



INFORMATION

Hopewell Jr. High Keystone Algebra 1 Exam

What are the Keystone Exams?

- The Keystone Exams are end-of-course assessments designed to evaluate proficiency in academic content. Hopewell Jr. High students can take the Algebra 1 Keystone Exam at the conclusion of their Algebra 1 course. They will also be required to take a Keystone Exam in Biology and Literature during their High School years.

Do students have to demonstrate proficiency?

- Beginning with the class of 2019, students must demonstrate proficiency on the Algebra I Keystone and subsequently in Biology and Literature.
- This is not a district, superintendent or principal policy. This is mandated to Pennsylvania public school students and schools by the PA Department of Education.
- Additionally, students will be offered multiple opportunities to take the Keystones throughout their high school career. In order to assist students in preparation for opportunities to retake the Keystone Exam after an unsuccessful first effort, school districts must offer remediation opportunities for students.

How were students selected for the Algebra 1 course?

- Students are selected for enrollment in the Keystone Algebra 1 eligible course based upon criteria noted in the Jr. High Course Description Manual. This includes a review of student prior math grades and PSSA Data as well as the most recent NWEA Data.

When will parents, guardians and students receive Keystone Algebra 1 Exam results?

- Usually in late July, school districts receive a raw data file of all student scores tested during the Spring session.
- Upon receipt of official results from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reports will be mailed to families. This generally occurs in either September or October following the testing date.

How will remediation be provided?

- Algebra remediation will continue as a component of the Geometry course or at the Jr. High level via reenrollment in Algebra 1.
- Remediation in these courses is provided in this way in order to keep students on track in regards to graduation requirements and also to allow continued participation in Hopewell High School's related programs.

Will testing requirements or procedures continue to change?

- Be assured that any changes on new information provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education will be communicated with parents, students and staff as soon as possible.