



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires all school districts to administer the Pennsylvania Keystone Assessment in Algebra 1, Literature, and Biology. The PA Department of Education (PDE) provides us with the testing window dates, which are **May 13-24, 2025**.

Similar to other school districts in the region, the School District of Haverford Township administers assessments twice a year - one in Winter and another in Spring. Students will take these assessments based on their completion of the required coursework or if they need to retake the test to meet score requirements. The primary objective of these assessments is to ensure that all students meet the Graduation Pathway requirement mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Haverford will be administering the **2025 Spring keystones** during the dates listed below.

Spring Assessment	Dates	Grades
Literature	May 13 & 14, 2025	Grades 10-12
Algebra 1	May 14 & 15, 2025	Grade 8 (paper test)
Algebra 1	May 15 & 16, 2025	Grades 10-12
Biology	May 15 & 16, 2025	Grades 10-12
Make-ups	May 19-24, 2025	

Chapter 4 of the school code provides language and procedures for parents/guardians to opt out of testing due to religious reasons. This process includes signing a confidentiality agreement, reviewing the assessment, and signing an affidavit to the superintendent indicating your religious objection. Please contact your building principal to schedule this process.

Parents/Guardians also have the right of refusal to participate in this assessment process. This request must be provided to the building principal in writing (an email is sufficient), indicating the student's name, grade level, and your refusal to participate in the assessment. Students who do not participate in the Keystone assessment will have a negative impact on the school's participation rate and will be in jeopardy of meeting a graduation pathway. Additional information can be found on the Pennsylvania Department of Education website.



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Additionally, please review these very important [PDE policies linked on our website](#) to understand the state-testing program fully:

- Information for Parents/Guardians (FAQ)
- Code of Conduct for Test Takers
- Use of cell phones/electronic devices
- Pennsylvania Calculator Policy

Assessment scores represent a snapshot of student performance and should not be considered the sole indicator of student achievement. Data obtained from each assessment serves as one tool for planning school programs, designing curriculum and instruction, and providing information to the public.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Christina Carter
Director of Learning & Assessment