

BIOLOGY

The Biology Keystone Exam will assess students' mastery of the Biology Assessment Anchors as defined by the Eligible Content and will be aligned to the Concepts and Competencies. The table below shows how the standards will be separated between the two modules on the operational form.

BIOLOGY KEYSTONE EXAM TEST DESIGN FOR STANDARDS

	Module 1	Module 2
Assessment Anchors Covered	Cells and Cell Processes	Continuity and Unity of Life
Number of Eligible Content Covered	16	22

The table below shows the types of questions and number of questions covered in the Biology Keystone Exam operational form.

BIOLOGY KEYSTONE EXAM BREAKDOWN OF QUESTION TYPES

	Module 1		Module 2		Total	
	Multiple-Choice Questions	Constructed-Response Questions	Multiple-Choice Questions	Constructed-Response Questions	Multiple-Choice Questions	Constructed-Response Questions
Number of Operational Questions	24	3	24	3	48	6
Number of Field Test Questions	8	1	8	1	16	2
Total	32	4	32	4	64	8

The table below shows the types of questions and number of points covered in the Biology Keystone Exam operational form.

BIOLOGY KEYSTONE EXAM BREAKDOWN OF POINTS

	Module 1	Module 2
Number of Operational Multiple- Choice Questions	24 questions at 1 point each = 24 points	24 questions at 1 point each = 24 points
Number of Operational Constructed- Response Questions	3 questions at 3 points each = 9 points	3 questions at 3 points each = 9 points
Total Number of Points	33 points	33 points
Percentage of Points for Entire Test	50%	50%

There will be a total of 66 points (Module 1 and Module 2 combined), with approximately 73% multiple-choice points and 27% constructed-response points.

The table below shows the estimated time a typical student would need to complete Module 1 and Module 2 of the Biology Keystone Exam operational form.

BIOLOGY KEYSTONE EXAM ESTIMATED TIME

	Operational Questions	Field Test Questions	Total Questions
Number of Minutes	108	36	144

Each constructed-response question on the Biology Keystone Exam will be scored on a scale ranging from 0–3 points. The student will type the response in narrative format online or write the response in the space provided in the answer book.

LITERATURE

The Literature Keystone Exam will assess students' mastery of the Literature Assessment Anchors as defined by the Eligible Content and will be aligned to the Concepts and Competencies. The table below shows how the standards will be separated between the two modules on the operational form.