

# Keystone Algebra 1

## Handscoring Nonscore Codes

# PENNSYLVANIA NONSCORABLE CODES

**For PSSA Reading, Science, and Mathematics and all Keystone Open-ended Items (items with zero as a valid score point):**

Nonscoreable Code	Definition/Example/Notes
B – Blank	<p>Completely blank response. This includes responses that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are completely erased (so that words are unreadable)</li> <li>• Are completely crossed out (so that words are unreadable)</li> <li>• Online responses that consist solely of “white space” (e.g., spaces, tabs, returns)</li> </ul>
R – Refusal	<p>Response indicates a refusal to attempt the task. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>I don’t care; I’m not taking this test; This is stupid; I won’t do it; you can’t make me answer this question</i></li> <li>• <i>I don’t know; IDK; we never learned this; X; NA</i></li> <li>• <i>Unrelated song lyrics/rap lyrics/poetry (e.g., the lyrics to Hotel California in answer to a writing prompt asking whether backpacks should be allowed in class)</i></li> <li>• <i>Intentionally off-task response (e.g., a detailed description of what the student ate for breakfast that morning in answer to a question about Mozart’s childhood)</i></li> </ul> <p>This also includes responses that consist solely of scribbles, random keystrokes (yyyyyyy, av:aeoiahvb;e, hhrttuuvv), indecipherable writing/keystrokes (swensts mengetstets arawnstets) emoticons, stray marks, doodles, drawings, circles, underlines, a couple of random letters (not a word), copying the question and/or test directions, or other evidence that no attempt was made to address the task.</p>
K – Off task/topic	<p>Response makes no reference to the item or (if applicable) the passage provided, but does not seem to constitute an intentional refusal.</p> <p>If any part of the response relates to the item in any way, score the response.</p>
F – Foreign Language	<p>Responses written entirely in a language other than English.</p> <p>Note that mathematics responses may still be scoreable if they also contain mathematical language (numbers, operators, etc.) that can be assessed by the rubric.</p> <p>Also note that a Spanish language version of the test is available for students for mathematics and science assessments. These are scored by qualified Spanish-speaking scorers.</p>
U – Illegible	<p>This category includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses that are completely illegible due to poor handwriting.*</li> <li>• Online or typed responses that are incoherent due to consisting of random strings of words that are not clearly a Refusal or Off Topic (e.g., <i>best day school teacher inspired so I rode my car</i>)</li> </ul> <p>* If a response is difficult to read, every effort is made to read the response. Multiple people, including a Team Leader and/or a Scoring Director, will attempt to decipher the response, and the original answer document will be reviewed if necessary. If, ultimately, only a portion of the response is legible, that verbiage will be scored on its own merits.</p>

**Note:** In reading, copied irrelevant text receives a score of 0.

**Note:** Responses that consist of a couple of words and do not represent a complete thought (e.g., *I think that, Ramps are*) receive a score of 0.

**Note:** Crossed out, but legible/partially legible, responses are scored according to the rubric based on whatever verbiage is legible.