

# Mifflin County High School Monthly Newsletter



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# MCHS News

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**MCHS News** is a newsletter from the Principal's office at Mifflin County High School. It is designed to keep parents/guardians 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/guardians 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

## **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.

## **A Message From Mr. Campagna**

**Graduation Date Approved by the MCS D School Board** - Pending no additional cancellations, the MCHS Class of 2026 Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 29, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. on Kish Bank Field at Donald M. Chapman III Stadium.

In the event of inclement weather on Friday evening, the ceremony will be postponed to Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the same location.

If weather conditions also prevent holding the ceremony outdoors on Saturday, the commencement ceremony will be moved indoors to the MCHS Gymnasium, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Families will receive notification of any schedule changes through SKYLERT.

## From the Guidance Office

**AP Exams:** From the College Board, all AP exams will be offered either fully digital or as a hybrid digital exam. Students will be testing in computer labs or on laptops during their designated testing time. For morning exams, students must be at the testing location by 8:00 a.m. Students who are running late risk being charged a late fee and having to take the exam during the late window. For afternoon exams, students must arrive at the testing location by 11:45 a.m. Students are not excused until the exam is complete; this may be after the 3:10 p.m. bell depending on the length of the exam. AP Reimbursement Forms will be given to the students during AP Exams. Students will need to score a 3 or better to request reimbursement.

**Keystone Exams:** Students will be taking all Literature, Biology, and Algebra keystones digitally this year. Students will be testing on laptops and in computer labs. Please make sure your student has his or her laptop during these exams. Please see attached documents with more information regarding Keystone Exams.

**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.

**MCHS Local Scholarships:** The Mifflin County High School local scholarships are being posted in the MCHS Guidance Office weekly. Seniors are encouraged to visit the Guidance Office regularly to see what scholarships they qualify and can apply for.

**May SAT Exam:** The May SAT will be offered at MCHS on May 2. The registration deadline for that test is April 17. Students interested in taking the SAT should register online through [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). Remember that the SAT is now a digital exam.

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

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## MCHS Prom

**Tickets are on sale NOW until April 17th.** Tickets are \$30/person and can only be paid for with cash or check. Class dues MUST be paid in order to purchase tickets. Tickets will be sold in the mornings before 8am and during all lunches at the high school. Please see Mrs. Clancy-Burns in Room B214 with any questions!

**WIN FREE PROM TICKETS!:** Students can enter the PBIS raffle to win a pair of prom tickets. The raffle will be pulled for 3 winners on April 17th. (If a student enters and wins the raffle but has already paid for prom tickets, he or she will receive a full refund.)

### IMPORTANT INFO:

**Guests:** Students bringing a guest from outside Mifflin County High School MUST complete a guest form for their guest. The guest form needs to include a copy of a photo ID for the guest. Guest forms are due back by April 17th.

**Vehicle Promenade:** 5-6:00 p.m. (It will end PROMPTLY at 6:00 p.m. This event may be viewed by the public.)

- Vehicles will enter the front of the high school from the *Sentinel* side and drive through to the Student Parking Lot. Vehicles will then park in the Student Parking Lot. Students will gather there and wait for the beginning of the Promenade.
- If you will be driving an exotic vehicle or a vehicle not approved for the road, you will need to provide proof that you are licensed to drive the vehicle.

**Promenade:** 6-7:00 p.m. (This event may be viewed by the public.)

- Promenade will begin once the Vehicle Promenade has ended. Students will walk in front of the high school, starting from the Student Parking Lot and they will enter the school through the area next to the gym.

**Prom:** 7-11:00 p.m. (This event is NOT open to the public.)

- Prom begins at 7:00 p.m. There will be a photo booth, DJ, food trucks, coffee bar, desserts, dancing, yard games, raffles, formal portraits, and the crowning of the Senior King & Queen and the Junior Prince & Princess!

