areas of math & evidence-based reading & writing.
- [ACT](#)
 - Score of 21+
 - An aptitude utilized to measure college & career readiness.
 - Measures knowledge in the areas of math, reading, writing & science.



Evidenced Based Pathway

One or more of these...

- Attainment of 630 or better on any SAT Subject Test
- Attainment of Silver Level or better on ACT WorkKeys
- Attainment of 3 or better on any AP Exam
- Attainment of 3 or better on any IB Exam
- Successful completion of any concurrent or postsecondary course
- Industry-recognized credentialization
- Acceptance into an other-than-4yr Institution of Higher Education (IHE) for college-level coursework

No more than TWO from these...

- Attainment of Proficient or Advanced on any Keystone Exam
- Successful completion of a service-learning project
- Letter guaranteeing full-time employment or military enlistment
- Completion of an internship, externship, or cooperative education program
- Compliance with NCAA Division II academic requirements



Questions?

Pathways to Graduation

Guide to Meeting Statewide Requirements for High School Graduation

Keystone Proficiency Pathway

Keystone Composite Pathway

CTE Concentrator
Pathway

Alternative Assessment
Pathway

Evidence-Based
Pathway

<https://pdesas.org/Frameworks/DCEToolKit/Act158PathwaysToGraduationToolkit>

