

## Pennsylvania Department of Education Pathways to Graduation (ACT 158)

In addition to the 26 credits and Senior Project required by Rockwood Area School District, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has enacted new requirements for graduation. These requirements provide 5 distinct pathways to meet graduation requirements. Students must successfully meet the requirements of ONE of the five pathways outlined below.

### Graduation Pathway 1

<b><u>Keystone Proficiency Pathway</u></b> <i>Graduation Pathway 1 is met with a student scores Proficient or Advanced on each Keystone Exam</i>		
<b>Advanced or Proficient</b> in Algebra 1	<b>Advanced or Proficient</b> in Biology	<b>Advanced or Proficient</b> in Literature

- By the end of a student's junior year, he/she will take each Keystone Exam (Algebra, Biology, & Literature) By at least 3 times in an attempt to score advanced or proficient.
- If a student scores basic or below he/she will participate in core support, pre-core support or a combination of both.
- If a student does not earn advanced or proficient after 3 tries, he/she will move to Graduation Pathway 2

### Graduation Pathway 2

<b><u>Keystone Composite Pathway</u></b> <i>Graduation Pathway 2 is met when a combination of scores equals the criteria listed below</i>	
3 Score Composite	2 Score Composite
At least one numeric score must be Proficient or Advanced	At least one numeric score must be Proficient or Advanced
No numeric score can be Below Basic	No numeric score can be Below Basic
Numeric composite score of 4452 or higher	Numeric composite score of 2939 or higher

### Graduation Pathway 3

<b><u>Career &amp; Technical Education Pathway</u></b> <i>The student meets locally established, grade-based requirements for Keystone content in which the student is less than Proficient</i>
<b>Students who fall under this pathway would need to meet ONE of the following..</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attainment of an Industry-Based Competency Certification related to the CTE Cocentrator's program of study OR</li> <li>• Demonstrate the likelihood of success on approved industry-based competency assessment OR</li> <li>• Demonstrate the readiness for continued engagement in Career and Technical Education Concentrator program of study</li> </ul>

## Graduation Pathway 4

### **Alternative Assessment Pathway**

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

Students who fall under this pathway would need to meet ONE of the following..

- **Attainment of established score on one of the approved alternative assessments:**
  - ★ **ACT:** Score of 21 or higher
  - ★ **ACT WorkKeys NCRC:** Gold Level
  - ★ **ASVAB AFQT:** Composite Score of 31 or higher
  - ★ **PSAT/NMSQT:** Score of 970 or higher
  - ★ **SAT:** Score of 1010 or higher
  - ★ **Advanced Placement (AP) Exam:** Score of 3 or higher for each Keystone Exam content area in which the student achieved less than Proficient
  - ★ **International Baccalaureate (IB) Program Exam:** Score of 4 or better for each Keystone Exam content area in which the student achieved less than Proficient
- **Successful Completion of a concurrent enrollment course for each Keystone Exam content area in which the student achieved less than Proficient**
- **Acceptance into a 4 year institution of Higher Education for college-level coursework**
- **Successful completion of a pre-apprenticeship program**

## Graduation Pathway 5

### **Evidence-Based Pathway**

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

Students who fall under this pathway would need to meet 1 piece of evidence from category one AND at least 2 piece of evidence from category two

#### **Category One (must have 1 piece of evidence)**

- Attain a 630 or better on any SAT Subject Test
- Attain Silver Level or better on ACT WorkKeys
- Attain score of 3 or higher on any AP Exam
- Attain score of 3 or higher on any IB Exam
- Attain Industry-recognized credentialization
- Successful completion of any concurrent or postsecondary course
- Acceptance into an other- than- 4 year Institution of Higher Education for college-level coursework

#### **Category Two**

#### **(must have 2 pieces of evidence)**

- Attain of Proficient or Advanced on any Keystone Exam
- Successful completion of a service-learning project
- A letter guaranteeing full-time employment for military enlistment
- Completion of an internship, externship, or cooperative education program
- Compliance with NCAA Division II academic requirements