**After-Prom Party at YMCA:** 10:30 p.m. - 5:00 a.m. (This event is NOT open to the public.)

There is an After-Prom Party sponsored by multiple community groups. It will be held at the Juniata Valley YMCA in Burnham from 10:30 p.m. - 5 a.m. There will be swimming, rock climbing, bumperball, board games, food, volleyball, Twin Kiss milkshakes, a mechanical bull, and more. Permission slips to attend the After-Prom Party will be available during prom ticket sales and may be handed in to Mrs. Clancy-Burns. Any juniors or seniors that do not attend prom but would like to attend the After-Prom Party are more than welcome but will need a permission slip signed. Any non-MCHS guests that were brought to prom (and had approved guest forms) are also welcome to attend the After-Prom Party but will ALSO need their own permission slip signed.

## Athletic News

- May 18<sup>th</sup> in the MCHS Auditorium will be our collegiate/military recognition night for all athletes continuing their athletic/military careers. We will begin at 6:00 pm.
- The Husky Club All-Sports Recognition Night will be May 19<sup>th</sup> in the MCHS Auditorium beginning at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.
- Senior Citizen, Active Military and Veteran Free Athletic Passes may be obtained at the MCHS Main Office. Passes are good for life.
- MCSD Students will receive free admission to all MCSD HOME events for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 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.

## Student Parking Reminder

Parents and students are reminded to notify someone in the office or email Officer Greene if they forget their student parking pass, with the vehicle make, model and color they are driving. Failure to do so could result in a parking ticket. Students are also reminded that student parking passes must be visible and displayed on the rearview mirror or dashboard. Failure to do so could result in a parking ticket. Parking passes are available through Mr. Durn for \$50. Starting March 1st, parking passes are \$30. There are a limited supply of parking passes due to the construction. If you have any questions, you may contact Officer Greene at 717-242-0240 ext. 2599.

## Music Department News

**All State Choir:** The following students from MCHS qualified for the P.M.E.A. All-State Choir festival this year. The students will rehearse at Bangor High School and be lodged at the Camelback Resort in Mount Pocono. The guest conductor is Dr. Brian Winnie from Western Illinois University. The final concert will be held at the Kalahari Resort in the Kilimanjaro Ballroom on Friday, April 24 at 5:00 p.m. Congratulations to Cora Hartzler, Ava Kelly, and Max Persing.

**Spring Choral Concert:** The annual choral spring concert will be held Sunday, May 10 at 3:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. It will feature Concert Choir, Cantare and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir. The concert is free and open to the public.

## **2025–2026 Yearbook Preorder Information**

The Mifflin County High School 2025–2026 yearbook preorder sale is now closed. Please note that the yearbook sale is now inventory only and first come first serve. Once the extra quantity ordered has been sold, sales online and in person will end. Prices of the yearbook are currently set at \$70.00. Yearbooks may be ordered online at [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com) or by turning in a completed order form and payment to Mr. Riden in Room A316.

Important Note: Students who participated in the yearbook fundraiser must order with a paper form and cannot place orders online.

### Important Yearbook Dates & Prices

- 1/30/2026: Final count of the school yearbook order demand was placed (all sales are now limited to remaining inventory).
- 5/2/2026: Last day for Online Orders

Questions may be directed to Mr. Riden in Room A316 or by email at [dmr57@mcsdk12.org](mailto:dmr57@mcsdk12.org).

## **MCHS Caring Closet**

The Caring Closet is a school-based resource designed to help students in need. It provides essentials such as nonperishable food, hygiene products, seasonally appropriate clothing as well as formal attire. The goal is to support student well being and reduce barriers to learning. Students can access the Caring Closet discreetly and respectfully.

### **Hours of Operation are:**

Caring Closet: Monday through Friday at any time

Caring Closet Food Pantry: Fridays from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

## **From the Nurse's Office**

**Mrs. Brittney Grabill MSN, RN – Certified School Nurse**

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**Mrs. Joy Moist LPN**

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medication Forms were handed out during Homeroom on the first few days of school. If your child did not return a signed OTC Medication Form, the nurse's office is unable to provide your child OTC medication at school. Students may ask for new OTC Medication Forms in the nurse's office if needed.

If your child requires medication not provided on the OTC Medication Form, **ALL** other medication or items used for medicinal purposes requires an order from a licensed healthcare provider. A new physician or provider order must be resubmitted to the school nurse **EACH** school year before the school nurse can administer medications at school.

