

Mifflin County High School Monthly Newsletter



MCHS News

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August 2025

MCHS News is a newsletter from the Principal's office at Mifflin County High School. It is designed to keep parents of high school students informed about events and activities coming up at the high school each month. Teachers submit information that they would like to highlight and make parents aware of and that information will then be included in this monthly publication. For further information, please make sure to visit our website at <http://www.mcsdk12.org/mchs/> or contact the high school office at:

717-242-0240 = Main Office

717-447-2600 = Fax

MCHS Summer Office Hours

7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

2025-2026 Cafeteria Meal Prices at MCHS

High School Lunch	\$3.10
Reduced Price Lunch	\$0.00**
Secondary Breakfast	\$0.00*
Reduced Price Breakfast	\$0.00*
Milk-Skim, 1%, Flavored	\$0.70

*No charge for breakfast through the State's Free Breakfast Initiative

**No charge for reduced-price lunch through the State's Free Lunch for Reduced Eligible Students Initiative

Extra/A-la-carte items are not included in the School Meal. They are sold separately at a-la-carte prices and can ONLY be purchased if a student has funds available in their account or cash to cover the cost at the time of purchase.

New Student Orientation and Back to School Night Dates

New Student Orientation: August 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for incoming 10th grade students and new students in the MCHS auditorium.

Back to School Night: September 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- The full list of upcoming events has been moved to the last page of the newsletter.

A Message From Mr. Campagna

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

It is hard to believe that August has arrived and that in a few short weeks, we will be back in school. I would like to share a couple of important notes with all of you:

1. MCHS Summer Office Hours are Monday-Thursday 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
2. Normal Office Hours will resume the week of August 18. Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
3. Parking passes go on sale on August 4.
4. Students needing a worker's permit should call the high school and ask to speak to a secretary in the Guidance Office.
5. Students will not be able to see their class schedule until August 18.

As a reminder, the first day of school for students will be Monday, August 25, 2025. A few procedural items to keep in mind as we start the school year.

1. Attendance - Students will either scan their ID cards or enter their ID number in the morning at one of the attendance stations at the front of the school.
2. Students must submit a note to the main office prior to leaving the building for all early dismissals. Notes may be submitted during their homeroom/first period class. Failure to provide a note prior to leaving the building for an early dismissal will result in disciplinary action from the office.
3. When writing excuses for absences, please make sure you put your child's full name and grade on the excuse. In addition, I want to remind you that you can email either assistant principal or me with your excuses. Our email addresses are as follows:
 - a. Mr. Campagna - ktc17@mcsdk12.org
 - b. Mrs. Ruble - jmg26@mcsdk12.org
 - c. Mr. Durn - amd05@mcsdk12.org
4. Students will be reporting to homeroom on August 25, 26, and 27. Students will report there before the 8:10 a.m. bell.

Please enjoy the final days of summer vacation. I am very excited to see all of the students and staff on August 25th. Please don't hesitate to call (717-242-0240) or email (ktc17@mcsdk12.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Kelly T. Campagna
Principal

Schedule for Academy Students

Session 1		Session 2	
8:10-9:10	Period 1 at MCHS	8:10-9:10	Period 1 at MCHS
9:10-9:20	Travel to Academy	9:14-10:05	Period 2 at MCHS
9:20-11:40	Academy Classes	10:09-11:00	Period 3 at MCHS
11:40-12:10	Lunch at Academy	11:04-11:55	Period 4a at MCHS
12:10-12:25	Travel to MCHS	11:55-12:10	Travel to Academy
12:29-1:20	Period 5b at MCHS	12:10-12:40	Lunch at Academy
1:24-2:15	Period 6 at MCHS	12:40-3:00	Academy Classes
2:19-3:10	Period 7 at MCHS	3:00-3:10	Travel to MCHS

From the Guidance Office

Act 158 - Pennsylvania Pathways to Graduation: Please review the attached documents regarding Act 158 Graduation requirements. Should you have any questions regarding the requirements please contact your student's school counselor.

