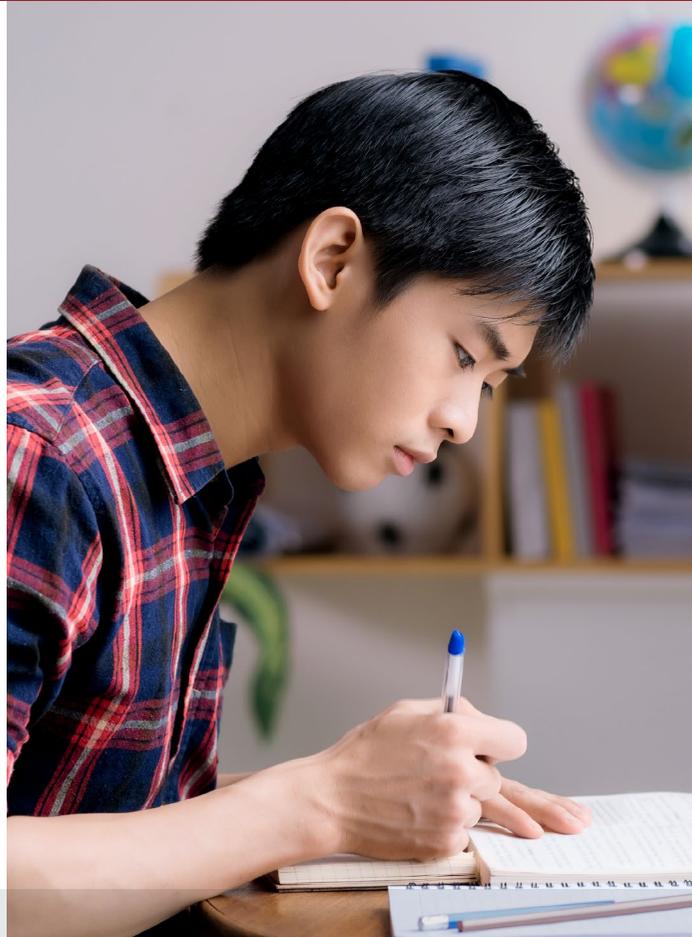


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WELCOME TO KEYSTONE MIDDLE SCHOOL.





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, they'll gain discipline from managing their own learning—a skill that will serve them well through college, a career, and life.

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

Sincerely,



Erica Rhone

Head of School, The Keystone School



All Middle School courses are online.

6th Grade Courses

6th Grade English

This course is designed to equip students with the essential language arts skills needed throughout their academic careers. Students read and analyze a variety of informational and fictional texts. Instruction and reading strategies accompany reading selections to help engage students in the text and sharpen their comprehension. Students express their ideas and knowledge using formal Standard English in written and oral assignments. Writing expressive, analytical, and procedural compositions helps students develop communication skills necessary in today's world. Vocabulary is taught explicitly and through an array of vocabulary acquisition strategies that give students the tools to independently increase their vocabulary. Students study grammar, usage, and mechanics; and practice sentence analysis, sentence structure, and proper punctuation. Portfolios created by students provide a platform for them to set goals, monitor their progress, and reflect on their accomplishments and challenges. The course includes discussion activities that engage students in the curriculum while creating a sense of community.

6th Grade Math Fundamentals

Students enhance computational and problem-solving skills while learning topics in algebra, geometry, probability, and statistics. They solve expressions and equations in the context of perimeter, area, and volume problems while further developing computational skills with fractions and decimals. The study of plane and solid figures includes construction and transformations of figures. Also in the context of problem solving, students add, subtract, multiply, and divide positive and negative integers and solve problems involving ratios, proportions, and percentages, including simple and compound interest rates, discount, tax, and tip problems. They learn multiple representations for

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KEYSTONE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT, 2016

communicating information, such as graphs on the coordinate plane, statistical data and displays, as well as the results of probability and sampling experiments. They investigate patterns involving addition, multiplication, and exponents, and apply number theory and computation to mathematical puzzles.

