

Chapter 4 Regulations – Academic Standards and Assessments (from Carolyn C. Dumaresq, Ed.D., Acting Secretary of Education)

On Thursday, Nov. 21, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) approved revisions to the Chapter 4 regulations (Academic Standards and Assessments) that were adopted by the State Board of Education in September.

The approved regulatory package deals with Pennsylvania-specific academic standards (Pennsylvania Core Standards) for grades K-12 and makes changes to how the Keystone Exams are implemented.

Beginning with the class of 2017, students will be required to demonstrate proficiency on three Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Biology and English Literature), through a project-based assessment or with an alternative, equally rigorous assessment.

To view the approved Chapter 4 regulations, click on the following link:
http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/http://www.portal.state.pa.us;80/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_148494_1364534_0_0_18/Chapter%20%20FINAL-FORM.pdf

The next step before these regulations are enacted is for the regulatory package to be reviewed by the Pennsylvania Attorney General for form and legality. Once this step is completed, the regulations will take effect when they are printed in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

The Department of Education will provide an update when the process is completed.

If you have any questions, please contact ra-educationsecretary@pa.gov.