According to PA medication guidelines for schools, the **ONLY** medications that students may carry and self-administer are EpiPen autoinjectors, asthma inhalers, and diabetic supplies. *These three medications may only be self-carried and self-administered if a current 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 or school-sponsored activities. This includes cough drops, antibiotics, medicated creams and ointments, eye drops, or any items used for medicinal purposes.**

**Any medication that is required to be administered at school must be transported to and from school by a parent, guardian, or designated adult and accompanied with a physician order.**

Prescription medications must be in a labeled prescription bottle. OTC medication should be in sealed, new packaging. No more than a 30-day supply will be stored in the nurse's office. All medications will be counted with the parent or designated adult.

Please make arrangements with Mrs. Grabill RN or Mrs. Moist LPN before delivering medication to MCHS. Front Office Staff are unable to accept medication from parents. Please call or email the MCHS School Nurses with questions regarding medications.

### **Mandated Health Screenings**

The PA Division of School Health requires annual health screenings for school age students.

**Growth, vision, and hearing screenings are scheduled at MCHS on November 17 through November 20, 2025.** Please ensure your child attends school during this time and is wearing prescribed glasses, contacts, or hearing aids.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Private Physical Examination:** The school nurse will accept a private physical examination completed during the student's sophomore year, a sports pre-participation physical, a driver's license physical (DL-180) 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 homepage (Student/Parents > Nurses > Forms & Policies > Private Physician Physical Form).

Submitted physicals should not be dated prior to September 1, 2024. Physicals should be submitted to the school nurse's office by May 15, 2026.

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV):** *Prior to your child's senior year, every student over the age of 16 years is required to have a dose of the MCV for entry into 12<sup>th</sup> grade.*

**This dose is in addition to MCV given for entry into 7<sup>th</sup> grade.** All incoming seniors enrolled in MCSD (including Alpha students) are required to submit proof of vaccination prior to their senior year. Religious and medical exemptions are also accepted.

***Parents and guardians of 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, please make arrangements to have your child's 12<sup>th</sup> grade MCV completed this school year if your child is 16 years or older. Please submit proof of immunization or exemptions to the nurse's office prior to your child's senior year August 31, 2026. If your child is not compliant with immunization requirements or appropriately exempt prior at the start of their senior year (2026 – 2027), the student will be excluded from school on September 9, 2026.***

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Mobile Dental Clinic – April 28, 2026 & October 29, 2026**

See the School Nurse for consent forms and information.

## **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.

## **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.mcjdk12.org/school-board/>.

## Upcoming Dates 2025-26 School Year

- April 2 - Field Trip: Drama Club to New York City
- April 3 - Good Friday - No School for Students
- April 6 - Easter Break - School Now In Session from January 27, 2026
- April 6 - Severe Weather Drill - 10:00 a.m.
- April 7 - Field Trip: Spanish Club to Harrisburg
- April 10 - Field Trip: Art Club - Museum and Garden
- April 15 - Field Trip: TSA to Seven Springs for TSA State Conference
- April 16 - Field Trip: TSA to Seven Springs for TSA State Conference
- April 17 - Field Trip: TSA to Seven Springs for TSA State Conference
- April 18 - Field Trip: TSA to Seven Springs for TSA State Conference
- April 22 – All State Choir at Kalahari Convention Center
- April 23 – All State Choir at Kalahari Convention Center
- April 24 – All State Choir at Kalahari Convention Center
- April 25 - MCHS Prom 7:00 p.m. - Vehicle Promenade begins at 5:00 p.m.
- April 30 - Field Trip: LES Chemistry Carnival
- May 1 - Field Trip: LES Chemistry Carnival (Rain Date)
- 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 - Field Trip: Eco Day
- May 8 - Studio Art AP Exam - 8:00 p.m.
- May 9 – MiniTHON Beat Cancer Block Party – 11:00 am to 3:00 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 19 – Academy Graduation Practice in the Auditorium – 12:30 p.m.
- May 19 – Husky Club Awards Night - 6:00 p.m.
- May 20 - Keystone Biology Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 20 – Laptop Collection – Period 7 in Homerooms

