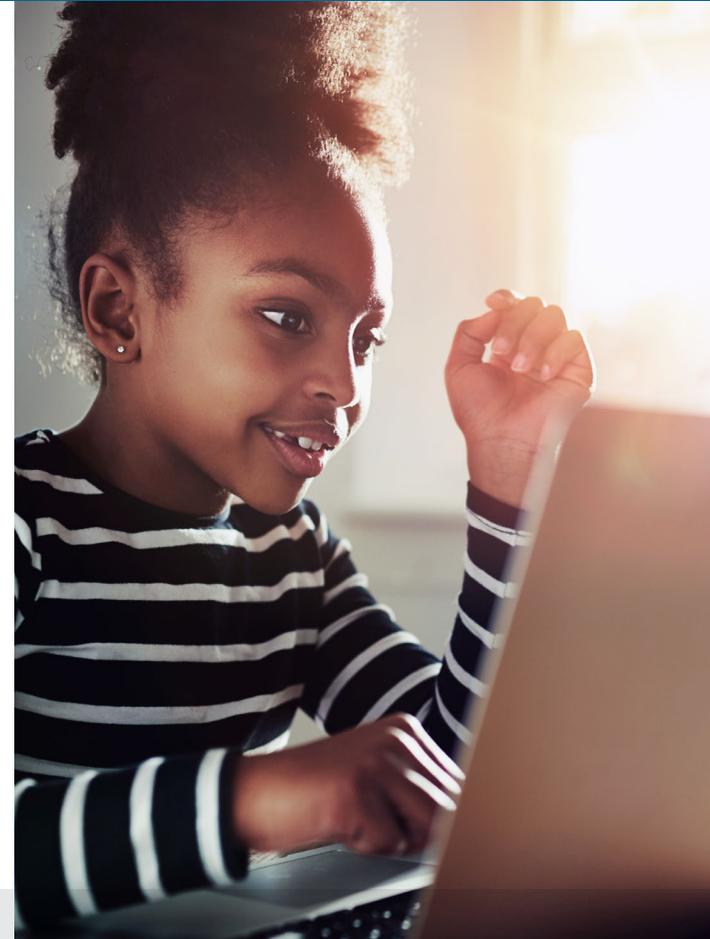


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WELCOME TO KEYSTONE ELEMENTARY.





The Keystone School provides high-quality, individualized educational experiences in a safe, technology-enabled learning environment to empower students to achieve their academic and personal goals.

The Keystone School is accredited by AdvancED and Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Secondary Schools, and is licensed by the State Board of Private Licensed Schools, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Some courses may require families to provide materials beyond those supplied by Keystone to complete the course. For more information, please contact our school.

Welcome to The Keystone School!

Every day, students come to Keystone with different education backgrounds, unique learning styles, and individual hopes. Is it possible for one school to serve such a diverse student body?

With Keystone, it is. For more than 40 years, we've worked with hundreds of thousands of students to offer a flexible, accredited education that lets every student create his or her own learning experience. Keystone allows students to blend family, life, and school on their own terms.

Our students dream big dreams. They aspire to become doctors, game designers, diplomats, teachers, authors, astronauts, and athletes. Some will go into professions that don't even exist today.

What does your child want to be? What contributions does your child want to make to the world? Whatever his or her goals may be, Keystone can put your child on a path to success. Whether your child needs a solid middle school education, help earning a high school diploma, tools to prepare for college or a career, or a few courses to round out his or her local school experience, Keystone can help.

By choosing Keystone, students can take charge of their future. Not only will they gain knowledge from coursework, families will gain independence from managing their own learning schedules independently—a skill that becomes essential for students as they progress into middle and high school.

We look forward to helping your child reach his or her goals.

Sincerely,



Erica Rhone

Head of School, The Keystone School



Kindergarten Courses

Kindergarten Math

The K–5 math courses are engaging research-based courses that focus on computational fluency, conceptual understanding, and problem solving. This course features new graphics, learning tools, and games; adaptive activities that help struggling students master concepts and skills before moving on; and more support for Learning Coaches to guide their students to success.

The course introduces kindergarten students to numbers through 30. Students learn through reading, writing, counting, comparing, ordering, adding, and subtracting. They experience problem solving and encounter early concepts in place value, time, length, weight, and capacity. They learn to gather and display simple data. Students also study two- and three-dimensional figures—they identify, sort, study patterns, and relate mathematical figures to objects within their environment.

