

Oil City Area School District

Act 158 Pathways to Graduation

Act 158 of 2018 provided multiple pathways for students to meet Pennsylvania's requirements for graduation. Beginning with the class of 2023, students attending the Oil City Area School District must complete one of the following pathways and their individual guidelines in order to graduate and receive a diploma.



Additional Pathways exist for uncommon student situations. Those are determined by either an IEP team or by the Superintendent.

Pathway 1: Keystone Proficiency Pathway

The student scores "proficient" or "advanced" on each of the Keystone Exams.

- Algebra 1
- Biology
- Literature

Pathway 2: Keystone Composite Pathway

1. The student must demonstrate proficiency by earning a satisfactory composite score on the Algebra 1, Biology, and Literature Keystone Exams of at least 4452.

- a. The student must earn "proficient" on at least one Keystone Exam
- b. The student must earn at least a "basic" score on the other two Keystone exams
- c. The student must have a minimum composite score of 4452

Pathway 3: Career and Technical Education Pathway

1. The student must successfully complete all Keystone courses where they did not earn a score of "proficient" on the exam(s)

2. **AND attain one of the following:**

- a. An industry-based competency certification
- b. Demonstration of a high likelihood of success on an approved industry-based competency assessment
- c. Readiness for continued, meaningful engagement in the Venango Technology Center's program of study

Pathway 4: Alternative Assessment Pathway

1. The student must successfully complete all Keystone courses where they did not earn a score of "proficient" on the exam(s)

2. **AND attain at least one of the following:**

- a. Established score on an approved alternate assessment (SAT, PSAT, ACT, ASVAB, AP, IB)
- b. Successful completion of a concurrent course
- c. Successful completion of a pre-apprenticeship program
- d. An unconditional acceptance letter from an accredited 4-year nonprofit institution and have evidence of the ability to enroll in college-level coursework

3. **AND attain up to two of the following:**

- a. Successful completion of a service-learning project
- b. "Proficient" or "advanced" on a Keystone Exam
- c. A letter guaranteeing full-time employment

Pathway 5: Evidence-Based Pathway

1. The student must successfully complete all Keystone courses where they did not earn a score of "proficient" on the exam(s).

2. The student must have three pieces of evidence consistent with the student's goals and career plans.

Student Graduation Pathways Checklist

Student Name: _____

PA Secure ID: _____

Counselor: _____

Date fulfilled: _____

Pathway 1: Keystone Proficiency Pathway

Check if Pathway 1 is complete: ☐

Algebra I Keystone score: _____

Biology Keystone score: _____

Literature Keystone score: _____

(All three Keystone Exam scores must be "proficient" or "advanced" in order to meet Pathway 1 requirements.)

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)

Pathway 2: Keystone Composite Pathway

Check if Pathway 2 is complete: ☐

- At least one score "proficient" or "advanced"Y or N
- No score below "basic"Y or N
- Composite score 4452 or higher.....Y or N

(All three must be "yes" responses in order to meet Pathway 2 requirements.)

Pathway 3: Career and Technical Education Pathway

Check if Pathway 3 is complete: ☐

Select Y or N from each core area below:

- Algebra I: 1500 or greater on one Keystone Exam
OR
Met grade-based requirements in course.....Y or N
- Biology: 1500 or greater on one Keystone Exam
OR
Met grade-based requirements in course.....Y or N
- Literature: 1500 or greater on one Keystone Exam
OR
Met grade-based requirements in course.....Y or N

Write Y or N for the industry-based pieces of evidence below (at least one must be "yes"):

- Competency-based certificate: _____
- Program continuation: _____
- Industry-based assessment: _____

(All three from the core area and one from the industry-based area must be met in order to meet Pathway 3 requirements.)

Pathway 4: Alternative Assessment Pathway

Check if Pathway 4 is complete: ☐

Select Y or N from each core area below:

- Algebra I: 1500 or greater on one Keystone Exam
OR
Met grade-based requirements in course.....Y or N
- Biology: 1500 or greater on one Keystone Exam
OR
Met grade-based requirements in course.....Y or N
- Literature: 1500 or greater on one Keystone Exam
OR
Met grade-based requirements in course.....Y or N

Select Y or N from the evidentiary requirements below (at least one must be “yes”):

- ACT score of 21 or higher.....Y or N
- ASVAB score of 31 or higher.....Y or N
- PSAT score of 970 or higher.....Y or N
- SAT total score of 1010 or higher.....Y or N
- ACT WorkKeys Gold level or higher.....Y or N
- Passed dual enrollment - Algebra I; Biology; Literature.....Y or N
- Unconditional acceptance letter to 4-year institution.....Y or N
- General acceptance letter to 4-year college **and** proof of ability to do college level work.....Y or N

(All three from the core area and one from the evidentiary area must be met in order to meet Pathway 4 requirements.)

Pathway 5: Evidence-Based Pathway

Check if Pathway 5 is complete: ☐

Select Y or N from each core area below (all three are required):

- Met grade-based requirements in Algebra 1 course.....Y or N
- Met grade-based requirements in Biology course.....Y or N
- Met grade-based requirements in Literature course.....Y or N

Select Y or N from the evidentiary requirements below (three pieces of evidence are required total, and at least one from below):

- ACT WorkKeys Silver level or higher.....Y or N
- Passed dual enrollment course in any subject.....Y or N
- Passed a “College in the Classroom” course and able to receive college credit.....Y or N
- Unconditional acceptance letter to an other-than 4-year college/institute.....Y or N
- General acceptance letter to 4-year college and proof of ability to do college level work.....Y or N
- Industry-Recognized Credential(s) from an SEA or LEA approved provider.....Y or N

Select Y or N from the additional evidence (up to two pieces of evidence from below, unless three attained from above):

- Meet or exceed 1500 on one Keystone Exam.....Y or N
- Successfully complete service-learning project.....Y or N

- (All three from the core area and three pieces of evidence must be completed in order to meet Pathway 5.
At Least one piece of evidence must come from the first section of evidence.)

1) Graduation based on IEP Goals

2) Superintendent Waiver

**This waiver can only be granted by the Superintendent due to specified extenuating circumstances.*

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