

THE KEYSTONE EXAMS

What Are the Keystone Exams?

The Keystone Exams are new exams in Algebra I, Literature, and Biology for **high school students**. The exams decide if a student can graduate starting with the class of 2017.

What Happens if I Don't Pass?

A student who fails a Keystone Exam may retake it 2 times. After failing it 2 times, students may complete a Project Based Assessment (PBA).

2014 Exam Results
For Philadelphia 11th graders:
-39% passed Algebra I
-52% passed Literature
-26% passed Biology

Why Is this Happening?

Pennsylvania adopted the Keystone Exams as part of its graduation requirements to increase the “value” of a Pennsylvania diploma. It is estimated that the Keystone Exams will cost Pennsylvania \$300 million a year.

Can I Opt Out of Taking the Exams?

Yes. Students are supposed to take the Keystone Exams, but it is also possible to opt out. Opting out is when you choose not to take the Keystone Exams because of your religious beliefs.

Steps to Opt Out of the Keystone Exams

- Your parent/guardian contacts the school to look at the test.
- The school gives your parent/guardian a time to come in and look at the test.
- Your parent/guardian may opt out by writing to the school and saying the test is against your religious beliefs. The school cannot ask for proof to back up the request.

What is a Waiver?

As a last resort, students have the right to request a waiver of the Keystone Exam requirements. The Superintendent of Philadelphia is the only person who can grant waivers and requests may be rejected for any reason.

How do I Challenge the Keystone Exams?

Make your voice heard! Talk to your classmates, parents, teachers, and principals. Contact the Philadelphia Superintendent, the Philadelphia School Reform Commission, Secretary of Education, Pennsylvania Board of Education, or your local representative in Harrisburg.

KEYSTONE 考试

什么是Keystone 考试？

Keystone 考试是新的**高中考试**，包括代数 I，文科，和生物。从2017年的毕业生开始，该考试将决定高中学生是否能毕业。

如果我不能通过考试，会发生什么？

如果一个学生没有通过一个Keystone考试，他/她可以再考两次。两次没通过后，学生可以完成一个基本作业项目 (PBA)。

2014 考试结果
费城11年级的学生:
-39% 通过代数 I
-52% 通过 文科
-26% 通过生物

为什么这个在发生？

宾州通过Keystone考试，作为其毕业的要求，从而提高宾州文凭的“价值”。据估计，Keystone考试每年将花费宾州三亿美元。

选择退出Keystone考试的步骤

- 你父母/监护人要联系学校要求了解考试内容。
- 学校会安排时间让你父母/监护人进去了解考试内容。
- 你的父母/监护人可以通过写信给学校说这个考试违反了你的宗教信仰然而退出考试。学校不能索要证据来支持该请求。

我可以 选择退出考试吗？

可以。学生应该参加Keystone考试，但是他们也有可以退出考试。学生可以因为他们的宗教信仰为由，而选择退出考试。

什么的是豁免？

作为最后一个方案，学生有权要求豁免 Keystone考试的要求。费城教育局局长是唯一一个可以授予豁免的，豁免要求可能因为任何理由而被拒绝。

我如何挑战Keystone 考试？

让大家听到你的声音！跟你的同学，父母，老师，和校长，说。联系费城教育局局长，费城教育局董事会，教育秘书长，宾州教育董事会，或者你在哈尔斯堡的当地代表人。