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### IMPORTANT TESTING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The District schools will be administering the Keystone Algebra, Biology, and Literature tests. The schedule and the students who will be taking the tests are as follows:

- **Algebra 1 (May 13 & 14):** 9th graders enrolled in Algebra currently or any student who completed Algebra but did not perform proficiently on the Keystone.
- **Biology (May 15 & 18):** 10th graders currently enrolled in biology or 11th graders who have not scored proficient or have not taken the Keystone.
- **Literature (May 20 & 21):** 10th graders enrolled in Eng. II, 11th graders who did not pass in previous re-take opportunities, and 11th graders who have not yet taken the test.

If a student is scheduled to take a test, they should report for **BOTH** testing days.

Please check the Keystone information hanging at the main office for the room number and proctor information.

### IMPORTANT UPDATE TO THE PA DEPT OF ED POLICY ABOUT ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The PA Dept of Ed does not allow ANY electronic devices (phones, tablets, laptops, smartwatches, etc.) to be on a student during testing, and they no longer distinguish between *possession* and *use* of an electronic device.

- If a student is found with an electronic device, the state requires us to confiscate the device and have the parent/guardian come to the school so we can review the contents of the phone in their presence. The findings will be reported to the SDP Office of Assessment and, if necessary, to the PA Dept. of Ed. If it is determined that test questions have been compromised, the PA Dept of Ed will assess a fine for the violation to cover the cost of writing and replacing the compromised questions.
- In addition, regardless of the outcome of the review, a "Do Not Score" label will be applied to his/her answer booklet, and the student will have to start over in a new test booklet.
- The student in question will also serve a one-day suspension and may face additional consequences, depending on the severity of the violation.

To support these state requirements, we encourage students to leave any unnecessary electronic devices at home. All other electronic devices will be placed in their school bag, and the school bag will be placed in a central location in the testing room for the duration of the testing session.

### TESTING DAY SCHEDULE

The bell schedule for all testing days is on the next page. Students who **are testing** are to report to school at **8:00 am**. Attendance is important during testing. We have a very limited window of time for make-up testing. **Students who are not testing, please report to school at 10:55 am**. Please adhere to the schedule, and do not send your student to school before the scheduled time. If you have any questions, please call 215-400-8140.

**Bell Schedule for testing days**

8:00 All students taking a test arrive to school  
8:00 – 11:00 Keystone test administration  
10:55 – 11:10 Students not taking a test arrive to school (report to the cafeteria)

**Testing Schedule**

Period	Start	End
TEST	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
2	11:00 AM	11:30 AM
3	11:33 AM	11:53 AM
4	11:56 AM	12:26 PM
5	12:29 PM	12:49 PM
6	12:52 PM	1:22 PM
1	1:25 PM	2:13 PM
7	2:16 PM	3:04 PM