

# MSD ACT 158

## GRADUATION PATHWAYS





## Graduation Requirement Decision Flow Chart (2023+)



### Keystone Proficiency PATHWAY

Meets proficiency or advanced on each of the Keystone Exams

- Algebra I
- Biology
- Literature



### Keystone Composite PATHWAY

Demonstrate proficiency by earning a satisfactory composite score on the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone Exams of 4452

Must achieve at least a proficient score on one of the three exams and no less than a basic score on the remaining two

### CTE PATHWAY

1. Successful completion of Keystone course
2. **AND** the attainment of **one** of the following:
  - a. An industry-based competency certification
  - b. Demonstration of a high likelihood of

success on an approved industry-based competency assessment

- c. Readiness for continued meaningful engagement in the CTE concentrator's program of study

### Alternate Assessment PATHWAY

1. Successful completion of Keystone course
2. **AND** the attainment of **one** of the following:
  - a. Established score on an approved alternate assessment (SAT, PSAT, ACT, ASVAB, AP, IB)
  - b. Successful completion of a concurrent course

- c. Successful completion of a pre-apprenticeship program
- d. Accepted in an accredited 4-year nonprofit institution of higher education and have evidence of the ability to enroll in college-level coursework

### Evidence Based PATHWAY

1. Successful completion of Keystone course
2. Three pieces of evidence consistent with the student's goals and career plans

### Other PATHWAY

1. Graduation based on IEP team decisions based upon academic goals
2. Superintendent's waiver for students with extenuating circumstances (5%)

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# Pathway #1

## KEYSTONE PROFICIENCY PATHWAY

**Students can graduate with the following:**

Proficient or advanced on the following  
Keystones:

Algebra 1

Biology

Literature



# Pathway #2

## KEYSTONE COMPOSITE PATHWAY

Students can graduate by completing the following:

- Get an advanced or proficient on **one** of the 3 Keystone Exams
- Have **NO Below Basic** Scores on any of the 3 Keystone Exams
- Get a composite score of 4452 on all 3 Keystone Exams combined;
  - Each Keystone has a passing score of 1500





# Pathway #2

## KEYSTONE COMPOSITE PATHWAY

- Example of Composite Pathway:
  - Literature Keystone Score: 1505 (Proficient)
  - Algebra 1 Keystone Score: 1480 (Basic)
  - Biology Keystone Score: 1482 (Basic)
- Composite Score Total: **4467**  
**Earns Graduation Eligibility**



# Pathway # 3

## CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) CONCENTRATOR PATHWAY

Students can graduate by completing the following:

- Pass the trigger courses: Algebra 1, Biology, and 10th Grade English
- Be enrolled in the RMCTC and:
  - Passing NOCTI
  - Passing Industry Based Competency
  - Pass class requirements at the end of the junior year.





# Pathway #4

## ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT PATHWAY

- AND** obtain one of the following:

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# Pathway #5

## EVIDENCE BASED PATHWAY

- Students can graduate by completing the following:
  - Pass the trigger courses: Algebra 1, Biology, and 10th Grade English

**AND** Complete 3 pieces of additional evidence from the following two categories:

- Category 1: (one or more of the following)
  - **Attainment of 630 or better on any SAT Subject Test**
  - **Attainment of 3 or better on any AP Exam**
  - **Successful completion of any dual enrollment course**
  - **Acceptance into RACC or any junior college/trade school**





# Pathway #5

## EVIDENCE BASED PATHWAY

- Category 2: (No more than two of the following)
  - **Attainment of Proficient or Advanced on any Keystone**
  - **Successful completion of a service-learning project**
  - **Letter guaranteeing full-time employment or military enlistment**
  - **Completion of an internship**
  - **Compliance with NCAA Division II academic requirements**



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