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Essential Element 1: Standards

Literacy programs (birth-grade 12) require a well-articulated, coherent set of goals based on PDE standards. Articulation is needed between all levels, but especially at important transition points, (i.e., pre-school to kindergarten; elementary school to middle school; and middle school to secondary school). Such programs also require an understanding that there is a reciprocal relationship among the language arts (reading, writing, speaking, and listening), and that each contributes to the learning of the others. Moreover, successful learning of complex information in the disciplines requires the meaningful integration of literacy experiences (e.g., reading, writing, speaking, listening).

MYTH BUSTERS

Myth or Fact: It is urban legend that students are earning extra credit on the Keystone Literature Assessment by answering the field test items.

BUSTED!

This one is quite the myth! There is no extra credit on the Keystone exam. The field test items do not count for or against the student's score. The field test items are embedded in the test forms and neither student nor test administrator should try to identify them for any reason. We rely on the validity of field test item performance to ensure statistical quality for core items.

Statewide High School Graduation Requirement

Senate Bill 1095, which was signed into law by Governor Tom Wolf on October 24, 2018. Senate Bill 1095 will expand the options for students to demonstrate postsecondary readiness using four additional pathways that more fully illustrate college, career, and community readiness.

The statewide graduation requirement takes effect for the graduating class of 2022. While there is no statewide graduation requirement for the classes of 2019, 2020, and 2021, students, parents, and guardians should reference local policies governing graduation, which are not preempted by the moratorium on the statewide requirement. Beginning in the 2021-22 school year, the statewide graduation requirement will apply, as will any other locally established policies and requirements.

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Our monthly ELA CAI eBLAST will focus on providing the following: insight around standardized assessment, professional learning for ELA, classroom instruction and assessment, professional opportunities, and a question/answer section.

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Theme: cross-sector collaboration and its ability to strengthen partnerships between education and business to advance career pathways. Topics: workforce and classroom connections, cross-sector collaboration, and employability skills.

Visit the IU5 [website](#) to preview the agenda, and access registration.

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