Student Schedules: Family Access opens on August 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Course Drop/Add Deadline – Friday, August 29: Students have until **Friday, August 29** to drop or add an online course. Please note: **students are not in school that day** due to an Act 80 day, so any changes must be discussed with your school counselor **before August 29**. Don't wait—start the conversation early to make sure your schedule is set for success!

AP Exam Reimbursement: AP Scores will be available to students beginning on Monday, July 7th. They will get an email at the email address they provided in their My AP Account. Reimbursement forms for test scores of 3 or better are due in the Guidance office by **August 29, 2025**. Students will have to provide proof of their scores to receive reimbursement. Forms are available at MCHS if needed.

SAT Exam: The SAT will be held at MCHS on August 23. The registration deadline is August 8. Students can register online at www.collegeboard.org. The cost of the SAT is \$68. Students who qualify for free/reduced price lunches need to see their school counselor about a possible fee waiver. The SAT is now a digital test. Students can speak with their school counselor if they need to use a school laptop to take the exam. Please speak with your school counselor with additional questions.

ACT Exam: The ACT Exam will be held at MCHS on September 6. The registration deadline for that exam is August 1, and the late registration deadline is August 19. Students can register online at www.actstudent.org. The cost of the ACT is \$68. MCHS only offers a paper/pencil ACT exam. Please speak with your school counselor with additional questions.

PSAT Exam: The PSAT exam will be offered at MCHS on October 21 to 10th and 11th grade students. Students will register with the Guidance Office for that exam. Additional information will be given to 10th and 11th grade students in homerooms on the first day of school and posted on the MCHS website by the end of the first week of school.

Class Dues: Students are required to pay class dues (\$10.00 per academic year) if they attend any of the dances at Mifflin County High School (Sadie's, Homecoming, Senior Dinner Dance, Prom). Dues are collected when a student purchases his or her ticket to the dance. Dues are **separate** from the price of the dance ticket. The dues are paid once a year--\$10.00 per year, NOT per dance. They can also be paid for an entire high school career--\$30.00 in total for all three years of high school. If your student does not plan on attending any of the dances during their high school career, dues are **not** required. Class dues can be paid in the guidance office.

Please check with your child's school counselor if you have any questions.

- Miss Stefanie Gilbert: srg09@mcsdk12.org; last names A-G
- Mrs. Bridget Kennington: blk28@mcsdk12.org; last names H-P
- Mrs. Brenna Goulstone: blg@mcsdk12.org; last names Q-Z

From the Alpha Program

Alpha Program Enrollment: Students wishing to enroll in Alpha courses for the start of the school year must do so prior to the end of the day on Thursday, August 7th. Contact your school counselor to begin the process.

Stay Connected with the Alpha Program: Follow the Alpha Online Program on Facebook for important updates, student highlights, tips for success, and more! Whether you're full-time online or exploring hybrid options, our page is the place to stay informed and inspired. Follow us at **MCSD Alpha Program**.

Alpha Course Drop/Add Deadline – Friday, August 29: Students enrolled in the Alpha Online Program have until **Friday, August 29** to drop or add an online course. Please note: **students are not in school that day** due to an Act 80 day, so any changes must be discussed with your school counselor **before August 29**. Don't wait—start the conversation early to make sure your schedule is set for success!

Athletic News

- Senior Citizen, Active Military and Veteran Free Athletic Passes can be obtained at the MCHS Main Office. Passes are good for life.
- Check out the Athletics website for the most up to date information regarding Sports information.
- Get the most up-to-date athletic information on our athletic website and by following ArbiterLive!
- Check out our MC Athletics Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MiffcoAthletics>, and follow us on Twitter @MCHuskySports for the most up-to-date information regarding MC Athletics.
- Many sponsorship opportunities are available to support your MC Huskies! Please contact the athletic office for more information.