- May 20 – The Academy Graduation / Awards Night– 7:00 p.m.
- May 21 - Keystone Exam Make-up date - 8:00 a.m.
- May 21 – Senior Grades Due – 3:30 p.m.
- May 21 – Spring Art Show / Senior Showcase – 5:00 p.m.
- May 22 - Keystone Exam Make-up date - 8:00 a.m.
- May 22 – MCHS Awards Assembly – Periods 1-3
- May 25 - Memorial Day – No School for Students
- May 26 – Locker Cleanout – Period 1
- May 26 – Senior Class Meeting – Period 6
- May 27 – Indoor Graduation Practice (Main Gym) – 8:30 a.m.
- May 27 – Baccalaureate Program (Main Gym) – 7:00 p.m.
- May 28 – Outdoor Commencement Practice – 9:00 a.m.
- May 29 – Outdoor Commencement Practice – 9:00 a.m.
- May 29 - Last Day of School for Students (Weather Pending) - Commencement Grades K-7 dismiss @ 12:15 p.m. Grades 8-12 dismiss @ 12:30 p.m.
- May 30 - Commencement - Back-Up Date - 6:00 p.m.
- June 1 - Teacher Workday - Designated Make-Up Day #5



Dear Parent/Guardian:

In an era of cell phones, smartphones and other electronic devices which can easily photograph and instantly share photographs, confidential and secure test materials can be easily compromised. Not only is it expensive to replace a compromised test item, the material contained in the PSSA and Keystone Exams is copyrighted property of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Copying or duplicating the material from the assessment, including the taking of a photograph of secure assessment material, is a violation of the federal Copyright Act. Penalties for violations of the Copyright Act may include the cost of replacing the compromised test item(s) or fines of no less than \$750 up to \$30,000 for a single violation (17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.).

In order to ensure reliable test results and to avoid the cost of replacing test items, the Department of Education requires schools to set rules and take certain steps to protect test materials. Electronic devices such as but not limited to cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, smart glasses, E-readers, Nooks, Kindles, iPods, tablets, camera-ready devices, and any other electronic device which can be used to photograph or duplicate test materials, access the internet and/or communicate with others during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams are not permitted in any testing site. Please speak with your child and let your child know that the possession and/or use of a cell phone or other electronic device during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams will result in consequences.

You will be contacted by the school if your child is discovered using and/or having a cell phone or other unapproved electronic device during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams. Students who ignore this directive will be subject to the school's discipline policy and the Department of Education's requirement that the student's test will not be scored and the student will be required to retake the entire exam. The electronic device will be held by school staff, and the device's stored photographs and other functions will be examined with your permission. You may request to be present when the electronic device is examined. If a photograph of the PSSA or Keystone Exam is discovered or if permission to search other functions of the electronic device is refused, the device will be held by the school staff. The Pennsylvania Department of Education holds the copyright to all material contained within the PSSA and Keystone Exams, the Pennsylvania Department of Education will be contacted and further action may be taken.

If, after testing is complete, it is discovered that a student used and/or had a cell phone or other unapproved electronic device during the administration of the test, the school's discipline policy will be followed and the student's test will not be scored.



Estimado padre o tutor:

En una era de teléfonos celulares, teléfonos inteligentes y otros dispositivos electrónicos que fácilmente pueden tomar y compartir fotografías de manera instantánea, los materiales de evaluación seguros y confidenciales se pueden poner en peligro con facilidad. No solo es costoso reemplazar las preguntas de examen que se han puesto en peligro, sino que el material de los Exámenes PSSA y Keystone son propiedad del Estado de Pennsylvania protegida por los derechos de autor. Copiar y duplicar el material de la evaluación, incluyendo la toma de fotografías de material de evaluación seguro, es una violación a la ley federal de derechos de autor. Las sanciones por violaciones a la Ley de derechos de autor pueden incluir el costo del reemplazo de la o las preguntas de la prueba que se han expuesto, o multas no menores a \$750 y hasta de \$30,000 por una sola violación (17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*).

