

2020-2021
Winter Keystone Exams

High school students are no longer required to take the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) exams in reading, math, writing, and science. Students are now required to take course-specific exams in Algebra I, Biology, and Literature.

The Keystone Exams are designed to be given as an end of course exam to measure proficiency in the three subject areas. At Palmyra, students will take the Keystone Exams at the conclusion of their Algebra I, Language Arts 10, and Biology courses. Each exam consists of two modules and both modules will be administered to students on one day; one module in the morning and the second module administered in the afternoon. Students will be required to re-take any exam on which they do not score at least “proficient.”

The winter schedule for this year’s Keystone Exams will be as follows:

Testing Window	January 26, 2020	January 27, 2020	January 28, 2020
<u>Literature Exam-</u> Students in College Prep and Honor’s Language Arts 10, and students from the Class of 2022 and Class of 2023 who did not take this assessment in the Spring of 2020 due to Covid-19 or who did not score proficient on a previous exam	Literature Exam		
<u>Algebra I Exam-</u> Students in Math Standards, Honor’s Algebra 1, as well as students in Algebra 2A, C.P. Algebra 2A, Honor’s Algebra 2, and students from the Class of 2022 and class of 2023 who did not take this assessment in the Spring of 2020 due to Covid-19 or who did not score proficient on a previous exam		Algebra I Exam	
<u>Biology Exam-</u> Students in Honor’s Biology, and students from the Class of 2022 who did not take this assessment in the Spring of 2020 due to Covid-19 or who did not score proficient on a previous exam			Biology Exam