6th Grade Earth Science

The Earth Science curriculum builds on the natural curiosity of students. By connecting them to the beauty of geological history, the amazing landforms around the globe, the nature of the sea and air, and the newest discoveries about our universe, the curriculum gives students an opportunity to relate to their everyday world. Students will explore topics such as the fundamentals of geology, oceanography, meteorology, and astronomy; Earth's minerals and rocks; Earth's interior; plate tectonics, earthquakes, volcanoes, and the movements of continents; geology and the fossil record; the oceans and the atmosphere; and the solar system and the universe. Lesson assignments help students discover how scientists investigate the science of our planet.

6th Grade Social Studies

Students in grade six expand their understanding of history; civics and government; geography; economics; and individuals, society, and culture by studying the people and events that ushered in the dawn of the major Western and non-Western ancient civilizations. Geography is of special significance in the development of the human story. Students will have the opportunity to explore civilizations by learning about the history, culture, citizenship, economy, religions, and government of the different cultures present at that time. In so doing, the students will utilize math, science, technology, and critical-thinking skills in daily learning. Students analyze the interactions among the various cultures, emphasizing their enduring contributions and the link between our world today and these ancient worlds.

6th Grade Art Appreciation*

Journey through time and place while examining some of the greatest masterpieces created. In this course, students will explore world regions and study the unique artifacts and works of architecture that define ancient civilizations. From Mesopotamia, the world's first civilization, to the Roman streets of Pompeii, participants will learn the fundamental concepts of art, how to look at and evaluate art, and the intended function of natural history museums through hands-on activities, discussions, written assignments, and objective assessments.

6th Grade Health*

This course is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to make healthy choices throughout one's lifetime. Students will gain valuable health information and learn healthy, proactive practices. Students will have an opportunity to demonstrate their skills in healthy decision-making, problem solving, goal setting, and effective communication and refusal negotiation. Students will acquire the skills necessary to recognize unhealthy and risky behaviors, manage peer pressure, and develop strategies for improving personal and community health. Students will gain an understanding of the many different influences on one's health and the interrelationships that occur between mental, physical, social, spiritual, and environmental health. The course will consist of vocabulary quizzes, discussion sessions among peers, multimedia interactive tutorials, lab activities, and teacher interactions. Students will be assessed weekly to determine content understanding. After completion of this course, students will understand and be able to begin implementing positive, lifelong health skills for optimum health and wellness.

6th Grade Music*

Through this online music course, students will be exposed to many diverse activities and will learn a wide variety of musical concepts they will be able to use in their daily experiences for the rest of their lives. Students will learn foundational skills such as

performing, listening, analyzing, and responding to music. Students will develop a sense of self-esteem by accomplishing activities specifically created for their grade level that require higher critical-thinking skills. Integrated assignments incorporate other content areas of study providing students with an additional enrichment experience they'll be able to take with them for a lifetime. Quizzes, discussion boards, projects, and performance activities will be assessed weekly to gauge content understanding. After completion of this course, students will be able to describe and analyze musical sound; demonstrate musical artistry; perform a varied repertoire of music; read and write music notation; create and arrange music within specified guidelines; and relate music to history, society, and culture.

6th Grade Physical Education*

The 6th grade physical education course will introduce students to health-related fitness components, dance, team sports, healthy choices, and lifetimes activities. Through these units, students will learn the essential principles to live a healthy active lifestyle. The lessons will give students exposure to many of the activities that can be incorporated into their daily lives today, tomorrow, and in their future.

7th Grade Courses

7th Grade English

This course continues the development of comprehension and analysis of informational and fictional texts with an ongoing emphasis on reading strategies. Students express themselves using formal Standard English in written and oral presentations. Analyzing and practicing the form and structure of various genres of writing enhances students' communication skills. Students study a variety of media to understand informational and persuasive techniques, explicit and implied messages, and how visual and auditory cues affect messages.

Grammar, usage, and mechanics skills are deepened. Students continue to widen their vocabulary and apply acquisition strategies. Portfolios created by students provide a platform for them to set goals, monitor their progress, and reflect on their accomplishments and challenges. The course includes discussion activities that engage students in the curriculum while creating a sense of community.

