



# Neshannock Township School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Recently your student participated in the Keystone Exams in the content areas of either Algebra I, Biology, and/or Literature. I am writing to inform you of several dates that have been set by the Pennsylvania Department of Education surrounding the results of these exams. First, Individual Student Reports (ISRs) will be sent to school districts on September 14<sup>th</sup> for distribution to parents/guardians. However, on July 17<sup>th</sup> I will be sent a data file informing me of any student that scored at the Basic or Below Basic level on the Keystone Exams. The Department of Education allows for a summer testing window in which any student that scores Basic or Below Basic can retest to try to improve their score. The dates of Neshannock High School's Summer Keystone Exams are as follows:

<b>Algebra</b>	<b>July 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Biology</b>	<b>July 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Literature</b>	<b>July 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:30am</b>
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In the event that your student scores at the Basic or Below Basic level, they will receive a notice from me on July 17<sup>th</sup> to the ntsd.org email account. In past years, the Department of Education has allowed two full weeks between the release of the data file and the start of the summer testing window. That is not the case this year, and with only one week's notice, there is not time to send a notice via US Postal Service. If your student does not receive an email on July 17<sup>th</sup> then that is a sign that they scored either Proficient or Advanced and there is nothing to do but wait for the ISR to be mailed home after September 14<sup>th</sup>.

All students scoring Basic or Below Basic will be enrolled into the summer exams and should report to the school on their assigned exam date. Neshannock Township School District encourages all eligible students to participate in the Summer Keystone Exams. Students that score at the Basic and Below Basic level will be assigned to a Keystone Extension course in place of an elective to prepare for the Winter Keystone Exams and will continue to test until they reach the requirements of PA Act 158 to be eligible to receive a high school diploma in the State of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Mr. Adam Held  
District Assessment Coordinator