

Act 158 Graduation Requirements

Southern York County School District



Graduation

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SHS Credit Requirements

Students must earn at least **25 total credits** including a minimum number of credits in English (4), Math (3), Social Studies (4), Science (1), Physical Education (1), Health (1), Career Seminar (.5) and electives (5.5).

PDE Act 158 Requirement

Starting with the Class of 2023, students must demonstrate postsecondary preparedness through **one of four pathways**:
Keystone Proficiency, Keystone Composite Score, Alternative Assessment, or Evidenced-Based

Graduation Project

SHS students must complete various post-secondary exploration tasks as part of the **Graduation Project**. Many tasks will occur in Career Seminar, but also include grade-specific actions such as two (2) field experiences in 11th grade. Students will present their final career plan to a Career Seminar class as a senior.

What Is Act 158?

- Act 158 of 2018 (Act 158) provides alternatives to Pennsylvania's statewide requirement of attaining proficiency on the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone Exams to meet the state's graduation requirements.
- It expands options which allow students to demonstrate postsecondary readiness through adding **four additional pathways** that more fully illustrate college and career readiness.
 - At Susquehannock this is limited to **three additional pathways**
- To shift away from a reliance on standardized testing and provide alternates to measure and demonstrate readiness for post-secondary success
- Begins with the graduating class of 2023 in all Pennsylvania high schools

Act 158 Pathways to Graduation at SHS

1. Keystone Proficiency Pathway

2. Keystone Composite Pathway

3. Alternative Assessment Pathway

4. Evidence-Based Pathway

Proficiency Pathway

- Achieved by obtaining a *Proficient* or *Advanced* score across all three Keystone Exams
 - Algebra I, Biology, Literature
- The minimum score for Proficient is a **1500** for each assessment

Composite Pathway

- A secondary way to meet requirements solely through Keystone Exams
- Requires a student to score *Proficient* or *Advanced* on at least one Keystone Exam
 - Cannot score *Below Basic* on any Keystone Exam
- The student's total score across all three exams must be **4452** or greater

My Student Didn't Take A Keystone in Spring 2020

- Graduation pathways requirement was extended to 2023 (previously Class of 2022)
- Students who took a Keystone course in the spring of 2020 were deemed ***Proficient*** as long as they passed the corresponding class
- Students cannot be denied the opportunity to graduate due to not taking this set of Keystone exams
- Currently, the Composite pathway cannot be obtained using this score
 - No numerical value was given to the student's *Proficient*

Alternative Assessment Pathway

- Must pass Algebra I, Biology/AP Biology, and English 10 courses for this to be an option
- Can only pursue this pathway if student did not obtain Proficiency or Composite pathway after taking each Keystone exam at least once
- Must obtain one piece of evidence that demonstrates readiness for post-secondary success

Alternative Assessment Pathway:

Pieces of Evidence

- Meet the identified cutoff score for one of the following exams:
 - SAT (**1010**), ACT (**21**), ASVAB (**31**), or PSAT (**970**)
- Obtain a '3' or better on an AP Exam related to the non-proficient Keystone subject
- Pass a Dual Enrollment course related to the non-proficient Keystone subject
- Complete a pre-apprenticeship program
 - SHS Partners with YCAL for programs in Manufacturing, Electricians, and Construction
- Provide proof of acceptance into a 4-year college or university

Evidence-Based Pathway

- Must pass Algebra I, Biology/AP Biology, and English 10 courses for this to be an option
- Can only pursue this pathway if student did not obtain Proficiency or Composite pathways after taking each Keystone Exam at least once.
- Must obtain **three** different pieces of evidence that demonstrate readiness for post-secondary success.

Evidence-Based Pathway:

3 Pieces of Evidence

- Earn a *Proficient* or *Advanced* score on **any** Keystone Exam.
- Obtain a '3' or better on **any** AP Exam
- Pass **any** Dual Enrollment course
- Earn an industry-recognized credential
 - At SHS students can earn this through the Diversified Occupations course
- Provide proof of acceptance into a non-profit 2-year college or trade school
- Meet the NCAA Academic Eligibility requirements (GPA & 16 core courses)
- Successfully complete an administrator-approved internship or co-op program
- Obtain a letter from an employer guaranteeing full-time employment after graduation
- Documented completion of an administrator-approved service-learning project

Tracking Your Status

- Students/families will receive a letter prior to each Keystone testing window indicating current Act 158 status
- Students/families have the ability to track Act 158 status in Naviance

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Hello **Class of 2023!**

Welcome to Naviance! As a Junior at **SHS**, you will use Naviance often during the **2021-22** school year. All students will use Naviance to upload required documents for and check the status of their Graduation Project. Juniors that are planning to pursue

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No Due Date
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 TASK **A2. Pass Biology Keystone** GRADUATION
No Due Date
Assigned by Matthew Shervington

 TASK **A3. Pass Literature Keystone** GRADUATION
No Due Date
Assigned by Matthew Shervington

 TASK **B1. Keystone Composite Score** GRADUATION
No Due Date
Assigned by Matthew Shervington

 TASK **C1. SAT/PSAT/ACT/ASVAB Score** GRADUATION
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Assigned by Matthew Shervington

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D1. Any AP Exam Score

Status: Not started

Task information

Requirement:

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Description:

For the "Evidenced-Based" pathway, if a student fails to meet the "Keystone Exam Proficiency," "Keystone Composite," or "Alternate Assessment" pathways after taking the Keystone Exams, *they can take an AP Exam to meet this pathway.*

If this item is marked complete it signifies that you have met the identified cutoff score (3) for any AP Exam and earned a passing grade in Algebra I, English 10, and Biology/AP Biology which - alongside any two more of D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, D8, or D9 being marked complete - fulfills the "Evidence-Based" pathway to graduation.

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