

# Keystone Exam Pathways to Proficiency

Graduation Requirements for Class of 2023 and Beyond

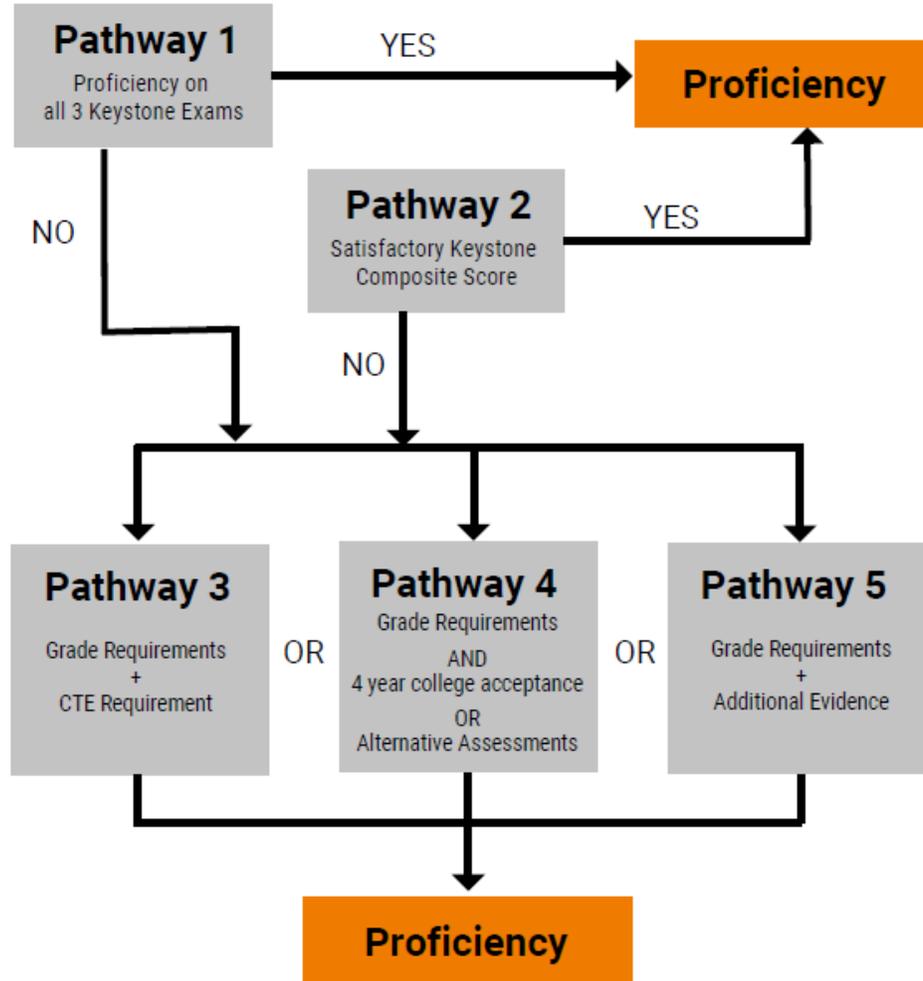
# What is Act 158?

- Started as Senate Bill 1095
- Became law on October 24, 2018
- It shifts Pennsylvania's reliance on high stakes testing as a graduation requirement to other alternatives for high school students to demonstrate readiness for postsecondary success.



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# PATHWAY 1 - Keystone Proficiency

- Proficient or advanced on all three Keystone exams (Algebra I, Literature, and Biology). If this is achieved, the student has met the graduation requirements and will not need to move into another pathway.

# PATHWAY 2 - Keystone Composite

- Proficient or advanced on at least one Keystone exam, AND score at least basic on the other two Keystone exams, AND have a composite score of 4452. If this is achieved, the student has met the graduation requirements and will not need to move into another pathway.

# PATHWAY 3 - Career & Technical Education

- Successfully passed the Keystone subject specific courses of Algebra I, 10th grade Literature, and Biology AND either attains an industry-based competency certification related to the CTE Concentrator's program of study OR demonstrates a high likelihood of success on an approved industry-based competency assessment or readiness for continued meaningful engagement in the CTE Concentrator's program of study.
- **\*These certifications may be attained through the DCTS programs.**

# PATHWAY 4 - Alternative Assessment

Successfully passed the Keystone subject specific courses of Algebra I, 10th grade Literature, and Biology AND one of the following:

- Attain an established score on an approved alternate assessment for each subject where the student did not earn proficiency (AP(3), IB (4)
- Attainment of an established score on an approved alternate assessment (PSAT(970), SAT(1010), ACT(21)), ASVAB
- Successfully complete a concurrent enrollment course in an academic content area associated with each Keystone Exam in which the student did not achieve at least proficiency
- Complete a pre-apprenticeship program or specific career training
- Be accepted into a 4-year nonprofit institution of higher education and have evidence of the ability to enroll in college-level coursework.

# PATHWAY 5 - Evidence Based

- Successfully passed the Keystone subject specific courses of Algebra I, 10th grade Literature, and Biology AND provides three pieces of evidence. One piece of evidence from Tier One and two pieces of evidence from Tier Two.
- **Tier One- One from below**
  - State established score on an SAT subject-specific test (630) or AP Exam (3)
  - Acceptance into an institution of higher education other than a 4 year institution
  - Industry-recognized credential
  - Passing grade in a concurrent enrollment course
- **Tier Two- Two from below**
  - Any additional item from Tier One
  - Service-learning project
  - A proficient or advanced score on a Keystone Exam
  - A letter guaranteeing full-time employment
  - Completion of an internship
  - Completion of NCAA core courses for college-bound athletes with at least a 2.0 GPA

# How are we going to track this?

- It will begin with Keystone Exams
- We will track every graduating class, charting each Pathway option

## What we already offer:

- We administer PSAT Testing to every 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade student.
- We administer the ASVAB test through the CCAC
- We administer AP testing
- We will continue to offer retesting for those students who are on the bubble.
- Students can take a Dual Enrollment course through DCCC or other approved college/university.
- Some Industry base certifications are available through the DCTS.