



Maritime Academy Charter School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Each year, the Pennsylvania Department of Education utilizes the Keystone Exams to measure the proficiency of students currently enrolled in Algebra, Biology, and English. Achieving proficiency in these end-of-course exams is an important goal. This year we will use the results as a diagnostic tool to help the school understand where the students are, and the information will help us identify areas where the students need additional support. We do not want our cadets to stress over the exam, however, we do want them to do their best so we have a true measure of what the teachers need to reteach.

Each exam consists of two (2) modules taken over the course of two days and will be administered from **8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (first and second periods) each day**. Students should report to their advisory rooms no later than 7:45 AM. Please ensure your child gets plenty of sleep and is present and on time each of these days. Students have a full day schedule on the testing days. The regular schedule will resume third period for those testing. **Seniors will have a regular school day as well.** A hot breakfast will be available 7:15 – 7:40 AM in the mess hall.

Testing Calendar: 8:00 – 10:00 AM

- **English Literature Keystone Exam:** Wednesday, May 18th & Thursday, May 19th
9th and 10th grade cadets will take the test. 10th grade proficient cadets will be asynchronous/virtual. There are only 10 cadets in this category. *11th and 12th graders will have a normal full in-person schedule.*
- **Biology Keystone Exam:** Friday, May 20th & Monday, May 23rd
10th and 11th cadets will take the test. 11th grade proficient cadets will be asynchronous/virtual. There are 17 proficient 11th graders in this category. *9th & 12th grade cadets will have a normal full in-person schedule.*
- **Algebra 1 Keystone Exam:** Tuesday, May 24th & Wednesday, May 25th
9th and 10th grade cadets will take the test. 10th grade proficient cadets will be asynchronous/virtual. There are only 4 cadets in this category. *11th and 12th graders will have a normal full in-person schedule.*

Students will need to bring their **computers fully charged to school and bring their chargers to school as well**. Exam will be taken on-line on the computer the same way they took the CDTs earlier in the year. The cadets will receive their codes that morning. All the schedules, rosters and required sign-offs will be issued the day of the exams.

Frequently asked questions, exam format, and sample questions are a part of our Study Island program. To help develop mastery, students are expected to do at least 30 minutes twice a week. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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cc: E. Mattioni, CEO