



BLUE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Gwendolyn Witmer-Belding
Director of Elementary and Secondary Education

May 3, 2024

BMMS Students and Parents,

During the 2023-24 school year, students enrolled in Algebra I will be required to participate in Keystone Exams as end-of-course assessments. Exam results are used to evaluate student proficiency in meeting graduation requirements, to evaluate our school's curriculum, and to help in measuring our school's effectiveness.

All students currently enrolled in Algebra I will be taking the Keystone Algebra I Exam on May 13-14, 2024. The Keystone Algebra I Exam measures student proficiency in mathematics. Demonstrated proficiency in mathematics is a state mandated requirement for graduation. Students attaining a proficient or advanced score will meet this requirement. Students not meeting this proficiency will have the opportunity to retest on the Keystone Exam multiple times prior to senior year.

Test security is very important during the administration of the Keystone Exams. Students will be informed of the Code of Conduct for Test Takers. All students will be asked to certify that they understand these guidelines and their consequences. One additional test security note, students are NOT permitted to have any electronic communication devices (such as cell phones) with them in the testing room. Please remind your son/daughter to leave these devices in his/her locker or at home.

If you have questions concerning the Keystone Exams, please contact the Blue Mountain Middle School Guidance Department at (570) 366-0546 or the Blue Mountain Curriculum Department at (570) 366-0515. We are also available to answer any questions on these assessments. Overall, we encourage our Blue Mountain students to try their best on the Keystone Exams. We are proud of the academic growth and accomplishments our students demonstrate throughout their years at Blue Mountain. The Keystone Exams provide a new way for Blue Mountain students and Blue Mountain schools to show off their tremendous talent and hard work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gwen Witmer-Belding".

Gwen Witmer-Belding
Director of Elementary and Secondary Education