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# 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.

**NOTE:** Although this infographic displays a sequential progression, students may fulfill criteria under the CTE Concentrator, Alternative Assessment, or Evidence-Based Pathways prior to demonstrating proficiency in Keystone academic content through Keystone Exam scores or locally established grade-based requirements.

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# Pathway Criteria

## CTE Concentrator

**1 Artifact**

- Industry-based competency certification
- Likelihood of industry-based competency assessment success
- Readiness for continued engagement in CTE Concentrator program of study

## Alternative Assessment

**1 Artifact**

- Attainment of one alternative assessment score or better: ACT (21), ASVAB AFQT (31), PSAT/NMSQT (970), or SAT (1010)
- Attainment of Gold Level or better on ACT WorkKeys
- Attainment of 3 or better on AP Exam(s) related to each Keystone content area in which less than Proficient
- Attainment of 4 or better on IB Exam(s) related to each Keystone content area in which less than Proficient
- Successful completion of concurrent enrollment course(s) related to each Keystone content area in which less than Proficient
- Successful completion of a pre-apprenticeship program
- Acceptance into accredited, non-profit Institution of Higher Education (IHE) 4yr program for college-level coursework

## Evidence-Based

**3 Artifacts consistent w/student goals**

**ONE or more from Section One**
**No more than TWO from Section Two**

### Section 1

- Attainment of 630 or better on any SAT Subject Test
- Attainment of Silver Level or better on ACT WorkKeys
- Attainment of 3 or better on any AP Exam
- Attainment of 3 or better on any IB Exam
- Successful completion of any concurrent enrollment or postsecondary course
- Industry-recognized credentialization
- Acceptance into accredited, non-profit Institution of Higher Education (IHE) for college-level coursework in an other-than-4yr program

### Section 2

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