



MARS AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires school districts in Pennsylvania to administer the Keystone Exams to all grade 9 - 11 students. Additionally, to meet state and federal graduation requirements, the Mars Area School District adopted graduation requirements for the class of 2022 and beyond.

All 9th grade students will take the English Literature Keystone Exam and Biology Keystone Exam in the May testing window. All 9th grade students who need to re-test in the Algebra I Keystone Exam will re-test on the schedule described below. If 9th grade students are currently enrolled in Algebra I, those students will test on the schedule described below.

All 10th and 11th grade students who need to re-test on the Algebra I Keystone Exam, English Literature Keystone Exam and/or Biology Keystone Exam will re-test on the schedule described below.

Mars Area High School will use the following schedule to complete these exams:

- Day 1 – Monday, May 13th – Module #1 - English Literature Keystone Exam
- Day 2 – Tuesday, May 14th – Module #2 - English Literature Keystone Exam
- Day 3 – Wednesday, May 15th – Module #1 - Biology Keystone Exam
- Day 4 – Thursday, May 16th – Module #2 - Biology Keystone Exam
- Day 5 – Friday, May 17th – Module #1 - Algebra I Keystone Exam
- Day 6 – Monday, May 20th – Module #2 - Algebra I Keystone Exam

Passing the Algebra I, English Literature and Biology Keystone Exams with a score of Proficient or Advanced is a graduation requirement for the class of 2022 and beyond. All Keystone Exam test scores will be included on all students' educational transcripts. Please encourage your child to take these exams seriously.

The results of all Keystone Exams will be reported to you as a parent or guardian. In addition to individual student results, the district will receive subject area results that show how well our students are performing on these exams. School personnel will use the information to analyze our educational programs.

If you have any questions regarding the Keystone Exams, please visit the Standards Aligned System website at www.pdesas.org or contact the Mars Area High School at 724-625-1581.

Sincerely,

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