7th Grade Math Pre-Algebra

In this course, students take a broader look at computational and problem-solving skills while learning the language of algebra. Students extend their understanding of ratio to develop an understanding of proportions and solve problems, including scale drawings, percentage increases and decreases, simple interest, and tax. Students extend their understanding of numbers and properties of operations to include rational numbers. Signed rational numbers are contextualized and students use rational numbers in constructing expressions and solving equations. Students derive formulas and solve two-dimensional area problems, including the area of composite figures. In three dimensions, students find surface area using formulas and nets. Students also compute the volume of three-dimensional objects, including cubes and prisms. Students make use of sampling techniques to draw inferences about a population, including comparative inferences about two populations. Students also investigate chance processes through experimental and theoretical probability models.

7th Grade Life Science

The Life Science program invites students to investigate the world of living things--at levels both large and small—by reading, observing, and experimenting with aspects of life on Earth. Students explore an amazing variety of organisms, the complex workings of the cell and cell biology, the relationship between living things and their environments, and discoveries in the world of modern genetics. Students tackle such topics as ecology, microorganisms, animals, plants, cells,

animals, species, adaptation, heredity, genetics, and the history of life on Earth. Lesson activities and assignments help students discover how scientists investigate the living world.

7th Grade Social Studies

Students will be taken through the disciplines of word history, landforms and geography, money and economics, the powers and parallels of political science, sociology, and anthropology. Through hands-on tutorials and interaction with animation that brings this history to life, students will acquire the skills necessary to study and understand world cultures, while examining their unique physical features using state-of-the-art electronic geographic tools. Beginning with the mysteries of the ancient empires of the Americas, students will discover and understand the fall of the Roman Empire, the rise of the Franks in Europe, and uncover the enchanting Kingdom of Ghana. Students will be taken through Revolutionary Europe, then to the Industrial Revolution, Nationalism and Imperialism, and on to World Wars I and II. They'll discover the wonders of Colonial India, become informed about the United Nations as a peacekeeping and political force, the politics of the war in Vietnam, and past and current issues in the Middle East. Finally, they'll discover modern Africa and understand its history, to end with a broad but compelling introduction to the Information and Space Ages.

7th Grade Art Appreciation*

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7th Grade Health*

This course is designed to teach lifetime health and wellness knowledge in order to prevent various psychological and physical disorders. Students will learn health information and practices, as well as experience implementing their newfound skills and knowledge. They will acquire the skills necessary to handle peer pressure, recognize unhealthy and risky behaviors and how to prevent and avoid them, and develop strategies for improving personal and community health. Students will gain an understanding of the relationships that influence one's health, as well as refusal and coping skills that play a major parting personal health, as well. Quizzes, discussion sessions among peers, projects, and interactions will be assessed weekly to gauge content understanding. After completion of this course, students will understand and have experience practicing skills for lifelong health and wellness.

7th Grade Music*

Through this online music course, students will be exposed to many diverse activities and will learn a wide variety of musical concepts they will be able to use in their daily experiences for the rest of their lives. Students will learn foundational skills such as performing, listening, analyzing and responding to music. Students will develop a sense of self-esteem by accomplishing activities specifically created for their grade level that require higher critical-thinking skills. Integrated assignments incorporate other content areas of study providing students with an additional enrichment experience they'll be able to take with them for a lifetime. Quizzes, discussion boards, projects, and performance activities will be assessed weekly to gauge content understanding. After completion of this course, students will be able to describe and analyze musical sound; demonstrate musical artistry; perform a varied repertoire of music; read and write music notation; create and arrange music within specified guidelines; and relate music to history, society, and culture.

7th Grade Physical Education*

Physical Education students will be exposed to many diverse activities and will learn a wide variety of fitness concepts that they will be able to use in their everyday lives. Students will learn lifelong skills such as rock climbing, orienteering, and ping pong, along with stress management concepts through yoga and Pilates. Students will develop a sense of self-esteem and accomplishment through completing fitness tests, attaining personal goals, and learning to care for their body. After completion of this course, students will have the knowledge to stay fit and active well beyond middle school.

