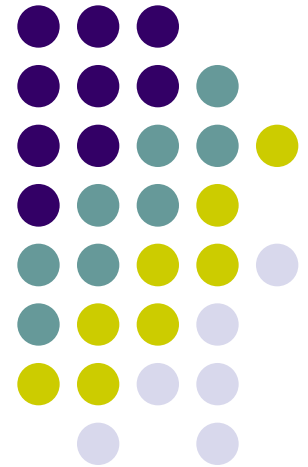


Sophomore Parent/Student Meeting May 2022

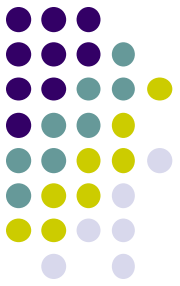




Graduation Requirements

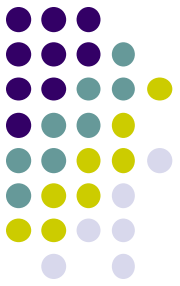
- Credits = 25.5 minimum
 - 4 (each) Math/English/Social Studies
 - 3 Science
 - Driver ed (.25)/Wellness (.25)/Phys. Ed (1.5)
 - Assessment Prep (.5 credit)
 - Personal Finance (.5 credit)
 - Intro to Video (.5 credit)
 - 1 technology
 - 5.5 electives
 - Graduation Project (won't show until final report)

Graduation Project



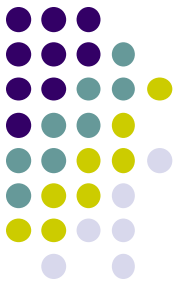
- **Grade 9 requirements**
 - LCCTC tour
 - Begin Community Service 12 hrs required by senior year
 - Continue Career Readiness Artifacts (grade 8-11 required to have 14)
- **Grade 10 requirements**
 - ASVAB (taken fall 2021)
 - PSAT 10
 - Job Shadow #1 (In Person preferred but lots of virtual opportunities and online)
 - Continue Community Service
 - Continue Career Readiness Artifacts (most done in school)
- **Grade 11 requirements**
 - Job Shadow #2
 - Continue Career Readiness Artifacts
 - Continue Community Service
- **Grade 12 requirements**
 - Finish Community Service
 - Autobiographical Paper- due in December (in English class)
 - Resume- due in December (in English class)
 - Exit interview (Spring of Senior year)
- + **Labor Based Indicator** (professional certificate **or** 3rd job shadow **or** 60 hours of community service with 3 paragraph essay about the service)

Graduation Project (con't)



- + Students are required to have a **Labor Based Indicator** (Professional Certificate)
 - Lifeguard, Referee, First Aid, Babysitting, CPR
 - Must be current and valid
 - **Gym class CPR online education** is required but it is not a valid certificate
 - Can use 6 **skills badges** from www.smartfutures.org
- + Students are required to have an **Individual Career Plan** on file every year
 - + We update this every year with a google form to student's email

Mrs. D Will help student get caught up with missing components.



Keystone Requirements

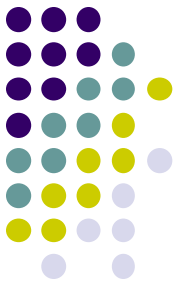
Students are **required** to either be proficient in

- Algebra (exam 5/16-17)
- Biology (exam 5/18-19)
- Literature (exam 5/20-23)

OR have a “Pathway” to graduation

Act 158 of 2018 (Act 158) provides alternatives to Pennsylvania’s statewide requirement of attaining proficiency on the three end-of-course Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Literature, and Biology) in order for a student to achieve statewide graduation requirements. Effective with the graduating class of 2023, students have the **option to demonstrate postsecondary preparedness through one of four additional pathways that more fully illustrate college, career, and community readiness**. Keystone Exams will continue as the statewide assessment Pennsylvania uses to comply with accountability requirements set forth in the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Although students will no longer be required to achieve proficiency on the Keystone Exams in order to meet statewide graduation requirements, **students must take the Keystone Exams for purposes of federal accountability**. Failure to do so will affect a Local Education Agency (LEA) and school’s participation rate.

