



BALDWIN-WHITEHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Baldwin High School

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Dear Parents/Guardian

Baldwin High School will be administering the state mandated Keystone Exams during the month of May. The following information is important for you to know.

Who will take the Keystone Exams?

- Any 9th, 10th, and 11th grade student who is currently enrolled in Algebra 1, English 10, or Biology.
- Any 9th, 10th, and 11th grade student who previously completed a Keystone exam (English, Biology, or Algebra I) and has yet to achieve proficient or advanced on any or all exams.

When will the Keystone Exams take place?

Biology	Literature (10th grade)	Algebra I
May 13 and 14	May 15 and 16	May 17 and 20

- **Students taking a Keystone exam must report to school at our regular time.**
- Students who are not scheduled to take the Keystone Exams will have a choice on all testing days:
 - Come to school at the regular time on our school buses.
 - Students will be informed where to report once they enter the building at 7:20 AM.
 - Or report to BHS by 9:20 AM using their own transportation.
- Regular class instruction for all students will begin at 9:35 AM after the Keystone exams are completed.

Where should students who are taking the exams report on testing days?

- Rosters of students who are scheduled to take the Keystone Exams will be posted outside of the Guidance Office, Main Office, and South Cafeteria prior to the testing days.

What graduating class is required to pass the Keystone Exams?

- According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education all students in the Class of 2020 must pass the Keystone Exams as a graduation requirement.

How can my student prepare for the Keystone Exams?

- On-line practice information can be found on the BHS website and may be accessed 24/7.

Students are encouraged to get a good night's sleep and to eat a good breakfast each day of the exam. They should bring a No. 2 pencil and a calculator (not a cell phone) for the Algebra I test and also reading materials in case they finish the exams early.

It is important for all of our students to do their best on the exams since the overall results will be reflected in our school's School Performance Profile (SPP) that will be listed on the PDE website. Your assistance in providing support and encouragement is much appreciated.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Walter A. Graves".

Dr. Walter A. Graves
Principal

Ms. Candee Nagy
Assistant Principal

Mr. Joseph Sebestyen
Assistant Principal