

# 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.

## **Summer Office Hours**

- Friday, June 5, 2026 - Offices Closed
- Beginning June 5, 2026, the office hours at Mifflin County High School will be Monday to Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## A Message From Mr. Campagna

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

It is very hard to believe that we are entering the final weeks of this 2025-2026 school year. Please see the information below regarding important dates in May. Along with these important dates, I have attached a calendar for our seniors and their families to reference. It contains important dates and information for our graduates as we approach the end of the school year and the end of their high school journey. Please pay close attention to the details of the end-of-year calendar. To participate in commencement activities, our seniors must meet several requirements and obligations. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Congratulations to the students, parents, and families of our 2026 graduating class at Mifflin County High School!

Upcoming events in May:

- May 3 = Band Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- May 10 = Choral Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- May 14= Thespian Induction - 6:30 p.m.
- May 15 = MCSD Jazz Festival - 7:00 p.m.
- May 19 = Husky Club Awards Night - 6:00 p.m.
- May 20 = Laptop Collection - Period 7
- May 20 = The Academy Graduation / Awards Night - 7:00 p.m.
- May 21= Art Show - 5:00 p.m.
- May 22 = Awards Assembly - Periods 1-3

Here are the Dates for Graduation Events:

- May 26= Seniors' Last Day (caps and gowns distributed to seniors) - Period 6
- May 27 = Indoor Graduation Practice (8:00 a.m. in the Main Gym)
- May 27 = Baccalaureate - (7:00 pm in the Main Gym)
- May 28 = Outdoor Graduation Practice (9:00 a.m. at Chapman Stadium)
- May 28 = Outdoor Graduation Practice (9:00 a.m. at Chapman Stadium)
- May 29 = Last Day of School For Students - Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.
- May 29 = Graduation Ceremony (6:00 p.m. at Chapman Stadium)
- May 30 = Graduation (rain date)

Please don't hesitate to call (717-242-0240) or email ([ktc17@mcsdk12.org](mailto:ktc17@mcsdk12.org)) if you have any questions or concerns.

Kelly T. Campagna  
Principal

**Graduation Date Approved by the MCSD 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.

#### **AP Exam and Keystone Testing Dates in May:**

- Please see the attached list of testing dates.
- Please see the attached information regarding our students taking the Keystone Exams.

Parents and/or guardians are an important partner in ensuring that all students are successful. Therefore, please consider the following as your student prepares for the AP and/or the Keystone Exams:

#### **Preparing for Testing**

- Note test dates on your home calendar and schedule appointments on non-testing days.

#### **Preparing for Testing Day**

- See that your child is rested and eats breakfast.
- See that your child arrives at school on time and is relaxed.
- Encourage your child to do the best work possible.
- Do not send your child to school if they are ill.

**Keystone Exam** - Please review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Electronic Device Letter for Keystone testing. These documents are attached. Below is the Keystone Exams testing window.

- May 11– Keystone Exam: Literature
- May 12 – Keystone Exam: Literature
- May 13 – Keystone Exam: Makeup Session
- May 14 – Keystone Exam: Algebra
- May 15 - Keystone Exam: Algebra
- May 18 – Keystone Exam: Makeup Session
- May 19 – Keystone Exam: Biology
- May 20 – Keystone Exam: Biology
- May 21- Keystone Exam: Makeup Session
- May 22 - Keystone Exam: Makeup Session

**Laptop Collection Day** - We will collect laptops on May 20 in the afternoon during Homeroom (Period 7). All students will report to their homerooms at the end of the day, and teachers will look over each computer and then check it in. We are keeping laptops in classrooms so they are available for student use from May 20 through the end of the year. We are collecting them this early to give students time if they are unable to turn them in on the due date, and to avoid billing them after May 29. Please speak with your students about this and make sure they are prepared to turn them in on May 20.

## **From the Guidance Office**

**AP Exams:** From the College Board, all AP exams will be offered either fully digital or in a hybrid format. 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 exam's length. AP Reimbursement Forms will be distributed to students during the AP Exams. Students must score a 3 or higher to request reimbursement.

