

MSD ACT 158 GRADUATION PATHWAYS





Graduation Requirement Flow Chart (2023+)



Keystone Proficiency PATHWAY

Meets proficiency or advanced on each of the Keystone Exams

- Algebra I
- Biology
- Literature



Keystone Composite PATHWAY

Demonstrate proficiency by earning a satisfactory composite score on the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone Exams of 4452

Must achieve at least a proficient score on one of the three exams and no less than a basic score on the remaining two

CTE PATHWAY

1. Successful completion of Keystone course
2. **AND** the attainment of **one** of the following:
 - a. An industry-based competency certification
 - b. Demonstration of a high likelihood of

success on an approved industry-based competency assessment

c. Readiness for continued meaningful engagement in the CTE concentrator's program of study

Alternate Assessment PATHWAY

1. Successful completion of Keystone course
2. **AND** the attainment of **one** of the following:
 - a. Established score on an approved alternate assessment (SAT, PSAT, ACT, ASVAB, AP, IB)
 - b. Successful completion of a concurrent course

c. Successful completion of a pre-apprenticeship program

d. Accepted in an accredited 4-year nonprofit institution of higher education and have evidence of the ability to enroll in college-level coursework

Evidence Based PATHWAY

1. Successful completion of Keystone course
2. Three pieces of evidence consistent with the student's goals and career plans

Other PATHWAY

1. Graduation based on IEP team decisions based upon academic goals
2. Superintendent's waiver for students with extenuating circumstances (5%)

For more information contact Muhlenberg High School Counseling Department

Phone Number: 610-921-8078

MHS Counseling Website: <https://www.muhsdk12.org/domain/540>

Pathway #1

KEYSTONE PROFICIENCY PATHWAY

Students can graduate with the following:

Proficient or advanced on the following
Keystones:

Algebra 1

Biology

Literature



Pathway #2

KEYSTONE COMPOSITE PATHWAY

Students can graduate by completing the following:

- Get an advanced or proficient on **one** of the 3 Keystone Exams
- Have **NO Below Basic** Scores on any of the 3 Keystone Exams
- Get a composite score of 4452 on all 3 Keystone Exams combined;
 - Each Keystone has a passing score of 1500



Pathway #2

KEYSTONE COMPOSITE PATHWAY

- Example of Composite Pathway:

- Literature Keystone Score: 1505 (Proficient)
- Algebra 1 Keystone Score: 1480 (Basic)
- Biology Keystone Score: 1482 (Basic)

- Composite Score Total: **4467**

Earns Graduation Eligibility



Pathway # 3

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) CONCENTRATOR PATHWAY

Students can graduate by completing the following:

- Pass the trigger courses: Algebra 1, Biology, and 10th Grade English
- Be enrolled in the RMCTC and:
 - Passing NOCTI
 - Passing Industry Based Competency
 - Pass class requirements at the end of the junior year.



Pathway #4

ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT PATHWAY

- Students can graduate by completing the following:
 - Pass the trigger courses: Algebra 1, Biology, and 10th Grade English

AND obtain one of the following:

- ACT score 21
- ASVAB score 32
- PSAT score 970 or SAT Score 1100
- 3 or better on a Keystone-related AP exam
- Pass a dual enrollment course related to Keystone Exam
- Acceptance to a 4 year college or university



Pathway #5

EVIDENCE BASED PATHWAY

- Students can graduate by completing the following:
 - Pass the trigger courses: Algebra 1, Biology, and 10th Grade English

AND Complete 3 pieces of additional evidence from the following two categories:

- Category 1: (one or more of the following)
 - **Attainment of 630 or better on any SAT Subject Test**
 - **Attainment of 3 or better on any AP Exam**
 - **Successful completion of any dual enrollment course**
 - **Acceptance into RACC or any junior college/trade school**



Pathway #5

EVIDENCE BASED PATHWAY

- Category 2: (No more than two of the following)
 - **Attainment of Proficient or Advanced on any Keystone**
 - **Successful completion of a service-learning project**
 - **Letter guaranteeing full-time employment or military enlistment**
 - **Completion of an internship**
 - **Compliance with NCAA Division II academic requirements**



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HELP.....

- Call your child's school counselor
 - MHS 610-921-8078
 - MJHS 610-921-8034
- Call the MSD Family and Parent Outreach Coordinator, Mrs. Elizabeth Laviena 610-921-8000, x7303
- PDE Act 158 [Tool Kit](#)