Upcoming Athletic Events

- **August 4** - Practice begins for Football and Golf
- **August 11** - First official day of Fall Sports Practices
- **August 13** - Multiple Sports Facilities Open House - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **August 22** - First Home Football Game at Donald M. Chapman III Stadium on Kish Bank Field vs Central Mountain! Theme is Black Out. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. Absolutely NO parking on Sixth Street. Online ticket purchases are highly recommended. Hudl Ticket link can be accessed on the athletics website.
- **August 26** - Boys and Girls Soccer Youth Night at Chapman Stadium on Kish Bank Field: Boys at 5:30 and Girls at 7:00
- **August 26** - Marcal Paper Field dedication between JV and Varsity Field Hockey games - 7:00 p.m.

From the Nurse's Office

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As your student prepares for the final years of high school, please note the following PA Department of Health school health requirements:

11th Grade Physical Examination: The school nurse will accept a private physical examination completed during the student's sophomore year, a sports pre-participation physical, driver's license physical (DL-180 Form), or a private physical examination completed by the student's healthcare provider. Private Physician Physical forms can be picked up in the nurse's office or obtained on the MCSD website (Student/Parents > Nurses > Forms & Policies > Private Physician Physical Form). Submitted physicals should not be dated prior to September 1, 2022. Physicals should be submitted to the school nurse by May 15, 2025.

12th Grade Meningococcal Vaccination (MCV): Prior to the 2025-2026 school year, every student entering 12th grade must have one dose of the MCV (meningococcal vaccination) by the first day of 12th grade. **This dose is in addition to the one required for 7th grade and must be given after the student turns 16 years old. Students in the Alpha program are also required to obtain this immunization.** If the student is not compliant with immunization requirements or appropriately exempted prior to the start of their senior year, the student will be excluded from school on September 3, 2025, and after until either compliance is documented, or an appropriate exemption is submitted.

Please submit physical exam forms and immunization documentation to the school nurse.

Medications at School:

If your child requires daily prescription, over-the-counter, or as needed medication during school hours, a new physician order must be submitted to the school nurse EACH school year before the school nurse may administer medications at school.

According to state guidelines and MCSD policy, students may only self-carry an Epipen, asthma inhaler, and diabetic supplies if a physician order is on file in the nurse's office.

Students are NOT permitted to carry any other medications on their person during school hours. This includes cough drops, medicated creams, eye drops, or anything used for medicinal purposes.

Any medication that is required to be taken at school MUST be transported to and from school by a parent/guardian or designated adult and accompanied with a physician's order. Medications must be in a labeled bottle or original packaging from the pharmacy. Parents or designated adults are required to sign medications into the nurse's office at drop-off.

Other Medical Accommodations:

If your child has asthma, food allergies, or other life-threatening allergies requiring the use of antihistamines or an Epipen, please submit an asthma action plan, allergy action plan or food allergy form signed by your child's physician.

These forms may be found on the mcsdk12.org website > Students/Parents > Nurses > Forms & Policies.

These forms need to be submitted annually to the nurse's office.

Mandated Health Screenings:

State mandated health screenings for hearing, vision, and growth are scheduled for November 17-20, 2026. Please ensure your child attends school during this time and has prescribed glasses, contacts, or hearing aids.

Please contact Mrs. Grabill, School Nurse, if you have any questions about medications.

Brittney Grabill MSN RN

Mifflin County High School

Email: brg27@mcsdk12.org

Phone: 717-242-0240, Option 6

Student Assistance Program (SAP)

The MCHS Student Assistance Program (SAP) Team is a group of professionals dedicated to helping to identify and assist students who may be struggling with life issues that are interfering with school performance. The SAP team consists of teachers, administrators, school counselors, social workers, nurses, and representatives from community agencies who have been specially trained to work with students and make appropriate referrals. This help is provided in a completely non-disciplinary way.

