

Dear FTCHS students & parents/guardians,

Franklin Towne Charter High School's administrative team has been researching the Pennsylvania Department of Education's "[Pathways to Graduation](#)" and looking into what pathways best serve our students' needs. While it is still a requirement for students to take the Algebra 1, Biology & Literature Keystone exams by the end of their 11<sup>th</sup> grade year, proficiency on them is not the only way to demonstrate post-secondary readiness. Because of this we have adjusted our requirements for Keystone testing to the following:

- All students will take the Algebra 1, Biology & Literature Keystone exam at least once prior to the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade as mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education
- Students whose results are non-proficient will be scheduled to retake the exam one additional time
  - If the student still does not reach a score of proficient or advanced on that test, they will not be mandated to take it again but can reach out to their guidance counselor if they wish to
- Our dress down incentives will be as follows per grade level beginning next year:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grades – weekly dress down for students proficient or advanced on the Algebra 1 Keystone
  - 11<sup>th</sup> grade – weekly dress down for students proficient or advanced on all 3 (Algebra 1, Biology and Literature) Keystones
  - 12<sup>th</sup> grade – weekly dress down for students who meet 1 of the [pathways to graduation](#)
    - 1 – Keystone Proficiency Pathway
    - 2 – Keystone Composite Pathway
    - 3 – Alternate Assessment Pathway
    - 4 – Evidence-Based Pathway

Non-proficient students on a Keystone exam but who have taken it at least two times will **not** be automatically scheduled to take the May Keystone exam in that subject. If they wish to be added to the testing list, they must reach out to their guidance counselor by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Below you will find the May 2024 Keystone testing schedule and modified bell schedule for these days.

Thank you as always for your support.

## **May 2024 Keystone Testing Schedule**

### **Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – Keystone Literature Exam Module 1**

- Testing – Non-proficient 10<sup>th</sup> grade students
  - 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who are already proficient/advanced – excused from school
  - Students testing will be dismissed around 11:00AM unless they need extra time
- All 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in classes with modified bell schedule (below)

### **Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Keystone Literature Exam Module 2**

- Testing – Non-proficient 10<sup>th</sup> grade students
  - 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who are already proficient/advanced – excused from school
  - Students testing will be dismissed around 11:00AM unless they need extra time
- All 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in classes with modified bell schedule (below)

### **Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – all students in classes with modified bell schedule (below)**

### **Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – Keystone Biology Module 1**

- Testing – Non-proficient 10<sup>th</sup> grade students
  - 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who are already proficient/advanced – excused from school
  - Students testing will be dismissed around 10:00AM unless they need extra time
- No school for all other students

### **Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – Keystone Biology Module 2**

- Testing – Non-proficient 10<sup>th</sup> grade students
  - 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who are already proficient/advanced – excused from school
  - Students testing will be dismissed around 10:00AM unless they need extra time
- No school for all other students

### **Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Keystone Algebra 1 Exam Module 1**

- Testing – Non-proficient 9<sup>th</sup> grade students
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade students who are already proficient/advanced – excused from school
  - Students testing will be dismissed around 11:00AM unless they need extra time
- All 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in classes with modified bell schedule (below)

**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – Keystone Algebra 1 Exam Module 2**

- Testing – Non-proficient 9<sup>th</sup> grade students
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade students who are already proficient/advanced – excused from school
  - Students testing will be dismissed around 11:00AM unless they need extra time
- All 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in classes with modified bell schedule (below)

**Bell Schedule for May 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

<b>Bell Schedule</b>		
<b>Bldgs. 108/109</b>		
<b>Block</b>	<b>Begin</b>	<b>End</b>
1	8:00	8:55
2	8:58	9:53
3A	9:56	10:26
3B	10:29	10:59
3C	11:02	11:32
4	11:35	12:30
<b>Morning Entry - 7:00-7:50AM</b>		
<b>Students without 1st Block Arrival Time - prior to 8:50AM</b>		
<b>Detention begins - 12:35PM</b>		
<b>Detention runs until - 2:30PM</b>		