

NL Keystone Exam Pathways to Graduation

Guide to Meeting Statewide Requirements for High School Graduation

Each Keystone exam must be attempted once.

Pathways will be explored beginning in 11th grade.

KEYSTONE PROFICIENCY PATHWAY	
ALGEBRA I KEYSTONE EXAM	Proficient or Advanced
BIOLOGY KEYSTONE EXAM	Proficient or Advanced
LITERATURE KEYSTONE EXAM	Proficient or Advanced
ALL THREE 1500 OR HIGHER	If all three exams are Proficient or Advanced, the Keystone requirement has been satisfied.

ALGEBRA I: Below Basic (1200-1438), Basic (1439-1499), Proficient (1500-1545), Advanced (1546-1800)

BIOLOGY: Below Basic (1200-1459), Basic (1460-1499), Proficient (1500-1548), Advanced (1549-1800)

LITERATURE: Below Basic (1200-1443), Basic (1444-1499), Proficient (1500-1583), Advanced (1584-1800)

OR

KEYSTONE COMPOSITE PATHWAY
No exam score Below Basic
At least one exam score Proficient or Advanced
Composite score (sum of all 3 exams) 4452 or higher
If all three conditions above are met, the Keystone requirement has been satisfied.

OR

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTC) CONCENTRATOR PATHWAY		
Industry-Based Evidence	<i>CTC 2-year Junior/Senior Program</i>	Must have a passing grade at conclusion of Junior year of the program and return for Senior year.
	<i>CTC 1-year Senior Program</i>	Must have a passing grade at the end of Semester one of Senior year
If one of the above are met, Keystone requirement has been satisfied		

OR

ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT PATHWAY	
Meet or exceed established score on ONE approved alternative assessment	<i>ACT composite score of 21 or higher</i>
	<i>ASVAB AFQT composite score of 31 or higher</i>
	<i>PSAT/NMSQT total score of 970 or higher</i>
	<i>SAT total score of 1010 or higher</i>
Successfully complete concurrent (college) enrollment course(s) related to EACH Keystone Exam on which less than Proficient	<i>Pass concurrent (College) course (Algebra I)</i>
	<i>Pass concurrent (College) course (Biology)</i>
	<i>Pass concurrent (College) course (Literature)</i>
Demonstrate acceptance into 4-yr institution of higher education and ability to enroll in college-level work	<i>College acceptance letter</i>
If one alternative assessment above is met, Keystone requirement has been satisfied	

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OR

EVIDENCE-BASED PATHWAY: 3 total required	
SECTION 1: Must meet at least one	
Score 3 or higher on any AP Exam(s)	<i>AP Exam score 3 or higher</i>
	<i>2nd AP Exam score 3 or higher</i>
	<i>3rd AP Exam score 3 or higher</i>
Successfully complete concurrent (college) enrollment course(s) or approved postsecondary course(s)	<i>Pass course</i>
	<i>Pass 2nd course</i>
	<i>Pass 3rd course</i>
Demonstrate acceptance into a 2-yr institution of higher education (example: HACC, Thaddeus Stevens, etc.)	<i>Acceptance letter</i>
Industry-recognized credentialization (Must be aligned to future career goal)	<i>Provide proof of obtaining an industry-recognized credential</i>
SECTION 2: Must meet no more than two	
Score Proficient or Advanced on any Keystone Exam(s)	<i>Score 1500 or higher on Algebra 1</i>
	<i>Score 1500 or higher on Biology</i>
	<i>Score 1500 or higher on Literature</i>
Successfully complete approved community service-project: 10 hour minimum	<i>Program completion verified by school personnel</i>
	<i>2nd Program completion verified by school personnel</i>
Successfully complete approved shadow experience, internship or cooperative program	<i>Program completion verified by school personnel</i>
	<i>2nd Program completion verified by school personnel</i>
Meet the NCAA Division II academic requirements for college-bound athletes	<i>Academic standing verified by school administrator</i>
Provide a letter/form guaranteeing full-time employment (30 hours per week) or military enlistment papers	<i>Letter/form/enlistment papers verified by school administrator</i>
At least one requirement met in section 1 and no more than two in section two, Keystone requirement has been satisfied	

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Counselor's Name: _____

Administrator's Name: _____

Pathway to Graduation:

- Keystone Proficiency Pathway
- Keystone Composite Pathway
- Career & Technical Education (CTC) Concentrator Pathway
- Alternative Assessment Pathway
- Evidence-Based Pathway (3 Total Required)

Notes: _____
