

ELIZABETHTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ELIZABETHTOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL

December 10, 2025

Starting Friday, December 12, all information about Winter Keystone AND Semester 1 Final Exams can be found on our [high school website](#) under *Academics* —> *Keystone Exams* —> *Keystone Exams Center*

Keystone Exams

Starting January 6, 2026, we will begin administering state mandated Keystone Exams in Algebra, Biology, and Literature to students in our tested, or Keystone trigger, classes.

January 6 & 7 Algebra and Literature
January 8 & 9 Biology and any make up exams

Students testing in both Algebra & Literature:

January 6 & 7 Algebra
January 8 & 9 Literature

Students testing in all three subjects:

January 6 & 7 Algebra
January 8 & 9 Biology
January 12 & 13 Literature

Any student currently enrolled in Algebra 1, Biology, or English 10 will be taking the exam during the testing window. Teachers who instruct those classes will be notifying students about the end of course exam as well. Students must take the Keystone Exams for purposes of federal accountability.

- Students who have taken the Algebra or Literature Keystone Exam previously, did not achieve a proficient score, and are currently enrolled in an English or math class may need to retake the exam during this time.
- Students who have taken the Biology Keystone Exam previously and did not achieve a proficient score may be asked to retake the exam. Students will be offered Biology test preparation materials to help review for the exam.

We will be running an adjusted, 2 hours delay schedule to accommodate testing. Bus transportation will run at normal times. Testing students must be in their test locations by 7:40 AM.

- Non-testing students who arrive at school at 7:40 AM may be engaged in a monitored study hall in the Cafeteria or Auditorium until the start of Block 1.
- Non-testing students who are in good standing may arrive at school late on Keystone Exam days, but must provide their own transportation.
- Testing AM CTC students should attend AM CTC, then test in the afternoon as arranged by the test coordinator.
- Testing PM CTC students must be in their test locations by 7:40 AM. They will leave class to attend CTC at their normal time.
- Testing Etown Cyber Students must be in the building and in their test locations by 7:40 AM as arranged by the test coordinator.

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For students **who have not attained proficiency** in all three exams, Act 158 of 2018 outlines Pennsylvania's statewide pathways to graduation. If a student attains proficiency on the three end of course Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Literature, and Biology), they will have achieved the statewide graduation requirement. Act 158 also provides alternatives to the requirement of attaining proficiency on Keystone Exams. Students have the option to demonstrate postsecondary preparedness through one of four additional pathways that more fully illustrate college, career, and community readiness. Those pathways are outlined on our high school website.

Final Exams

Final exams for first semester classes will be Wednesday, January 14 and Thursday, January 15. The last day of the semester is January 16. Second semester classes will begin Tuesday, January 20. Please check your child's Sapphire portal account to view the schedule of Semester 2 classes.

Final Exams are conducted under an open campus format:

- Students are required to attend final exams when scheduled and remain in class for the duration of the block.
- Bus transportation will run at normal times.
- If students remain on campus when they are not scheduled for an exam, they must be in the designated study hall location.
- If students leave campus when they are not scheduled for an exam, they must exit through the main office doors and sign out using the QR code that will be posted at the doors.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Jason D'Amico
Principal

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