8th Grade Courses

8th Grade English

Throughout this course, students engage in literary analysis and close reading of short stories, poetry, drama, novels, and informational texts. The course focuses on interpretation of literary works, analysis of informational texts, and the development of oral and written communication skills in formal Standard English. Students read "between the lines" to interpret literature and go beyond the text to discover how the culture in which a work of literature was created contributes to the theme and ideas it conveys. Analysis of the structure and elements of informational texts and media helps students develop the skills needed for academic success and the navigating the world. Students continue to acquire knowledge and skills in grammar, usage, mechanics, and vocabulary. Setting goals, self-monitoring progress, and reflecting on successes and challenges helps students become metacognitive learners. The course includes discussion activities that engage students in the curriculum while creating a sense of community.

8th Grade Math Intro to Algebra

Students deepen their computational and problem-solving fluency through topics in linear relationships, functions, and geometry. Proportions are understood as special linear equations in which the constant of proportionality is the slope. Students also consider the fit of bivariate data with linear models. Students solve systems of two linear equations in two variables and relate those solutions to a representation in the coordinate plane. Functions are understood as a rule that determine a unique output for every input. Students apply functions and are able to translate between various representations. Geometry delves into translations, rotations, reflections, and dilations in the coordinate plane. Students also consider the angles created by the transversal of parallel lines. The Pythagorean Theorem is explored and used to find distances between points and to analyze polygons. Students also find volumes of cones, cylinders, and spheres.

8th Grade Physical Science

The Physical Science program introduces students to many aspects of the physical world, focusing first on chemistry and then on physics. The course provides an overview of the physical world and gives students tools and concepts to think clearly about matter, atoms, molecules, chemical reactions, motion, force, momentum, work and machines, energy, waves, electricity, light, and other aspects of chemistry and physics. Among other subjects, students study the structure of atoms; the elements and the periodic table; chemical reactions; forces, including gravitational, motion, acceleration, and mass; and energy, including light, thermal, electricity, and magnetism.

8th Grade Social Studies

This course will build on the students' concepts of geography, civics, and political societies. Study will begin with the world as it was in the 1500s followed by the natural unfolding of events—from

the explorations; the establishment the colonies; and the colonial era leading up to the causes of, and including, the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. The development of American government from a confederation to a constitutional one, the launching of the Republic, through the War of 1812, the growth and development of the nation through the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark exploration on through Manifest Destiny and the Mexican War will follow. Students will explore the changes in the nation from immigration and abolition issues to the Civil War and Reconstruction, westward expansion, to the development of the U.S. as a world power and into World War I. They will explore the 1920s, the Great Depression and World War II.

8th Grade Art Appreciation*

Journey through time and place while examining some of the greatest masterpieces created. In this course, students will explore world regions and study the unique art and architecture that defines modern-day civilizations. From Picasso to Hiroshige, participants will learn the fundamental concepts of art, how to look at and evaluate art, and where to find educational resources for the study of art history and applied arts through hands-on activities, discussions, written assignments, and objective assessments.

8th Grade Health*

Welcome to the 8th Grade Health course. This course is designed to provide the student with the knowledge and skills that will enable him or her to achieve and maintain a healthful lifestyle. The students will learn health information and practices necessary to understand and manage many aspects of their physical, social, intellectual, spiritual, and emotional health throughout adolescence into adulthood.

8th Grade Music*

Through this online music course students will be exposed to many diverse activities and will learn a wide variety of musical concepts they will be able to use in their everyday lives for the rest of their lives. Students will learn foundational skills such as performing, listening, analyzing and responding to music. Students will develop a sense of self-esteem by accomplishing activities specifically created for their grade level that require higher critical-thinking skills. Integrated assignments incorporate other content areas of study such as: science, social studies and math. The content studied will directly apply to other areas of study providing students with an additional enrichment experience they'll be able to take with them for a lifetime. Quizzes, discussion boards, projects, and performance activities will be assessed weekly to gauge content understanding. After completion of this course, students will have the knowledge to critically analyze music, use proper music terminology to describe musical concepts, create music of their own, and enhance their musicianship.