Based on the diverse needs of our students, this process may include an interview with a member of the SAP team, a counseling group, or individual counseling with the school-based therapist or social worker. Services may include academic support; behavior management; drug and alcohol education, prevention, assessment and treatment through Clear Concepts; anger management; mental health assessment through the Youth Advocate Program; conflict resolution, or involvement in community agencies. All SAP-related services are free and confidential. A parent or guardian must sign a permission for SAP services. Any student, parent, or teacher may make a referral. If you have concerns for a MCSD student in grades K-12, please contact an administrator, school counselor, or school nurse.

Mifflin County School District School Board Policy 105.1

Mifflin County School District School Board Policy 105.1 requires annual notification to parents/guardians and students that parents/guardians and students have an opportunity to review instructional materials and have access to information about the curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials and assessment techniques. Requests to review instructional materials and access information about the curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials and assessment techniques should be made by submitting a written request to the building principal.

Mifflin County School District School Board Policy 110

The building principal will be responsible to ensure that no student in the school is denied participation in any school program for financial reasons and that the privacy of each student is protected.

The principal will use the guidelines of the free and reduced price lunch program to determine the ability of students to provide necessary school supplies.

Parents/Guardians must complete the Application For Instructional Supplies and submit required documentation when requesting free instructional supplies for students. Please contact the principal for more information and to request the application.

Complaint Procedures - 906

Mifflin County High School is committed to maintaining a positive and responsive school environment. If you have a concern or complaint about Board policy and procedures, programs, personnel, operations or facilities, concerns should be addressed directly with the teacher, staff member or administrator involved. Many issues can be resolved through open and respectful communication. More information on complaint procedures is provided in Policy 906 of the MCSD Policy Manual.

Mifflin County School District Policy and School Board Information

Please visit the Mifflin County School District website for information regarding Board Policies, Agendas, and Minutes. Information on this site also includes the current school board members and school board meeting dates. Please visit the following link <https://www.mcscdk12.org/school-board/>.

Upcoming Dates 2025-26 School Year

- August 11 - New Student Orientation - 6:00 p.m.
- August 15 - Band Camp - Marching Band Performance - Time TBD
- August 20 - Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students
- August 21 - Act 80 Day
- August 22 - Teacher Work Day
- August 23 - SAT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- August 25 - First Day for Students
- August 29 - Act 80 Day
- September 1 - Labor Day - No School for Students
- September 6 - ACT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- September 9 - Back to School Night - 6:00 p.m.
- October 4 - SAT exam - 8:00 a.m.
- October 13 - Act 80 Day
- October 21 - PSAT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- October 23 - ASVAB Testing - 8:00 a.m.
- November 8 - SAT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- November 11 - Veterans' Day – No School for Students
- November 12 - Senior Show - 7:00 p.m.
- November 13 - Senior Show - 7:00 p.m.
- November 17 - Vision and Hearing Screenings at MCHS
- November 18 - Vision and Hearing Screenings at MCHS
- November 19 - Vision and Hearing Screenings at MCHS
- November 20 - Vision and Hearing Screenings at MCHS
- November 25 - Evening Parent Conferences
- November 26 - No School for Students – Teachers Dismiss @ 11:30 a.m. (AM Parent Conferences - Elementary, AM Inservice - Secondary)

