

# Oxford Area School District

## Oxford Area High School

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### Kids First, Progress and Unity

OAHS Parents and Families:

Spring Keystone Assessments will be held the weeks of May 16-May 26<sup>th</sup>. Students are required by the State of Pennsylvania to be assessed in three areas: Algebra 1, Literature, and Biology by the end of their 11<sup>th</sup> grade year.

Students taking one or more of the Keystone exams will be listed on a roster according to the room in which they are assigned in several locations throughout the building (Library, Main Office, Lunchroom, and Guidance). It is requested that students check these rosters and know where and when they should report for testing.

Please know that there are strict rules on Technology usage in and around the Assessments. In an era of cell phones, smartphones, smart watches, and other electronic devices which can easily photograph and instantly share photographs, confidential and secure test materials can be easily compromised. Copying or duplicating the material from the assessment, including the taking of a photograph, is a violation of the federal Copyright Act. Penalties for violations of the Copyright Act may include the cost of replacing the compromised test item(s) or fines of no less than \$750 and up to \$30,000 for a single violation. 17 U.S.C. 101 et seq.

In order to ensure reliable test results and avoid the cost of replacing test items, the Department of Education requires schools to set rules and take certain steps to protect test material. One step or rule required in all schools is that electronic devices are not permitted during testing sessions. Electronic devices include but are not limited to cell phones, smartphones, e-readings, smartwatches, Air Pods, and other wireless headphones along with any other electronic device. Please speak with your child and let them know that the possession and/or use of a cell phone or other electronic device during the administration of the Keystone Exam will result in consequences and typically includes a complete retake of the exam.

If a student is discovered using and/or having a cell phone or other electronic device in their possession during the administration of the Keystone Exams, you will be contacted by the school. Students that ignore this directive will be subject to the school's discipline policy and the Department of Education's requirement that the student's test not be scored, and the student will be required to retake the entire exam. In addition, the electronic device will be held by school administration for further investigation. If, after testing is completed and test materials have been returned, it is discovered that a student used and/or had a cell phone or other electronic device in their possession during the administration of the test, the school's discipline policy will be followed, and the student's scores will be invalidated. Please take a moment and read the questions document attached.