

Pennsylvania Department of Education
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

To: All Public School Entities
Date: September 22, 2021
From: Sheri Smith, Deputy Secretary
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
Re: Act 158

[Act 158 of 2018](#) (Act 158), signed into law by Governor Tom Wolf on October 24, 2018, provides alternatives to Pennsylvania's statewide requirement of attaining proficiency on the three end-of-course Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Literature, and Biology) for a student to achieve statewide graduation requirements.

Effective with the graduating class of 2023, students have the option to demonstrate postsecondary preparedness through one of four additional pathways that more fully illustrate college, career, and community readiness.

To assist LEAs with Act 158 implementation, PDE is offering office hours during the month of August and subsequent virtual training sessions and office hours from September through December.

Prior to participating in office hours, please review the [Act 158 Toolkit and associated resources on the SAS website](#). The toolkit was designed to provide guidance on the enactments of Act 158 and Act 6 of 2017 (Act 6).

ACT 158 TRAINING SCHEDULE
<p>ACT 158 Office Hours August 3, 10, 17, 24 2-3 PM</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/92826730185?pwd=REXkYmY0akJUcDhiTEdsa2ZmWDRodz09</p>
<p>VIRTUAL TRAINING SERIES – in-depth training and Q&A <i>(live webinars, archives will be made available on SAS PLC)</i></p> <p>Act 158 Overview September 14 - 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM September 15 - 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/95267385826?pwd=WkwrckxRMIVXWIZZRjZxVk82UTJmQT09</p> <p>Module 1: Resources—Updated Link September 29 - 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM September 30 - 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/7247871924?pwd=ci9IVThSOHrMG02RDF0NEVSaTIHUT09</p> <p>Module 2: Implementation—Updated Link October 6 - 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM October 7 - 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/7247871924?pwd=ci9IVThSOHrMG02RDF0NEVSaTIHUT09</p> <p>Module 3: Tracking & Reporting—Updated Link October 13 - 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM October 14 - 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/7247871924?pwd=ci9IVThSOHrMG02RDF0NEVSaTIHUT09</p>
<p>ACT 158 Office Hours <i>(Targeted Topics and Q&A)</i> November 3 and 17, December 1 and 15 3 PM to 4 PM</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/92671470993?pwd=QUdycjgvMIFYMGw0djUzYlc2QnpUdz09</p>

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