- November 27 through December 1 - Thanksgiving Vacation - No School for Students
- December 1 - Designated Make-Up Day #1
- December 7 - Holiday Choral Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- December 13 - Benefit Concert with Lewistown Community Band - 3:00 p.m.
- December 14 - Winter Band Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- December 22 through January 4 - Christmas Vacation - No School for Students
- January 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School for Students - Designated Make-Up Day #2
- January 30- Act 80 Day
- February 7 - Sadie Hawkins Dance - 7:00 p.m.
- February 13 - Act 80 Day
- February 14 - ACT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- February 16 - Presidents' Day – No School for Students – Designated Make-Up Day #3
- February 20 - Drama Club Presents "The Addams Family" - 6:00 p.m.
- February 21 - Drama Club Presents "The Addams Family" - 6:00 p.m.
- February 22 - Drama Club Presents "The Addams Family" - 1:00 p.m.
- February 27 - Drama Club Presents "The Addams Family" - 6:00 p.m. (Snow Date)
- February 28 - Drama Club Presents "The Addams Family" - 6:00 p.m. (Snow Date)
- March 1 - Drama Club Presents "The Addams Family" - 1:00 p.m. (Snow Date)
- March 13 - Act 80 Day
- March 14 - SAT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- April 3 - Good Friday - No School for Students
- April 6 - Easter Break - No School for Students Designated Make-Up Day #4
- April 25 - MCHS Prom 7:00 p.m.
- May 2 - SAT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 3 - Spring Band Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- May 4 - Biology AP Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 5 - Chemistry AP Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 5 - U.S. Government and Politics AP Exam - 12:00 p.m.
- May 6 - English Literature and Composition AP Exam - 8 a.m.
- May 7 - Statistics AP Exam - 12:00 p.m.
- May 8 - Studio Art AP Exam - 8:00 p.m.
- May 10 - MCHS/MCJH Spring Choral Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- May 11 - Keystone Literature Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 11 - Calculus AB AP Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 11 - Calculus BC AP Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 12 - Keystone Literature Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 12 - Psychology AP Exam - 12:00 p.m.
- May 13 - Keystone Exam Make-up date - 8:00 a.m.
- May 13 - English Language and Composition AP Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 13 - Physics C: Mechanics AP Exam - 12:00 p.m.
- May 14 - Keystone Algebra Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 14 - Computer Science Principles AP Exam - 12:00 p.m.
- May 14 - Thespian Induction - 6:30 p.m.
- May 15 - Keystone Algebra Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 15 - Computer Science A AP Exam - 12:00 p.m.
- May 15 - MCSD Jazz Concert - 7:00 p.m.
- May 18 - Keystone Exam Make-up date - 8:00 a.m.
- May 19 - Keystone Biology Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 20 - Keystone Biology Exam - 8:00 a.m.

- May 21 - Keystone Exam Make-up date - 8:00 a.m.
- May 22 - Keystone Exam Make-up date - 8:00 a.m.
- May 25 - Memorial Day – No School for Students
- May 29 - Last Day of School for Students (Weather Pending) - Commencement Grades K-7 dismiss @ 12:15 PM Grades 8-12 dismiss @ 12:30 PM
- May 30 - Commencement - Back-Up Date - 6:00 p.m.
- June 1 - Teacher Workday - Designated Make-Up Day #5

2025-2026 SAT TEST LOCATIONS

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Test Center & Code</u>
8/23/2025	8/8/2025 Late Registration 08/12/2025	Mifflin County HS - 39-391 State College HS - 39-670
9/13/2025	8/29/2025 Late Registration 09/02/2025	Altoona HS - 39-116 State College HS - 39-670
10/4/2025	9/19/2025 Late Registration 09/23/2025	Mifflin County HS-39-391 Juniata HS - 39-421 State College HS - 39-670
11/8/2025	10/24/2025 Late Registration 10/28/2025	Mifflin County HS-39-391 Altoona HS - 39-116
12/6/2025	11/21/2025 Late Registration 11/25/2025	Altoona HS - 39-116
3/14/2026	2/27/2026 Late Registration 03/03/2026	Mifflin County HS-39-391 Juniata HS - 39-421 State College HS - 39-670
5/2/2026	4/17/2026 Late Registration 04/21/2026	Mifflin County HS - 39-391 Altoona HS - 39-116 State College HS - 39-670
6/6/2026	5/22/2026 Late Registration 05/26/2026	Altoona HS - 39-116 State College HS - 39-670

Students will register online at www.collegeboard.org

The SAT is now a digital exam. Students can use their school issued or personal devices to test.

Please see instructions regarding downloading the Bluebook app at www.collegeboard.org.

