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Dear Parent/Guardian:

**The Winter Keystone Exams will be given on the following dates:
December 7-8, 2026, Algebra I December 14-15, 2026, Biology January 5-6, 2027, Literature**

The Keystone Exams are designed as end-of-course exams. Students who previously completed the Keystone Exams prior to grade 11 will have their results banked. Per Act 158, all LEAs are required to notify students, parents, and guardians of the LEA's high school graduation requirements and publish such requirements on its website. Under Act 158, success on the Keystone Exams is tied to two of the state's Pathways to Graduation requirements. These Pathways to Graduation took effect with the class of 2023. Please contact your guidance office for more information on Act 158.

Parents and guardians may review the PSSA's/Keystone Exams if they believe they may be in conflict with their religious beliefs. If you do not want your child to take the tests due to a conflict with their religious beliefs, you must make arrangements to come to the NTSD Administration Building to review the test two weeks prior to the assessments and submit a written request to the Superintendent prior to the testing dates.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education shares the following: electronic devices such as, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, E-readers, Nooks, Kindles, iPods, tablets, camera-ready devices, and any other electronic device which can be used to photograph or duplicate test materials, access the internet and/or communicate with others during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams are not permitted in any testing session.

Sincerely,



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