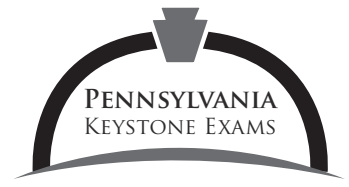
Para asegurar resultados confiables de la prueba y evitar el costo de reemplazar preguntas, el Departamento de Educación requiere que las escuelas establezcan reglas y tomen ciertas medidas para proteger los materiales de la prueba. Durante los Exámenes PSSA o Keystone no se permiten en ningún sitio de evaluación dispositivos electrónicos tales como, pero sin limitarse a teléfonos celulares, teléfonos inteligentes, relojes inteligentes, lentes inteligentes, lectores electrónicos (E-readers), Nooks, Kindles, iPods, tabletas, dispositivos con cámara y cualquier otro dispositivo electrónico que se pueda usar para fotografiar o duplicar materiales de la prueba, para entrar a la Internet y/o para comunicarse con otras personas. Por favor, hable con su hijo y hágale saber que tener y/o utilizar un teléfono celular o algún otro dispositivo electrónico durante los Exámenes PSSA Keystone, puede tener consecuencias.

Si se descubre que su hijo usa o tiene un teléfono celular o algún otro dispositivo electrónico no autorizado durante los Exámenes PSSA o Keystone, la escuela se comunicará con usted. Los estudiantes que ignoren esta disposición estarán sujetos a la política disciplinaria de la escuela y al requisito del Departamento de Educación de que no se califique la prueba del estudiante y que se exija al estudiante volver a tomar todo el examen. Personal de la escuela confiscará el dispositivo electrónico y revisará con su autorización las fotografías almacenadas y otras funciones del dispositivo electrónico. Usted puede solicitar estar presente cuando se examine el dispositivo electrónico. Si se descubre una fotografía del Examen PSSA o Keystone, o si se niega el permiso para revisar otras funciones del dispositivo electrónico, el aparato será retenido por el personal de la escuela. El Departamento de Educación de Pennsylvania tiene los derechos de autor de todo el material contenido en los Exámenes PSSA y Keystone, se contactará al Departamento de Educación de Pennsylvania y es posible que se tomen otras medidas.

Si después de completado el examen se descubre que un estudiante usó y/o tenía un teléfono celular u otro dispositivo electrónico no autorizado durante la administración de la prueba, se cumplirá con la política de disciplina de la escuela y no se calificará el examen del estudiante.

# Information for Parents or Guardians

## Pennsylvania Keystone Exams



### What are the Keystone Exams?

The Keystone Exams are end-of-course assessments designed to evaluate proficiency in academic content. Beginning with the class of 2022–2023, students must demonstrate proficiency on the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone Exams to graduate or fulfill one of the other pathways provided to graduate. Students will be offered multiple opportunities to take the keystones throughout their high school career.

### Who will participate in the Keystone Exams?

In 2012–13, the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone Exams replaced the 11th-grade Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA) in math, reading, and science for purposes of student, educator, and school accountability. Students should take the Keystone Exams at or near the end of a Keystone-related course. The students' results are banked until their junior year for accountability purposes and until their senior year for graduation purposes. Some students who previously completed a Keystone-related course but did not take the Keystone Exam will also participate for accountability purposes. All students who take a Keystone Exam may retake the exam.

### When will the exams be offered?

The Keystone Exams will be administered three times each year—winter, spring, and summer. Specific administration dates will be published by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

### Who decided what Keystone Exams should measure?

Groups of educators from across Pennsylvania chose the areas of knowledge on which the Keystone Exams are based. The groups included teachers, supervisors, curriculum directors, and college specialists. Other groups of Pennsylvania educators also reviewed, edited, and approved exam questions.

### What is assessed on the Keystone Exams?

Pennsylvania adopted the Pennsylvania Core Standards, standards aligned with expectations for success in college and the workplace. The keystones are designed to measure these standards.

### How long is a Keystone Exam administration?

There is no time limit for a student to complete a Keystone Exam. Each Keystone Exam should take the typical student two to three hours to complete. There are two modules on each test, and each module (or Test Session) of the Keystone Exam should take one to 1.5 hours to complete. Districts can administer the Keystone Exam modules across two days or divided across the morning and the afternoon of the same day.