5 Pathways to Graduation



1. Keystone Proficiency
2. Keystone Composite

Take all three Keystone Exams and must have at least one Keystone Exam score of Proficient or Advanced and no Keystone Exam score of Below Basic. Students also must earn a satisfactory composite score of **4452** or better on all 3 exams

3. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Concentrator

LCCTC Students

Attainment of an Industry-Based Competency Certification related to the CTE concentrator's program of study.

4. Alternative Assessment

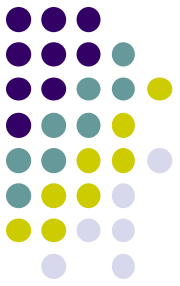
Pass the current Keystone course AND a local assessment after remediation PLUS

5. Evidence-Based

- a. Section 1 must show 3 pieces of evidence
- b. Section 2 Must show 1 piece of evidence in section 1 and then 2 more from section 2
 - i. See separate attachment for evidence that fits these categories

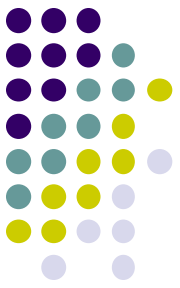
Scheduling

2022-23 School year



- **May 20 deadline** to change schedule requests
- Planning a move up day in June
 - Students should check required classes
 - Electives may have been substituted due to
 - availability
 - conflicts

College Within the High School Credits



College Within the High School (grade restrictions apply)

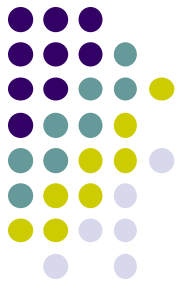
- Seton Hill College (All of our grade 11-12 Honors/AP courses are eligible)
- University of Pitt (AP Chem- grade 12)
- Duquesne University (Honors Statistics)
- Fee associated with courses & parent meeting in Fall (this year \$225 for 1 or 3 or 4 credit college courses)
- Grades on College transcript are without the 5 % or 10 %
- Not all colleges or programs accept transfer credits
 - it is up to the student to get that information
 - It might be too soon to know for sure where the student wants to attend so yes- it is a financial risk.



Dual Enrollment

Dual Enrollment (check age/grade/GPA and test score restrictions)

- College Credit & High School Credit earned simultaneously
 - Clarion University, BC3, Westminster, SRU, PSU, YSU, Grove City
 - Student take classes directly through the college!
- Transfer Credits
 - NONE are calculated into GPA
- ALL must be pre approved before registering if students want HS credit.
 - English and Math are not approved for HS credit towards graduation requirements BUT can be used as elective credit.
 - Paperwork is obtained and filed in guidance and submitted to Principal and the Superintendent.



Grade Conversion to 4.0 Scale

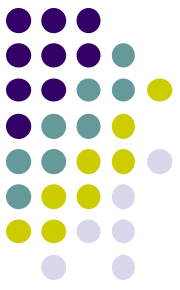
Core classes

- 90-100 = 4
- 80-89 = 3
- 70-79 = 2

And Honors + AP courses that are 100 or higher = 5

Example English = 75 C = 2 1 credit
 Social Studies = 85 B = 3 1 credit
 Honors math = 100 A+ = 5 1 credit
 PE = 100 A (not counted – only .5 credit)

- Assign above points to final grades in full credit classes only and add
 $2 + 3 + 5 = 10$ points
- Divide total by total number of full credits
 $10 \text{ points} / 3 \text{ credits} = 3.33$
- If you use ALL classes it is same method BUT multiply grade points by credits (A=4 x .5 credit class = 2 points not 4)



Other Important Reminders

- Social media posts
- www.nts.org
- Check student email accounts **REGULARLY!**
 - This is how I communicate with students
- Email me at bdevincentis@nts.org
- Join remind app- parents and students
 - Text **@k7fbkb to 81010** to join class 2024
 - I send reminders about important school events!