**Keystone Exams:** Students will take all Literature, Biology, and Algebra Keystone Exams 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 the attached documents for more information on the 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 a ticket to the dance. Dues are separate from the price of the dance ticket. The dues are paid once a year — \$10.00, NOT per dance. They can also be paid for an entire high school career — \$30.00 total for all three years. If your student does not plan to attend any dances during his or her 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 for and can apply for.

**May SAT Exam:** The May SAT will be offered at MCHS on May 2. The registration deadline for that test was 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.

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

## **Athletic News**

- Fall Sports Registration will open May 1. Check out the athletics website for registration information.
- May 18 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 p.m.
- The Husky Club All-Sports Recognition Night will be on May 19 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 1, parking passes are \$30. There is 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.

## **Spring Choral Concert**

The annual choral spring concert will be held on Sunday, May 10, at 3:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. It will feature Concert Choir, Cantare, and 8th 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-served. Once the additional quantity ordered is sold, sales online and in person will end. The yearbook's price is 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 using a paper form and cannot place online orders.

### 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 that helps students in need. It provides essentials such as nonperishable food, hygiene products, seasonally appropriate clothing, and 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**

### **MCHS School Nurse**

Mrs. Brittney Grabill MSN, RN – Certified School Nurse

Email: brg27@mcsdk12.org

Phone: 717-242-0240, Extension 8509

**\*During the summer months, please email Mrs. Grabill as office hours are limited.**

Mrs. Joy Moist, LPN

Email: jml45@mcsdk12.org

Phone: 717-242-0240, Extension 8518

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 with OTC medication at school. Students may request new OTC Medication Forms from 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 require 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 must be administered at school must be transported to and from school by a parent, guardian, or designated adult and must be accompanied by a physician's 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.

**If your child has medication stored in the nurse's office, please plan to pick up the medication by the last day of school, by 3 p.m. (May 29, 2026). Medication that is not picked up by a parent/guardian or designated adult will be destroyed.**

## Upcoming 2026-2027 School Year

### 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, 2026.** Please ensure your child attends school during this time and is wearing prescribed glasses, contacts, or hearing aids.

### 11th 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, 2025. Physicals should be submitted to the school nurse's office by May 15, 2027.*

### 12th 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 12th grade. This dose is in addition to the MCV required for entry into 7th grade.***

***If your child is not compliant with immunization requirements or appropriately exempt before the start of their senior year (2026 – 2027), the student will be excluded from school on September 9, 2026.***

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 11th-grade students, please make arrangements for your child's 12th-grade MCV to be 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 by August 31, 2026.*

***Notices will continue to be mailed home during the summer months if the school nurse does not have proof of immunization or an appropriate exemption on file for your child. During the summer, please email Mrs. Brittney Grabill, RN, with questions regarding immunization compliance for your incoming senior.***

### Mobile Dental Clinic – October 29, 2026 & April 30, 2027

Dental Forms will be sent home with Homeroom Packets during the first few days of school. Please return completed forms to the MCHS School Nurse's Office.

### 11th Grade School Physicals – March 2027

School physicals are conducted by our school physician, Dr. C. Cooper, to fulfill the 11th-grade physical requirements. Permission forms will be sent home in January 2027 if you have not submitted your child's 11th-grade physical examination. School physicals are conducted in the nurse's office, are non-invasive, and last approximately 10 minutes.

### **Return to School Summer Preparation**

**1<sup>st</sup> Day for Students is August 31, 2026**

- **All medication orders must be renewed each school year. Before the start of the new school year, please request new medication orders from your child's healthcare provider. Medication forms can be faxed to 717-447-2694, ATTN: School Nurse. **Students may not self-carry an asthma inhaler, diabetic supplies, or EpiPen unless a physician's order is on file in the nurse's office.****
- If your child has a physician's letter on file for a medical condition or diagnosis, please have your physician renew your child's letter for the new school year and include attendance parameters.