### What are the available formats for administering the Keystone Exams?

The Keystone Exams are available in an online format. Districts will be using the online format for the administration and for makeup exams.

### Will students have an opportunity to experience online testing before taking a Keystone Exam online?

Tutorials and online training programs have been developed for the Keystone Exams. The PA Online Assessment Student Tutorial uses pictures, motion, and sound to present visual and verbal descriptions of the properties and features of the PA Online Assessment system. Students are allowed to repeat the Student Tutorial as often as desired and needed. The Online Tools Training (OTT) provides an introductory experience using the PA online assessment software allowing students to observe and try out features of the PA online assessment software prior to the actual assessment. Within the OTT, students also have the opportunity to practice typing responses in a narrative format, graphing functions, interacting with technology-enhanced questions, and entering equations using an equation builder tool. The online exam also has a "Help" feature that is available to the student during the exam.

## **What types of questions are on the Keystone Exams?**

The Keystone Exams will include multiple-choice, technology-enhanced, and constructed-response, or open-ended, questions. For each Keystone Exam, approximately 60 percent to 80 percent of the total score will be from multiple-choice and technology-enhanced questions and 20 percent to 40 percent of the total score will be from constructed-response questions.

## **How are the written responses to constructed-response questions scored?**

The written responses for constructed-response questions are scored by evaluators trained in applying a pre-determined scoring system. Scores are based on content only. Spelling and punctuation are not included as part of the scoring process. Most constructed-response questions require students to show their work or explain their reasoning. These Keystone Exam questions will ask students to explain, analyze, describe, or compare. Some questions will also require students to perform calculations or create graphs, plots, or drawings.

## **How are the results reported?**

Keystone Exam scores will be processed as quickly as possible and provided to the districts.

Two copies of the individual student report for all Keystone Exams will be sent to the school districts and charter schools. One copy should be sent home to parents/guardians; the other is kept by the school/district.

School-level reports will be used for curricular and planning purposes. School districts and charter schools may publish the results of Keystone Exams for each school. The state will also release school-by-school exam data.

## **May parents see the Keystone Exams?**

Parents and guardians may review the Keystone Exams if they believe they may be in conflict with their religious beliefs by making arrangements with the School Test Coordinator. Confidentiality agreements must be signed, and no copies of the Keystone Exams or notes about exam questions will be permitted to leave the school.

If, after reviewing the Keystone Exams, parents or guardians do not want their child to participate in one or all of the exams due to a conflict with their religious beliefs, they may write a letter indicating they have a religious objection to the school district superintendent or charter school CAO to request their child be excused from the exam(s).

## **Report Testing Irregularities**

Parents/guardians who believe that a testing irregularity may have occurred may email [ra-edirregularities@pa.gov](mailto:ra-edirregularities@pa.gov) to report the incident.

**For additional information about the Keystone Exams, visit the PDE website at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/education/programs-and-services/instruction/elementary-and-secondary-education/assessment-and-accountability/keystone-exams> or contact your school district.**



## Información para padres o tutores

### Exámenes Keystone de Pennsylvania

#### ¿Qué son los Exámenes Keystone?

Los Exámenes Keystone son evaluaciones de final de curso diseñados para evaluar el dominio del contenido académico. A partir de la clase de 2022-2023, los estudiantes para graduarse deben demostrar dominio en los Exámenes Keystone de Álgebra I, Literatura y Biología o cumplir con uno de los otros planes ofrecidos. A los estudiantes se les ofrecerán varias oportunidades para tomar los Exámenes Keystone a lo largo de sus estudios en la escuela secundaria.

#### ¿Quién participará en los Exámenes Keystone?

En los años 2012-2013, los exámenes Keystone de Álgebra I, Literatura y Biología reemplazaron las pruebas de matemáticas, lectura y ciencias del Sistema de Evaluación Escolar de Pennsylvania (PSSA, por sus siglas en inglés) del 11.º grado para contabilización del rendimiento de estudiantes, educadores y escuelas. Los estudiantes deben hacer los Exámenes Keystone al finalizar o cuando están próximos a finalizar un curso relacionado con Keystone. Los resultados de los estudiantes se acumulan hasta el tercer año (en inglés, *junior year*) para su contabilización y hasta el cuarto año (en inglés, *senior year*) para la graduación. Algunos de los estudiantes que ya hayan completado algún curso relacionado con Keystone pero que no hayan tomado el Examen Keystone también participarán para fines de contabilización. Todos los estudiantes que tomen un Examen Keystone podrán volver a tomar el examen.

