

AA & EB Pathways: Student Evidence Comparison

The following chart compares student evidence for the Alternative Assessment and Evidence-Based Pathways, highlighting similarities/differences to assist schools in identifying student experience applicability.

NOTE: Students must also meet locally established grade-based requirements for academic content associated with every Keystone Exam on which a student does not have a numeric or non-numeric Proficient/Advanced. Access the [Graduation Requirements Guidance](#) for more detailed information.

Demonstrate readiness by attaining evidence under ONE of these pathways:	<i>Alternative Assessment Pathway</i> (requires 1 piece of evidence)	<i>Evidence-Based Pathway</i> (requires 3 pieces of evidence)
	Satisfy ONE of the requirements (✓) below:	Satisfy up to THREE* of the requirements (✓) below:
Meet or exceed established score(s) on an approved Alternative Assessment	✓ Achieve <i>one</i> of the following: ACT – a composite score of 21 ASVAB – an AFQT composite score of 31 PSAT/NMSQT – a total score of 970 SAT – a total score of 1010	✓ Achieve at least a 630 on any SAT Subject Test(s) <i>(each SAT Subject Test in a different subject or level and with an earned score of 630 or higher may be counted as a piece of evidence)</i>
Meet or exceed established score on ACT WorkKeys	✓ Achieve at least Gold Level NCRC (National Career Readiness Certificate)	✓ Achieve at least Silver Level NCRC (National Career Readiness Certificate)
Meet or exceed established score(s) on Advanced Placement (AP) Exam(s)	✓ For every Keystone Exam on which less than Proficient, take a content-related AP Exam and score a 3 or higher on each	✓ Score a 3 or higher on AP Exam(s) in any content area <i>(each AP Exam affiliated with a different course and with an earned score of 3 or higher may be counted as a piece of evidence)</i>
Meet or exceed established score(s) on International Baccalaureate (IB) Exam(s)	✓ For every Keystone Exam on which less than Proficient, take a content-related IB Exam and score a 4 or higher on each	✓ Score a 3 or higher on IB Exam(s) in any content area <i>(each IB Exam affiliated with a different course and with an earned score of 3 or higher may be counted as a piece of evidence)</i>
Successfully complete Concurrent Enrollment Course(s) OR Successfully complete Postsecondary (other than Concurrent Enrollment) Course(s)	✓ For every Keystone Exam on which less than Proficient, successfully complete a content-related Concurrent Enrollment Course	✓ Successfully complete Concurrent Enrollment Course(s) in any content area OR Successfully complete any Postsecondary Course(s) provided by an LEA-approved institution <i>(each course successfully completed may be counted as a piece of evidence)</i>
Acceptance into an accredited non-profit Institution of Higher Education (IHE) and ability to enroll in college-level work	✓ Provide an unconditional acceptance letter into a 4-year IHE program OR general admittance into a 4-year IHE and one of the following: – proof of college-level coursework enrollment – equivalent placement test results – equivalent graduate profile	✓ Provide an unconditional acceptance letter into an other-than-4-year IHE program OR general admittance into an other-than-4-year IHE and one of the following: – proof of college-level coursework enrollment – equivalent placement test results – equivalent graduate profile
Successfully complete a Pre-Apprenticeship Program	✓ Successfully complete a Pre-Apprenticeship Program registered with the PA Department of Labor & Industry or the US Department of Labor	N/A
Attain Industry-Recognized Credential(s)	N/A	✓ Receive Industry-Recognized Credential(s) from an SEA- or LEA-approved provider <i>(each credential earned may be counted as a piece of evidence)</i>
		*At least ONE piece of evidence must come from the above. If needed, up to TWO may come from the requirements (✓) below:
Score Proficient or Advanced on Keystone Exam(s)	N/A	✓ Attain numeric or non-numeric score(s) of Proficient or Advanced on the Algebra 1, Biology, or Literature Keystone Exam(s) <i>(each Keystone Exam affiliated with a different course and with a score of Proficient or Advanced may be counted as a piece of evidence)</i>
Complete Service-Learning Project(s)	N/A	✓ Successfully complete LEA-approved Service-Learning Project(s) of sufficient duration and intensity to address community needs and learning goals <i>(each project completed may be counted as a piece of evidence)</i>
Complete Internship(s), Externship(s), or Cooperative Education Program(s)	N/A	✓ Successfully complete an Internship, Externship, or Cooperative Education Program <i>(each work-based experience completed may be counted as a piece of evidence)</i>
Comply with the NCAA Division II core course requirements for college-bound athletes	N/A	✓ Maintain the minimum credits in requisite courses per NCAA guidelines, with a minimum GPA of 2.0
Attain a letter guaranteeing Full-Time Employment	N/A	✓ Provide a letter or completed form indicating good faith offer(s) of postsecondary work commensurate with Full-Time Employment OR enlistment papers