### **Student Assistance Program (SAP)**

The MCHS Student Assistance Program (SAP) Team is a group of professionals dedicated to identifying and assisting 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 form for SAP services. Any student, parent, or teacher may make a referral. If you have concerns for an 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, address it 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.mcsdk12.org/school-board/>.

## Upcoming Dates 2025-26 School Year

- 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

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April 23, 2026

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

**Keystone Exams:** Students will be taking all Literature, Biology, and Algebra Keystone Exams digitally this year. Students will be testing on laptops and in computer labs. Please make sure your student has their laptop during these exams. Seniors do not participate in the Keystone Exam.

**Keystone Literature Schedule:** Due to the large number of students taking the Keystone Literature Exam (May 11-12), a modified schedule will be used for each day. We will run the 2 Hour Delay Schedule. **ALL STUDENTS, EXCEPT CO-OP AND FLEX LATE ARRIVAL STUDENTS, ARE STILL REQUIRED TO REPORT TO SCHOOL BEFORE 8:10 AM.** Students who are taking the Keystone Literature Exam will test in their designated testing rooms until 10:10 AM. Students who do not take the Keystone Literature will report to their homerooms for study hall until 10:10 AM. Once testing concludes at 10:10 AM, all students will follow the 2 Hour Delay Schedule. Testing for the Keystone Literature Exam will occur on May 11-12, 2026.

**CO-OP Students and Flex Late Arrival Students:** CO-OP Students and Flex Late Arrival Students will follow the 2 Hour Delay Schedule as they would on a day with a weather delay. CO-OP Students shall make arrangements in advance with their employers regarding any schedule changes on May 11-12, 2026.

May 11-12, 2026 – Keystone Literature Exam (Grade 10)

- 2 Hour Delay Schedule Bell Schedule
- Any student who does not have a CO-OP or Flex Late arrival schedule will arrive before 8:10 AM.
- Testers will report directly to their designated location. All other students will report to their homerooms.
- **CO-OP Students and Flex Late Arrival Students:** Follow the weather delay schedule.

May 14-15, 2026 – Keystone Algebra Exam (Grade 10-11)

- Normal bell schedule

May 19-20, 2026 – Keystone Biology Exam (Grade 10-11)

- Normal bell schedule

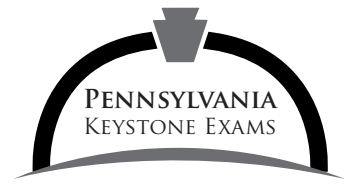
Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions about the testing schedule.

Mr. Campagna  
Principal

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# 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.**



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.

## Class of 2026 Calendar—End of Year

April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Period 1	Senior Meeting (auditorium)
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 pm	Academy Graduation Practice (Auditorium)
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Awards Ceremony for the Academy (MCHS)
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	3:30 pm	SENIOR GRADES ARE FINALIZED
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Period 1-3	Awards Assembly
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	4-8:30 pm	Senior Picnic (MC Junior High Field)

### EVENT/PRACTICE TIMES

May 26 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 pm	Senior Meeting/Seniors Last Day All DEBTS MUST BE paid by 8:00 AM No more Make-up Work/Grades Complete
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am-noon	**Baccalaureate/ <b>Indoor</b> Commencement Practice (MCHS Gym)
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	BACCALAUREATE Program (MCHS Gym)
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am-noon	**Commencement Practice (Kish Bank Field) <b>Rain</b> Location is the MCHS GYM
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am-noon	**Commencement Practice (Kish Bank Field) <b>Rain</b> Location is the MCHS GYM
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	COMMENCEMENT (Kish Bank Field) Students report to location at <b>5:15 pm</b>
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Rain Date for Commencement

**\*\* EVENT IS MANDATORY. ABSENCE FROM PRACTICE WILL PREVENT YOU FROM WALKING AT GRADUATION (Bring your cap to ALL practices)**

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

<b>CDT/Firefly Benchmark Assessment</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