Kindergarten Language Arts

In this course, students receive structured lessons on readiness skills through emphasis on phonics, language skills, literature, and handwriting to help develop comprehension, build vocabulary, and promote a lifelong interest in reading.

Kindergarten History

The Kindergarten History program teaches basics of world geography with the seven continents. Students will:

- Explore the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, the frozen expanses of Antarctica, and the grasslands and rain forests of Africa
- Learn what it is like to climb the Andes and ride with the gauchos
- Become familiar with the landmarks, people, and stories of many countries in Europe and Asia, as well as North America, including Canada and Mexico

- Learn about American history through biographies of famous figures, from Christopher Columbus and the Pilgrims to Thomas Jefferson and Sacagawea, from Harriet Tubman and Susan B. Anthony to Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt, from Thomas Edison and the Wright brothers to Cesar Chavez and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Kindergarten Science

Kindergarten students begin to develop observation skills as they learn about the five senses, the earth's composition, and the basic needs of plants and animals. Students will explore topics such as:

- My Body—the five senses; major organs and systems
- Plants and Animals—needs and habitats; conservationist Dr. Jane Goodall
- Measurement—size, height, length, weight, capacity, and temperature
- Matter—solid, liquid, and gas
- The Seasonal Cycle—changing weather in the seasons

Kindergarten Art

Kindergarten students are introduced to the elements of art—line, shape, color, and more. Students will:

- Learn about important paintings, sculpture, and architecture
- Study the works of artists like Henri Matisse, Joan Miró, Rembrandt van Rijn, Ando Hiroshige, Paul Cézanne, Pablo Picasso, and Faith Ringgold
- Create artwork similar to works they learn about, using many materials and techniques, including brightly colored paintings inspired by Henri Matisse and mobiles inspired by Alexander Calder



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PARENT OF A 2017 KEYSTONE STUDENT

1st Grade Courses

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This course for students in Grade 1 extends their work with place value to numbers through 100, emphasizing fluency of addition and subtraction facts and focusing on number sentences and problem solving with addition and subtraction. Students begin work with money, telling time, ordering events, and measuring length, weight, and capacity with non-standard units. Students identify attributes of geometric figures and also extend their work with patterns and data, including representing and comparing data.

1st Grade Language Arts

In this course, students receive structured lessons on readiness skills through emphasis on phonics, language skills, literature, and handwriting to help develop comprehension, build vocabulary, and promote a lifelong interest in reading.

1st Grade Science

Students learn to perform experiments and record observations and understand how scientists see the natural world. They germinate seeds to observe plant growth and make a weathervane.

1st Grade History

This course kicks off a program that, spanning the elementary grades, provides an overview of world geography and history from the Stone Age to the Space Age. Through lively stories and activities, students will:

- Meet nomadic children in ancient Mesopotamia who settle in the Fertile Crescent
- Explore the great pyramids in ancient Egypt and meet mighty pharaohs such as King Tut
- Learn about the historical origins of Judaism through stories of Abraham, Joseph, Moses, and David
- Learn about the origins of democracy in ancient Greece as well as the first Olympic Games, the Trojan War, Alexander the Great, and the marvelous myths of the ancient Greeks
- Visit ancient India and hear stories of the historical origins of Hinduism and Buddhism
- Travel down great rivers in ancient China, hear the wisdom of Confucius, and witness the building of the Great Wall

1st Grade Art

Following the timeline of the K12 History program, first grade art lessons introduce students to the art and architecture of different cultures, such as Mesopotamia and ancient Egypt, Greece, and China. Students will:

- Identify landscapes, still lifes, and portraits
- Study elements of art such as line, shape, and texture
- Create artwork similar to works they learn about using many materials and techniques; inspired by Vincent van Gogh's *The Starry Night*, students paint their own starry landscape using bold brushstroke, and they make clay sculptures inspired by a bust of Queen Nefertiti and the Great Sphinx

2nd Grade Course

2nd Grade Math

The K–5 math courses are engaging, research-based courses that focus on computational fluency, conceptual understanding, and problem solving. This course features new graphics, learning tools,

and games; adaptive activities that help struggling students master concepts and skills before moving on; and more support for Learning Coaches to guide their students to success.

This course for students in Grade 2 focuses primarily on number concepts, place value, and addition and subtraction of numbers through 1,000.