#### ¿Cuándo se ofrecerán los exámenes?

Los Exámenes Keystone se administrarán tres veces cada año: en invierno, en primavera y en verano. El Departamento de Educación de Pennsylvania publicará las fechas específicas de administración.

#### ¿Quién decidió qué deben medir los Exámenes Keystone?

Grupos de educadores de toda Pennsylvania escogieron las áreas de conocimiento en las cuales se basan los Exámenes Keystone. Los grupos incluyeron a maestros, supervisores, directores de planes de estudio y especialistas universitarios. Otros grupos de educadores de Pennsylvania también revisaron, editaron y aprobaron las preguntas de los exámenes.

#### ¿Qué se evalúa en los Exámenes Keystone?

Pennsylvania adoptó los Estándares Fundamentales de Pennsylvania (en inglés, *Pennsylvania Core Standards*), que son estándares alineados con las expectativas de éxito en la universidad y en el lugar de trabajo. Los Exámenes Keystone están diseñados para medir estos estándares.

#### ¿Cuánto tiempo dura la administración de un Examen Keystone?

No hay un límite de tiempo para que un estudiante termine un Examen Keystone. Cada Examen Keystone debería tomarle al estudiante típico entre dos y tres horas. Hay dos módulos en cada evaluación y cada módulo (o Sesión de evaluación) del Examen Keystone debería completarse en una a 1.5 horas. Los distritos pueden administrar los módulos del Examen Keystone a lo largo de dos días o dividirlos en la mañana y la tarde del mismo día.

#### ¿Cuáles son los formatos disponibles para administrar los Exámenes Keystone?

Los Exámenes Keystone están disponibles en un formato en línea. Los distritos utilizarán el formato en línea para la administración y para los exámenes de recuperación.

#### ¿Los estudiantes tendrán una oportunidad de experimentar una prueba en línea antes de presentar un Examen Keystone en línea?

Se han desarrollado tutoriales y programas de capacitación en línea disponibles para los Exámenes Keystone. El tutorial para estudiantes sobre las evaluaciones en línea de PA (*PA Online Assessment Student Tutorial*) usa ilustraciones, movimiento y sonido para presentar las descripciones visuales y verbales de las propiedades y características del sistema de evaluación en línea de PA. Los estudiantes podrán repetir el tutorial tantas veces como lo deseen y necesiten. La Capacitación sobre herramientas en línea (por sus siglas en inglés, OTT) brinda una experiencia introductoria con el uso del software de evaluaciones en línea de PA, y permite a los estudiantes observar y probar sus funciones antes de la evaluación propiamente dicha. Dentro de la OTT, los estudiantes también tienen la oportunidad de practicar cómo escribir respuestas en un formato narrativo, cómo graficar funciones interactuar con preguntas enriquecidas con tecnología, y cómo ingresar ecuaciones usando la herramienta de construcción de ecuaciones. El examen en línea también tiene una función de "Ayuda" que está disponible para el estudiante durante el examen.

## ¿Qué tipos de preguntas hay en los Exámenes Keystone?

Los Exámenes Keystone incluirán preguntas de respuesta múltiple, enriquecidas con tecnología y preguntas de desarrollo o abiertas. En cada Examen Keystone, aproximadamente entre el 60 por ciento y el 80 por ciento de la puntuación total corresponderá a las preguntas de respuesta múltiple y a las enriquecidas con tecnología, y entre 20 y 40 por ciento, a las preguntas de desarrollo.

