

Biology Keystone Exam FAQ's 12/2013

1. Who must take the test?

*\*Current PHS students who did not receive a score of Proficient or Advanced in last year's Biology Keystone Exam*

*or*

*\*Transfer students who have not previously take the test*

2. When will the test be given?

*\*December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of 2013*

3. What can I do to prepare for the Biology Keystone Test?

*\*You can utilize the following online resources to prepare for the test:*

- a. Study Island- provides lessons, labs, and practice questions that align directly with the Biology Keystone Exam. Read the lessons and go "Practice Mode" to answer questions.*

*Students will be given a list, from their current science teacher, of suggested Study Island Lessons to use for review, based on past Biology Keystone test results. This list reflects test anchors where students scored Basic or Below Basic.(Directions: Login to Study Island and choose the following- PA Programs/Keystone Biology/Biology)*

- b. Pennsylvania Department of Education's PDE SAS website- provides sample test questions of all types.*

*(Directions: Log into <http://www.pdesas.org/> and then select Assessment/Assessment Creator/Select a Course/Biology from the drop down/All question type / Search)*

4. Where can I get additional help?

*\*Parkland High School Website- provides guided instructions on using the above practice websites, along with other supportive materials.*

*(Directions: Log into <http://www.parklandsd.org/phs/> and then select the following: "Parents," "Keystone Exam Information," and "Biology." View the video on "Home" to learn how to navigate the PDE SAS website. View the video on "Biology" to learn how to navigate "Study Island." Additional helpful links are also provided at the bottom of this page)*

*\*See your former Biology Teacher*