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Cost of SAT*

SAT Regular registrations \$68.00

Late registrations add \$38.00

*Students who qualify for free/reduced price
lunches should see their school counselor about a
fee waiver.

2025-2026 ACT TEST LOCATIONS

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Test Center & Code</u>
9/6/2025	8/1/2025 Late Registration 08/19/2025	Mifflin County HS-249-270
2/14/2026	1/9/2026 Late Registration 01/23/2026	Mifflin County HS-249-270

Students will register online at actstudent.org.

The ACT is offered as either a digital test or a paper/pencil test.

Cost of ACT*

ACT registration (no writing) \$65

Late registration add \$38

ACT registration (with writing) \$90

Late registration add \$38

*Students who qualify for free/reduced price lunches should see their school counselor about a fee waiver.

Pennsylvania Pathways to Graduation

Keystone Proficiency Pathway *Numeric or Non-Numeric Scores*

Algebra I
Proficient or Advanced

Biology
Proficient or Advanced

Literature
Proficient or Advanced

Keystone Composite Pathway *Numeric Scores Only*

At least 1 Keystone Exam scaled score is
1500 or Greater

No Keystone Exam score is
Below Basic

The Keystone Exam 3-score composite is
4452 or Greater
The Keystone Exam 2-score composite is
2939 or Greater
(where eligible under §121.1)

CTE Concentrator

Meet locally established, grade-based requirements for Keystone content in which the student is less than Proficient

CTE Concentrator

1 Artifact from pathway criteria

Alternative Assessment

Meet locally established, grade-based requirements for Keystone content in which the student is less than Proficient

Alternative Assessment

1 Artifact from pathway criteria

Evidence-Based Pathways

Meet locally established, grade-based requirements for Keystone content in which the student is less than Proficient

Evidence-Based

3 Artifacts from pathway criteria

Waiver

A student in 12th grade, or experiencing extenuating circumstances, who meets locally established grade-based requirements for Keystone content area(s) in which the student is less than proficient, and is unable to satisfy the requirements of a graduation pathway may be granted a waiver by the chief school administrator.

Individualized Education Plan

A student with a disability who is unable to satisfy pathway requirements but who satisfactorily completes a special education program is granted a diploma under Title 22 §4.24.

Pathway Criteria

CTE Concentrator	Alternative Assessment	Evidence-Based
1 Artifact	1 Artifact	3 Artifacts consistent w/student goals ONE or more from Section One No more than TWO from Section Two
<p>Industry-based competency certification</p> <hr/> <p>Likelihood of industry-based competency assessment success</p> <hr/> <p>Readiness for continued engagement in CTE Concentrator program of study</p>	<p>Attainment of one alternative assessment score or better: ACT (21), ASVAB AFQT (31), PSAT/NMSQT (970), or SAT (1010)</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of Gold Level or better on ACT WorkKeys</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of 3 or better on AP Exam(s) related to each Keystone content area in which less than Proficient</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of 4 or better on IB Exam(s) related to each Keystone content area in which less than Proficient</p> <hr/> <p>Successful completion of concurrent enrollment course(s) related to each Keystone content area in which less than Proficient</p> <hr/> <p>Successful completion of a pre-apprenticeship program</p> <hr/> <p>Acceptance into accredited, non-profit Institution of Higher Education (IHE) 4yr program for college-level coursework</p>	<p>Section 1</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of 630 or better on any SAT Subject Test</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of Silver Level or better on ACT WorkKeys</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of 3 or better on any AP Exam</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of 3 or better on any IB Exam</p> <hr/> <p>Successful completion of any concurrent enrollment or postsecondary course</p> <hr/> <p>Industry-recognized credentialization</p> <hr/> <p>Acceptance into accredited, non-profit Institution of Higher Education (IHE) for college-level coursework in an other-than-4yr program</p> <hr/> <p>Section 2</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of Proficient or Advanced on any Keystone Exam</p> <hr/> <p>Successful completion of a service-learning project</p> <hr/> <p>Letter guaranteeing full-time employment or military enlistment</p> <hr/> <p>Completion of an internship, externship, or cooperative education program</p> <hr/> <p>Compliance with NCAA Division II academic requirements</p>