Special emphasis is given to problem solving, inverse operations, properties of operations, decomposition of numbers, and mental math. Students study money, time, and measurement; geometric figures; analyzing and displaying data with new representations; and determining the range and mode of data. Early concepts about multiplication, division, and fractions are introduced.

2nd Grade Language Arts

This course provides a comprehensive and interrelated sequence of lessons for students to continue building their proficiency in literature and comprehension, writing skills, vocabulary, spelling, and handwriting.

2nd Grade Science

Students perform experiments to develop skills of observation and analysis and learn how scientists understand the world. They demonstrate how pulleys lift heavy objects, make a temporary magnet and test its strength, and analyze the parts of a flower.

2nd Grade History

Second graders continue their investigation (spanning grades 1–4) into history from the Stone Age to the Space Age. Through lively stories and activities, second graders will:

- Explore ancient Rome and meet Julius Caesar
- Learn about the beginnings of Christianity during the Roman Empire
- Hear stories of the raiding and trading Vikings
- Appreciate the achievements of early Islamic civilization

- During the early Middle Ages in Europe, meet knights in armor, and hear stories of St. George, Robin Hood, and Joan of Arc
- Visit the medieval African kingdoms of Ghana, Mali, and Songhai
- Travel the Silk Road across China and meet the powerful emperor, Kublai Khan
- Learn about the fighting samurai and the growth of Buddhism and Shintoism in feudal Japan

2nd Grade Art

Following the timeline of the K12 History program, second grade art lessons introduce students to the art and architecture of ancient Rome, medieval Europe, Islam, Mexico, Africa, China, and Japan.

3rd Grade Courses

3rd Grade Math

The K–5 math courses are engaging, research-based courses that focus on computational fluency, conceptual understanding, and problem solving. This course features new graphics, learning tools, and games; adaptive activities that help struggling students master concepts and skills before moving on; and more support for Learning Coaches to guide their students to success.

This course emphasizes conceptual understanding of the mathematical operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

Students make connections between the operations, as well as practice through problem solving, to achieve fluency. The use of problem solving and representing problem situations with equations, which include symbols for unknown values, introduces algebraic thinking.

The course addresses fractions through multiple representations, as well as solving real-world problems, which gives students the ability to connect the use of fractions with problem situations

in a way that makes sense and creates deeper understanding. The course addresses geometry and measurement through introductory work on perimeter, area, and attributes of two-dimensional geometric figures, and applying measuring techniques to solving problems involving time, length, capacity, and mass.

Throughout the course, problem solving connects individual mathematical skills and concepts in a useful and in-depth way. This course includes standards-based tasks, digital literacy skills, and assessment questions.

3rd Grade Language Arts

In this course, students receive structured lessons in the language arts, a discipline that includes literature and comprehension, writing skills, vocabulary, spelling, and handwriting.

The purpose of these lessons is to increase reading comprehension, develop fundamental skills in oral and written communication, build vocabulary, and promote a lifelong interest in reading. This course addresses current thinking in assessment standards.

3rd Grade History

Continuing their investigation (spanning grades 1–4) into history from the Stone Age to the Space Age, third grade students will:

- Explore the Renaissance and meet Petrarch, da Vinci, Michelangelo, Gutenberg, Galileo, and more
- Journey through the Age of Exploration with Dias, da Gama, Magellan, and more
- Get to know the Maya, Aztecs, and Incas
- Visit civilizations in India, Africa, China, and Japan
- During England’s Golden Age, meet Elizabeth I, Sir Walter Raleigh, and William Shakespeare
- Explore Jamestown, Plymouth, and the 13 colonies in Colonial America
- Learn about the American Revolution

3rd Grade Science

Students learn to observe and analyze through hands-on experiments and gain further insight into how scientists understand our world.

They observe and chart the phases of the moon, determine the properties of insulators and conductors, and make a three-dimensional model of a bone.

3rd Grade Art

Following the timeline of the K12 History program, third grade art lessons introduce students to the art and architecture of the Renaissance throughout Europe, including Italy, Russia, and Northern Europe.

4th Grade Math

4th Grade Math

The K–5 math courses are engaging, research-based courses that focus on computational fluency, conceptual understanding, and problem solving. This course features new graphics, learning tools, and games; adaptive activities that help struggling students master concepts and skills before moving on; and more support for Learning Coaches to guide their students to success.

