

ACT 158 OF 2018

PATHWAYS TO GRADUATION

HISTORY OF ACT 158

- **Originally** set to take effect with the class of 2022
- Delayed due to Covid-19 Pandemic
- Takes effect with the class of 2023

OVERVIEW OF ACT 158

- Local grade-based and school district-based graduation requirements
- Act 158 Pathways are additional requirements-state requirements
- Act 158 identifies 5 Pathways to Graduation
 - Keystone Proficiency Pathway
 - Keystone Composite Pathway
 - CTE Concentrator Pathway
 - Alternative Assessment Pathway
 - Evidence Based Pathway

KEYSTONE PROFICIENCY PATHWAY

- Student must earn 1500 or better on each of the 3 Keystone Exams
 - Algebra I (Grades 8, 9, 10)
 - Literature (Grade 10)
 - Biology (Grade 10)
- Students can retest through the spring of their junior year

KEYSTONE COMPOSITE PATHWAY

- Students may not have a below basic score on any Keystone Exam
- A score of proficient or advanced on at least one Keystone Exam
- The composite score for all 3 is 4452 or greater

CTE CONCENTRATOR PATHWAY

- Students in the Ag General or Ag Mechanics programs could graduate through this Pathway
- Student must attain an Industry-Based Competency Certification, or
- Demonstrate readiness for continued meaningful engagement in the program of study, or
- Demonstrate a high likelihood of success on an approved industry-based assessment

ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT PATHWAY

- Attainment of ONE alternative assessment score or better:
 - ACT (21), ASVAB AFQT (31), PSAT/NMSQT (970), SAT (1010)
- Attainment of Gold Level or better on ACT WorkKeys
- Attainment of 3 or better on AP Exam(s) related to EACH Keystone content area in which less than proficient
- Attainment of 4 or better on IB Exam(s) related to EACH Keystone content area in which less than proficient

ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT PATHWAY (CONTINUED)

- Successful completion of concurrent course(s) related to EACH Keystone content area in which less than proficient
- Successful completion of a pre-apprenticeship program
- Acceptance into a 4 year Institution of High Education (IHE) for college-level coursework

EVIDENCE BASED PATHWAY

- Need a total of 3 pieces of evidence from the following two sections:
 - One or more from the following:
 - Attainment of 630 or better on any SAT subject test
 - Attainment of Silver Level or better on ACT WorkKeys
 - Attainment of 3 or better on ANY AP Exam
 - Attainment of 3 or better on ANY IB Exam
 - Successful completion of ANY concurrent or post-secondary course
 - Industry-recognized credentialization
 - Acceptance to any other-than-four-year IHE for college-level course work

EVIDENCE BASED PATHWAY (CONTINUED)

- No more than two pieces of evidence from the following:
 - Attainment of proficient or advanced on any Keystone Exam
 - Successful completion of a service-learning project (multiple)
 - Letter guaranteeing full-time employment or military enlistment
 - Completion of an internship, externship, or cooperative education program
 - Compliance with NCAA Division II academic requirements

ACT 158 POST-GRADUATION TRACKING

- Tracking for class of 2023 completed by December 1, 2023
- Done in PDE Suite (Comp Plan, Title Plans, A-TSI Plan)
- December 1st will be the due date for tracking every year after
 - Portal will open October 1st each year
- Tracking data reflective of prior year graduating class
 - Total number of students in grade twelve in the previous school year.
 - Total number of students who graduated in the previous school year.
 - Total number of students who graduated under each pathway.
 - Number of students that the chief school administrator granted a waiver.
 - Number of students utilizing each type of evidence