## ¿Cómo se evaluarán las respuestas escritas a las preguntas de desarrollo?

Las respuestas escritas para las preguntas de desarrollo son calificadas por evaluadores capacitados en la aplicación de un sistema predeterminado de puntuación. Las puntuaciones están basadas en el contenido solamente. La ortografía y la puntuación no están incluidas como parte del proceso de calificación. La mayoría de las preguntas de desarrollo exigen que los estudiantes muestren su trabajo o expliquen su razonamiento. Estas preguntas del Examen Keystone pedirán a los estudiantes que expliquen, analicen, describan o comparen. Algunas preguntas también requerirán que los estudiantes hagan cálculos o elaboren gráficas, esquemas o dibujos.

## ¿Cómo se informan los resultados?

Las puntuaciones de los Exámenes Keystone se procesarán tan pronto como sea posible y se informarán a los distritos.

Se enviarán dos copias del informe individual del estudiante para todos los Exámenes Keystone a los distritos escolares y escuelas charter. Una copia se deberá enviar a los padres/tutores y la otra la conservará la escuela/distrito.

Los informes de la escuela se usarán para fines curriculares y de planificación. Los distritos escolares y las escuelas charter pueden publicar los resultados de los Exámenes Keystone de cada escuela. El estado también publicará información sobre los exámenes por escuela.

## ¿Los padres pueden ver los Exámenes Keystone?

Los padres y tutores pueden revisar los Exámenes Keystone, si consideran que pueden estar en conflicto con sus creencias religiosas, haciendo arreglos con el Coordinador Escolar de Pruebas. Se deberán firmar acuerdos de confidencialidad y no se permitirá que copias de los Exámenes Keystone o notas sobre las preguntas del examen salgan de la escuela.

Si después de revisar los Exámenes Keystone los padres o tutores no quieren que sus hijos participen en uno o todos los exámenes debido a un conflicto con sus creencias religiosas, pueden escribir una carta en la que especifiquen su objeción al superintendente del distrito escolar o al Jefe Administrativo (por sus siglas en inglés, CAO) de la escuela charter para solicitar que su hijo sea eximido de la obligación de hacerlos.

## Reportar irregularidades en los exámenes

Los padres o tutores que crean que pudo haber ocurrido una irregularidad en los exámenes pueden enviar un correo electrónico a [ra-edirregularities@pa.gov](mailto:ra-edirregularities@pa.gov) para reportar el incidente.

**Para más información acerca de los Exámenes Keystone, visite el sitio web del PDE at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/education/programs-and-services/instruction/elementary-and-secondary-education/assessment-and-accountability/keystone-exams> o contacte a su distrito escolar.**

**Mifflin County High School**  
2025-2026 Testing Dates

<b>CDT</b>	
BOY ELA/Science/Math	Testing Window September 8-October 10
MOY ELA/Science/Math	Testing Window December 2-January 29
EOY ELA/Science/Math	Testing Window March 16-May 15

<b>SAT Exam</b>	<b>PSAT Exam</b>
August 23, 2025	October 21, 2025
October 4, 2025	
November 8, 2025	<b>ACT</b>
March 14, 2026	September 6, 2025
May 2, 2026	February 14, 2026
<b>ASVAB Testing</b>	
October 23, 2025	

<b>AP Exams</b>		
Biology	Monday, May 4, 2026	8:00am
Chemistry	Tuesday, May 5, 2026	8:00am
United States Government and Politics	Tuesday, May 5, 2026	12:00pm
English Literature and Composition	Wednesday, May 6, 2026	8:00am
Statistics	Thursday, May 7, 2026	12:00pm
Studio Art	Friday, May 8, 2026	8:00pm
Calculus AB	Monday, May 11, 2026	8:00am
Calculus BC	Monday, May 11, 2026	8:00am
Psychology	Tuesday, May 12, 2026	12:00pm
English Language and Composition	Wednesday, May 13, 2026	8:00am
Physics C: Mechanics	Wednesday, May 13, 2026	12:00pm
Computer Science Principles	Thursday, May 14, 2026	12:00pm
Computer Science A	Friday, May 15, 2026	12:00pm

<b>2026 Keystone Exams</b>		
Literature	May 11-12	Makeup date – May 13
Algebra	May 14-15	Makeup date – May 18
Biology	May 19-20	All Makeups – May 21-22