



## Algebra 1 Keystone Exam

What is the test?

The Keystone Exam is a subject specific assessment created by the Pennsylvania Department of Education that all public high school students must take to graduate. Students will take an Algebra Keystone Exam, a Literature Keystone Exam, and a Biology Keystone Exam.

Who is taking the test?

All 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> graders who will be completing Algebra 1 or Algebra 1 Part 2 will take the Keystone Exam.

When is the test?

The test will be in May.

Does this test matter for you?

Yes! The Octorara Area School District and the Pennsylvania Department of Education requires that all students score Proficient on all state assessments. If you do not score Proficient, you will have to retake both you Algebra course and the Keystone Exam. You will have to retake the Keystone Exam until you reach a score of Proficient.

What is the test format?

The test is made of two modules consisting of multiple choice and short answer questions. This test is content specific and very detailed. Review materials will be provided by your classroom teachers and on the district website. You are strongly encouraged to take full opportunity of these review opportunities.

Where can I get more information? You can access the following web site:

<http://www.pdesas.org/module/assessment/Keystone.aspx>