This course continues to emphasize the understanding of numbers and operations. There is a focus on computational fluency in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers. The course enhances fluency of operations through application in the solving of measurement, geometry, and data analysis problems using mathematical problem-solving techniques.

Students make connections between fraction and decimal representations of numbers. Students study equivalences and relationships between fractions and decimals on the number line and with other models. Students develop algebraic thinking as they work with variables and formulas to solve multi-step word problems and as they study patterns and rules.

They extend their knowledge of geometry through more in-depth classification of shapes and work with lines, angles, and rotations and the connection of geometric concepts to measurement and problem solving. This course includes standards-based tasks, digital literacy skills, and assessment questions.

4th Grade Language Arts

This is a comprehensive course covering reading comprehension, critical reading and analysis, composition, vocabulary, grammar, usage, and mechanics, including sentence analysis and diagramming. Structured lessons on spelling enable students to recognize base words and roots in related words. Lessons are designed to develop reading comprehension, build vocabulary, and help students become more independent readers. The emphasis is on classic literature.

Additionally, students read works of nonfiction as well as four novels selected from a long list of classic titles. Students will also practice the skills and question types they will find on many standardized tests.

4th Grade History

Concluding their investigation (spanning grades 1–4) into history from the Stone Age to the Space Age, fourth grade students turn to the study of the modern world.

4th Grade Science

Students develop scientific reasoning and perform hands on experiments in Earth, Life, and Physical Sciences. They construct an electromagnet, identify minerals according to their properties, use chromatography to separate liquids, and assemble food webs.

4th Grade Art

Following the timeline of the K12 History program, fourth grade art lessons introduce students to the artists, cultures, and great works of art and architecture from the French and American Revolutions through modern times.

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5th Grade Math

5th Grade Math

The K–5 math courses are engaging, research-based courses that focus on computational fluency, conceptual understanding, and problem solving. This course features new graphics, learning tools, and games; adaptive activities that help struggling students master concepts and skills before moving on; and more support for Learning Coaches to guide their students to success.

This course builds on student understanding of numbers and operations by making connections between place value, decimals, and fractions; introducing multiplication and division of decimal numbers; and extending understanding of fraction operations.

The course focuses on computational fluency in multiplication and division of whole numbers through the use of standard algorithms.

The course enhances fluency of operations with whole numbers, fractions, and decimals through application in the solving of measurement, geometry, and data-analysis problems using mathematical problem-solving techniques.

Students continue to develop algebraic thinking as they work with variables and formulas to solve multi-step word problems; they further study patterns and rules; and they are introduced to representing problems graphically using the coordinate plane.

They extend their knowledge of geometry through the use of the classification of shapes into hierarchies based on their attributes, the introduction of three-dimensional figures and volume, and the connection of geometric concepts to measurement and problem solving. This course includes standards-based tasks, digital literacy skills, and assessment questions.

5th Grade Language Arts

This course provides structured lessons on reading comprehension, critical reading and analysis,

composition, vocabulary, grammar, usage, and mechanics. Through emphasis on spelling, students learn relationships between sounds and spellings in words and affixes.

Lessons are designed to develop comprehension, hone critical reading skills, build vocabulary, and help students evaluate and apply the ideas they have learned from their reading.

Students practice writing as they write a memoir, an editorial, a research paper, a business letter, and more. Students learn about parts of speech, punctuation, and research skills.

Students study literature in a variety of genres, including fiction, poetry, nonfiction, drama, and novels. Students also learn to work with technology and multimedia through the short and extended projects they complete.

Language Skills

- *Composition*—Students write and collaborate, from planning to proofreading, as they narratively write, informatively and persuasively, in various forms and genres.
- *Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics*—Students learn about parts of speech, punctuation, and research skills. They continue sentence analysis and diagramming.
- *Vocabulary*—Students develop and expand vocabulary through online instruction that incorporates context and word relationships.
- *Spelling*—Students learn sound–symbol relationships and spelling patterns, identify affixes and learn how they affect the meaning of words, and recognize base words and roots in related words.

Literature

Students analyze, compare, and creatively respond to a variety of works.

The emphasis is on classic works, including tales of Robin Hood and St. George, *Rip Van Winkle*, *The Legend of Sleep Hollow*, selections from *Don Quixote*, Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and Sherlock Holmes mysteries.

Students read works of nonfiction as well as novels (selected from a long list of such classics as *Pippi Longstocking*, *Call It Courage*, and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*).

