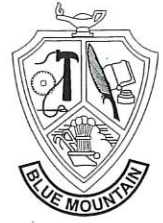




BLUE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT



Gwendolyn Witmer-Belding
Director of Elementary and Secondary Education

April 3, 2024

BMHS Students and Parents,

Pennsylvania's Act 158 provides multiple pathways for students to meet graduation requirements. Most of these pathways include showing proficiency in Algebra, Literature, and Biology. One measure of proficiency in these areas is through Keystone Exams. Students take Keystone Exams at the end of courses, but some students may need retesting to reach proficiency. The Keystone Exams are given multiple times each year.

During the 2023-24 school year, the Keystone Exams will be administered in January 2024 and May 2024. Students completing Algebra I, English II, and Biology will take the associated Keystone Exam. Information concerning the Spring Keystone Exams is attached.

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 or smart watches) with them in the testing room. Please remind your son/daughter to leave these devices in their locker or at home. All tests must be administered within the regular school setting. Students involved in virtual learning are required to come to the school to take these tests.

If you have questions concerning when your son/daughter will be participating in the Keystone Exams, please contact the BMHS Guidance Department at (570) 366-0511 or the Blue Mountain Curriculum Department at (570) 366-0515. We are also available to answer any questions on these assessments. We are proud of the academic growth and accomplishments our students demonstrate throughout their years at Blue Mountain. The Keystone Exams provide one way for Blue Mountain students and Blue Mountain schools to show off their tremendous talent and hard work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gwendolyn Witmer-Belding". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gwendolyn Witmer-Belding
Director of Elementary and Secondary Education