

Wyomissing Area School District

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Winter Testing Schedule for the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (Keystone Exams):

Biology Assessment December 5 - 6, 2023 English Literature Assessment December 7 - 8, 2023 Algebra I Assessment December 12 - 13, 2023

Please review the following documents attached to this letter:

Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy Information for Parents or Guardians (Pennsylvania Keystone Exams) Calculator Policy Code of Conduct for Test Takers

November 1, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Currently in Pennsylvania, students must meet the requirements for graduation set forth by the Department of Education (PDE), which requires our current seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen students to continue to participate in the Keystone Exams. Beginning Tuesday, December 5, 2023 through Tuesday, December 13, 2023, students enrolled in a Keystone-related course: Algebra I, Biology or English Literature at the Wyomissing Area Junior/Senior High School will participate in the Pennsylvania Keystone Exams. Some students who have previously completed a Keystone-related course but did not take the Keystone Exam will also participate for accountability purposes. Additionally, students who have taken a Keystone Exam but did not achieve a Proficient score have the opportunity to re-take the exam. Whether your student is designated as an in-person or BOL (Berks Online Learning) student, it is expected that they attend school on the assigned testing days based on the assessment(s) they must complete.

The Keystone Exams serve as standards-based, criterion-referenced assessments designed to gauge a student's proficiency in academic core content standards and the extent to which school programs facilitate the attainment of these standards. Each assessment consists of multiple-choice and constructed-response, or open-ended questions. Detailed information about the various question types, scoring criteria, and score reports are included in the attached "Information for Parents or Guardians (Pennsylvania Keystone Exams)" document, provided by the State.

The outcomes of these assessments yield valuable insights for our school district, driving program planning and improvements. Individual student reports for all assessments are scheduled to be sent to the school district in early March for distribution. As soon as individual student results are received, a copy will be sent home to parents/guardians.

This letter is accompanied by the "Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy" and the "Information for Parents/Guardians (Pennsylvania Keystone Exams)" documents, prepared by PDE. These documents offer comprehensive Keystone-related information to enhance your student's preparedness. We kindly request that your review these documents attentively.

As with any testing program, we greatly appreciate your support and encouragement. Your student's attendance during these tests is of the utmost importance. If you seek additional information or have any further questions regarding the Keystone Exams (i.e. - administration, review process, etc.), please feel free to reach out to your student's principal.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Scoboria Superintendent

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