

## **Wyomissing Area School District**

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Dear Wyomissing Area Families of the Class of 2023,

The purpose of this letter is to communicate information regarding Pennsylvania's Act 158 graduation proficiency requirement that goes into effect beginning with the class of 2023. To meet the requirement, students must meet one of the five pathways established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. As a district, it is important that we communicate the impact this may have on you and your family. The item was presented during the February 14, 2022 Curriculum Committee Meeting which can be viewed using the following link to our website: <a href="Graduation Pathways">Graduation Pathways</a> or view the presentation slides <a href="here">here</a>.

Please refer to the attached handouts for information about each pathway, the community service log, and a guarantee of employment document. These materials can also be found on our website <u>here</u>.

Parents/Guardians do NOT need to choose your student's pathway; rather each pathway represents a possible way for each student to meet Act 158 requirements based upon a student's participation and performance on the Keystone Exams. The most direct way, Keystone Proficiency Pathway, to meet the Act 158 requirements is to score a minimum proficiency on all Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Biology and Literature). The second pathway, Keystone Composite, is satisfied by scoring a combined composite score of 4452 on the three Keystone Exams. Therefore, all students will be asked to test at the conclusion of their respective courses. However, students who do not score proficient on the exams may still meet the graduation requirements using one of the remaining pathways:

- The third pathway, known as the CTE Pathway, may be an option for students who attend the Career and Technology Center.
- The Alternate Assessment and Evidence-Based Pathways offer multiple options to earn the graduation requirements.

If students choose to opt out of the Keystone Exams, it is not possible for them to meet Act 158 requirements through the initial two pathways. If your student does not currently meet the requirements, we will be working with them this fall to develop a plan for graduation eligibility. Should you have any further questions, please contact your student's counselor or grade level principal.

Sincerely,

Melissa L. Woodard, Ed.D. Assistant Superintendent