5th Grade American History

The first half of a detailed two-year survey of the history of the United States, this course takes students from the arrival of the first people in North America through the Civil War and Reconstruction. Lessons integrate topics in geography, civics, and economics. The course guides students through critical episodes in the story of America.

Students investigate Native American civilizations, follow the path of European exploration and colonization, assess the causes and consequences of the American Revolution, examine the Constitution and the growth of the new nation, and analyze what led to the Civil War and its aftermath.

5th Grade Science

Students perform experiments, develop scientific reasoning, and recognize science in the world around them. They build a model of a watershed, test how cell membranes function, track a hurricane, and analyze the effects of gravity.

5th Grade Exploring Music

Exploring Music is for the fifth grade aged elementary student who is new to the K12 Music program. This course presents the basics of traditional music appreciation through the singing and the study of music in history and culture. Students begin by studying some of the most important classical composers, and then study traditional music from around the country and around the world. Finally, they learn how to follow the form of a piece of music.

The course opens with the study of composers from the Baroque and Classical periods. Bach, Handel, Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven are all studied with a focus on their lives and the impact of their times on the music they created. Students then study the traditional music of the major cultural regions of the world, Europe, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, and Asia. Students learn how the music of these cultures fits into the history and daily life of the people, and learn to identify some of the unique instruments in these cultures.

Students then return to their study of composers, studying the lives and music of Romantic and Early Modern period composers. They learn about the expansion of emotional expression in the music of composers like Schubert, Schumann, Brahms, and Tchaikovsky. They also see how a renewed interest in national culture helped inspire the music of Dvorak, Mussorgsky, and Bartok. And they learn about the revolutionary changes in music at the beginning of the 20th century.

Students then take more time to study the music and cultures of the regions of the United States. They focus on how the history and ethnicity of areas of our country are reflected in its music. Finally, they study five of the most important forms of music, learning to recognize and map the structure of many different pieces of music.

Elementary School Program Admissions Requirements

All students seeking to enroll in Keystone must be able to demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language. Compulsory school age students must have written permission from a parent or guardian and comply with homeschool requirements dictated by their local school district. For students enrolling, the listed tuition must accompany their completed and signed [Enrollment Form](#).

Keystone will email instructions for accessing the student's courses and ship course materials if applicable upon acceptance of student's Enrollment Form.

Grading Expectations

The expectation of the Keystone Elementary School is that students will complete 100% of the course material and assignments in order for the course to be reported as complete on the report card. That being said, we know that situations arise and, therefore, we have created a second category that accounts for students that have finished most, but not all, of the course work.

Complete	Student has completed 100% of the course material and assignments
Mastery	Student has completed most, but not all of the course material and assignments
Incomplete	Student has not completed the necessary requirements of the course

Elementary Tuition Refund Policy

Grades K–5: Program is for new Keystone students who have not previously enrolled in The Keystone School. Student or parent must notify Keystone of their intent to withdraw and request the money-back guarantee within 30 days from the date of their enrollment to qualify. Money-back guarantee does not include shipping and handling. Money paid will be refunded upon receipt of returned course materials when the materials are returned in "as-new" condition. If the student elects not to return the course materials, or the materials are used or damaged, the money paid will be refunded less a \$35 per course materials fee and applicable shipping, handling, and processing fees. This offer cannot be combined with any other promotion.

To request cancellation, call Student Services at **800.255.4937**.

THREE EASY WAYS TO ENROLL AT KEYSTONE



Payment plans are available, and we offer discounts for families who enroll more than one student in Keystone programs or who are active-duty military.

Phone

Call a trained and knowledgeable Student Services representative at **800.255.4937** to assist you in the enrollment process.

Online

Go to **keystoneschoolonline.com** and click on Enroll Now. When enrolling online, please carefully review course descriptions to make sure your child has met course prerequisites prior to enrolling.

Fax or Mail¹

Complete the enclosed enrollment form and fax it to **570.784.2129** or mail it to:

The Keystone School
920 Central Road
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

¹We highly recommend that students intending to transfer Keystone credits back to their resident districts have their school official preapprove the desired course prior to enrolling.

Please note that Keystone is not able to accept enrollments from students located in the following countries: United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Burma (Myanmar), Cuba, Iran, Sudan, Syria, Western Balkans, Belarus, North Korea, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Iraq.

Thank you!



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