



# BALDWIN-WHITEHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Baldwin High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has mandated public schools administer the Keystone Exams to all students enrolled in Algebra I, English Literature, and Biology. The Keystone Exams not only examine our students' individual academic abilities in the three content areas, but they also provide important information regarding our curriculum and the effectiveness of our instructional methods.

Baldwin High School will be testing students who successfully completed Algebra I, Literature, and Biology, but who did not score proficient on the Keystones last May. We will also be testing those students who have not achieved the level of proficiency on the exams. We will hold an informational meeting with our students who are scheduled to take the Keystone Exams during the winter wave. The meeting will take place during the school day prior to December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**This year the Keystones will be administered on the following dates:**

<b>Wave 1*</b>	<b>December 4, &amp; 5, 2018</b> <b>December 11 &amp; 12, 2018</b>	<b>Algebra I</b> <b>Literature</b>
<b>Wave 2*</b>	<b>January 8 &amp; 9, 2019</b>	<b>Biology</b>
<i>*Students who were not proficient in 2017-2018</i>		
<b>Wave 3**</b>	<b>May 13-24, 2019</b>	
<i>**All students currently enrolled in Algebra I, Biology, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade English and students who were not proficient on Waves 1 and 2.</i>		

**Each exam has two modules. The modules are approximately 75 minutes in length.**

**We will operate on a regular schedule during the testing days and we will provide a quiet testing room for our students taking the exams while the rest of the student body moves through their regular periods.**

It is imperative that our students do their best when taking the exams so we can accurately determine where to concentrate our efforts of improvement.

We respectfully ask parents to schedule doctor's appointments outside of the testing windows, encourage good attendance, and assist us with emphasizing the importance of the Keystone Exams with their student. Excellent results are obtained when we all work toward a common goal of students trying their best.

Please contact Mr. DeGregorio, Guidance Counselor, if you have any questions at 412-885-7500x8060.

Sincerely,

*Walter A. Graves*

Walter A. Graves, Ed. D.  
Principal