

CENTER FOR STUDENT LEARNING CHARTER SCHOOL

ACT 158 PATHWAYS TO GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

CSL Students are required to obtain at least 22 credits to qualify for graduation status.

Additionally, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has required that students successfully meet the requirements of one of the following graduation pathways.

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KEYSTONE PROFICIENCY

IN ADDITION TO THE 22 COURSE CREDITS, STUDENTS MUST SCORE PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED ON ALL 3 KEYSTONE EXAMS - ALGEBRA, BIOLOGY, LITERATURE. THESE EXAMS MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN ANOTHER PA SCHOOL DISTRICT OR THE STUDENT MAY HAVE OBTAINED COMPARABLE SCORES ON ASSESSMENTS FROM OTHER STATES.

02

KEYSTONE COMPOSITE SCORE

IN ADDITION TO THE 22 COURSE CREDITS, STUDENTS MUST SCORE PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED ON AT LEAST ONE KEYSTONE EXAM AND NO LOWER THAN BASIC ON THE OTHER TWO EXAMS WHILE EARNING A COMPOSITE OF 4452 (MEANING ALL SCORES ADDED TOGETHER ARE 4452 OR HIGHER).

03

EVIDENCE BASED

IN ADDITION TO THE 22 COURSE CREDITS, STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE 3 PIECES OF EVIDENCE REGARDLESS OF KEYSTONE EXAM SCORES THAT ARE BELOW PROFICIENT. THERE MUST BE ONE PIECE OF EVIDENCE FROM CATEGORY 1 AND TWO FROM CATEGORY TWO LISTED BELOW.

Category 1

(Must have one)

- a score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam
- acceptance to any accredited nonprofit post-secondary institution and evidence of the ability to enroll in college-level work
- attainment of an industry recognized credential
- successful completion of a Dual Enrollment or post secondary course

Category 2

(Must have two)

- additional items from category 1
- completion of a service-learning project
- scoring proficient or advanced on a Keystone Exam
- a letter guaranteeing full-time employment
- successful completion of an internship or cooperative educational program
- meeting the NCAA Clearinghouse requirements, including a 2.0 GPA

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CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

IN ADDITION TO THE 22 COURSE CREDITS, FOR EACH KEYSTONE EXAM CONTENT AREA IN WHICH A STUDENT ACHIEVES LESS THAN PROFICIENT, THE STUDENT MUST ALSO MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- attain an industry-based competency certification related to the student's CTE program
- demonstrate a high likelihood of success on an approved industry-based competency assessment
- demonstrate readiness for continued meaningful engagement in the area of the CTE program of study

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ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT

IN ADDITION TO THE 22 COURSE CREDITS, FOR EACH KEYSTONE EXAM CONTENT AREA IN WHICH A STUDENT ACHIEVES LESS THAN PROFICIENT, THE STUDENT MUST ALSO MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- score 1010 or higher on the SAT
- score 970 or above on the PSAT
- score 21 or above on the ACT
- attain a composite score of 31 or better on the ASVAB (Armed Forces Qualifying Test)
- score a 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement Exam that is related to the subject of EACH Keystone Exam for which the student did not score proficient or advanced
- successful completion of a concurrent course that is related to the subject of EACH Keystone Exam for which the student did not score proficient or advanced
- successful completion of a pre-apprenticeship program
- earn acceptance to an accredited 4 year nonprofit post secondary institution AND have evidence of the ability to enroll in college-level coursework (non-remedial)
- ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate - Gold Level

ADDITIONAL PATHWAYS

THE PA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ALLOWS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TO EARN A DIPLOMA UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THEIR INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN (IEP) IF THE IEP TEAM DEMONSTRATES AND DOCUMENTS THAT THE PATHWAYS LISTED ABOVE ARE OUTSIDE OF THE SCOPE OF THE STUDENT'S IEP.

OR

THE SUPERINTENDENT CAN GRANT A WAIVER TO STUDENTS AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION FOR A STUDENT WHO IS UNABLE TO MEET ANY OF THE PATHWAYS PRIOR TO GRADUATION.

RESOURCES

CONTACT THE CENTER FOR STUDENT LEARNING IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DIFFERENT GRADUATION PATHWAYS.

345 LAKESIDE DRIVE
LEVITTOWN, PA 19054
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Resource: PDE Statewide High School Graduation Requirements

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/education/programs-and-services/instruction/elementary-and-secondary-education/assessment-and-accountability/graduation-requirements>