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February 2, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In 2018, Act 158 was signed into law outlining state graduation requirements and the ways in which Keystone Exams factor into these requirements. State graduation requirements are effective for students in the Classes of 2023 and beyond. In order to graduate from high school, students must meet all local graduation requirements related to credits and coursework along with the state requirements outlined in Act 158. Students must meet one of Pennsylvania's five pathways outlined below to earn a diploma and demonstrate career and/or college readiness.

ACT 158 – State Graduation Pathways

For students graduating in 2023 and beyond, the following pathway options exist to meet state graduation requirements:

- **Keystone Proficiency Pathway:** Scoring proficient or advanced on all three Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Literature, and Biology)
- **Keystone Composite Pathway:** Earning a satisfactory three composite score (4452) on the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone Exams (while achieving at least one proficient/advanced score and no score of below basic on the remaining two) OR, earning a non-numeric Proficient on a Keystone Exam and attain a satisfactory composite score of 2939 on two of the three Keystone Exams (must score proficient on one of two exams and no less than basic on other one)
- **Alternate Assessment Pathway:** Successful completion of locally established, grade-based requirements for academic content areas associated with each Keystone Exam (i.e. passing final course grades in Algebra I, Biology, and English 10) and one of the following:
 - Attainment of an established score on an approved alternate assessment:
 - SAT (1010), PSAT (970), ACT (21), ASVAB (31)
 - Gold Level on the ACT WorkKeys Assessment
 - Attainment of 3 or better on an Advanced Placement Program exam in an academic content area associated with each Keystone Exam on which the student did not achieve at least a proficient score

- Successful completion of a concurrent enrollment course (college dual enrollment class) in an academic content area associated with each Keystone Exam in which the student did not achieve at least a proficient score
 - Successful completion of a pre-apprenticeship program
 - Acceptance in an accredited 4-year nonprofit institution of higher education and evidence of the ability to enroll in college-level coursework
- **Evidence Based Pathway:** Successful completion of locally established, grade-based requirements for academic content areas associated with each Keystone Exam (i.e., passing final course grades in Algebra I, Biology, and English 10) and demonstration of three pieces of evidence consistent with the student's goals and career plans, including:
 - ONE or more of the following:
 - Attainment of 630 or better on any SAT Subject Area Test
 - Attainment of Silver Level on the ACT WorkKeys assessment
 - Attainment of 3 or better on any Advanced Placement Program Exam
 - Acceptance to an other-than-4-year Institution of Higher Education (IHE) for college-level coursework
 - Attainment of an industry-recognized credential
 - Successful completion of any concurrent enrollment or postsecondary course
 - And no more than TWO additional pieces of evidence from the following:
 - Satisfactory completion of a service-learning project
 - Attainment of a score of proficient or advanced on any Keystone Exam
 - Letter guaranteeing full-time employment or military enlistment
 - Successful completion of an internship or cooperative education program
 - Satisfactory compliance with the NCAA's Division II academic requirements
 - **Career and Technical Education Pathway:** Career and Technical Education (CTE) Concentrators (Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology Students): Successful completion of locally established, grade-based requirements for academic content areas associated with each Keystone Exam (i.e., passing final course grades in Algebra I, Biology, and English 10) and ONE of the following:
 - Attainment of an industry-based competency certification
 - Demonstration of the high likelihood of success on an industry-based competency assessment
 - Readiness for continued engagement in the CTE Concentrator's program of study

School counselors will be working closely with each student to review and help students decide which pathway is best to meet this state-wide graduation requirement.

Please do not hesitate to call the school and make an appointment to speak with your child's counselor if you have questions about Act 158 and/or your student's pathway to graduation.

Sincerely,

Kelly T. Campagna
Principal