



MARS AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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Summer Keystone Exams Testing Window: July 30 – August 1, 2018

Dear Parent/ Guardian:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has established a Keystone Exams testing window for all students entering grades 9- 11 in the 2018-2019 school year. The Mars Area High School is communicating this testing window to you before receiving the Keystone Exam Individual Student Report results from the May 14 –21, 2018 testing window, to provide families advanced notice.

Mars Area High School expects to receive the Keystone Exam Student Report results from the May 14 – 21, 2018, testing window by the second week in July and is planning to send the results **to each student that needs to re-test** through the US Postal Service by the third week in July. Further communication will be sent with the results to explain the expectations for the Summer Keystone Exam Testing Window.

When you receive the Keystone Exam Student Report results, you will notice that there are four (4) Performance Levels that are used to measure your child’s Proficiency for each subject area that was assessed. These Proficiency Levels are Advanced, Proficient, Basic, and Below Basic.

All students scoring “Basic” or “Below Basic” in any exam must re-test in the July 30 – August 1, 2018, Keystone Exam testing window. Testing will occur at Mars Area High School on the following schedule:

Session #1 - Algebra I	Monday, July 30, 2018	8:00 AM – 12:15 PM
Session #2 - English Literature	Tuesday, July 31, 2018	8:00 AM – 12:15 PM
Session #3 - Biology	Wednesday, August 1, 2018	8:00 AM – 12:15 PM

When you receive the results, all students must confirm they will be present at the re-test session(s) by Thursday, July 19, 2018. The high school staff must organize all testing materials for each session. Please promptly confirm your attendance at each session by contacting Mrs. Beth Yankel at (724) 625-1581, option 1 or e-mail: byankel@marsk12.org, Monday-Thursday, 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM. In addition, students preparing to re-test are asked to complete corresponding “Supplemental Instructional Resources,” which area available via the “Mars Area High School” page www.marsk12.org. Those students who access the material must sign and bring the completed “Supplemental Instruction” form (see attached) with them to their Keystone Exam testing session.

For more information about Keystone Exams, please visit the Pennsylvania Department of Education’s Standards Aligned System website at www.pdesas.org (select “Assessments” and then “Keystone Exams”).

Sincerely,
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