8th Grade Physical Education*

In this online course students will be exposed to various physical activities and fitness concepts that will contribute to their overall physical activity level. The students will learn a multitude of skills that will accompany them throughout their life span. They include things like target heart rate, the basics of fitness testing, goal setting, safety, balance, motion, aerobic/anaerobic exercise routines, strength training, stress management, yoga, Pilates, various dances, cycling, and other individual games and activities. Other subject areas like science, math, social studies, foreign languages, and English are intergraded into the course content. Students understanding of the course content will be assessed in a variety of ways that include quizzes, tests, discussion boards, and other projects. After completing the course the students will have mastered the course content.

Advanced Courses and Electives**Algebra 1**

Algebra 1 allows students to gain mastery in working with and evaluating mathematical expressions, equations, graphs, and other topics, with an emphasis on real-world applications. Topics of study include real numbers and variable expressions, methods for solving equations, understanding functions and relations, and an in-depth study of linear and quadratic functions. Students will also study systems of equations and inequalities, exponential and radical functions, rational expressions and equations, probability, and statistics.

Career Explorations*

In this course, students will learn about various careers that are available today and complete self-evaluations to determine which careers are most interesting to them. Assignments, including research and interviews, will help give students a hands-on approach to creating a plan for the future.

Chinese 1

Chinese 1 is a beginning-level course that will introduce students to a variety of areas of Mandarin Chinese (simplified). In this course, students will learn listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills through activities that are based on pedagogically proven methods of world language instruction. Grammar is introduced and practiced in innovative and interesting ways with a variety of learning styles in mind. Culture is sprinkled throughout the course to help learners focus on the Chinese-speaking world and its culture, people, geographical locations, and histories. Computer speakers and a microphone are required.

French 1

French 1 will teach students to greet others as well as talk about themselves; talk about days, months, and seasons; talk about weather; tell time; identify colors; and express simple actions in the present tense. Computer speakers and a microphone are required.

German 1

German 1 focuses on basic vocabulary and conversation. Students will learn to greet others in German as well as talk about themselves; talk about days, months, and seasons; talk about the weather; tell time; identify colors; and express simple actions in the present tense. Computer speakers and a microphone are required.

Japanese 1

Throughout the five units of material (Greetings, the Date, Time, Colors, and Places), students learn to express themselves using an ever-increasing vocabulary, present-form verbs, participles, and adjectives. Grammar is introduced and practiced in innovative and interesting ways with a variety of learning styles in mind. Cultural information in the course will teach students about Japanese culture, people, society, and history. Computer speakers and a microphone are required.

Latin 1

Latin 1 is an introduction to the basics of Latin grammar. It is intended to help students develop the skills necessary to translate basic sentences from Latin to English and English to Latin, and for reading simple connected passages of Latin prose and poetry. In the process, students will learn how verb conjugations and noun declensions work in a highly inflected language, how to analyze the structure of Latin sentences and translate English sentences into well-formed Latin equivalents, and to begin to read connected excerpts from ancient authors. Computer speakers and a microphone are required.

Middle School Family and Consumer Science*

The Family and Consumer Science course focuses on the introduction of skills and knowledge that will help young teenagers transition into the adult roles within the family. Students engage in activities to learn more about managing money, entering the world of work, establishing a home and family, preparing nutritious meals, working as part of a team, and caring for the environment and their community. Students gain an appreciation for the work of the family and how they, as individuals, contribute to the well-being of their family and their community.

Middle School Journalism*

Who? What? When? Where? Journalism provides us with the answers to these questions for the events that affect our lives. In this course, students will learn how to gather information, organize ideas, format stories for different forms of news media, and edit their stories for publication. The course will also examine the historical development of journalism and the role of journalism in society.

Photography*

The course introduces students to the basics of photography, including camera functions and photo composition. Students will learn what it takes to create a good photograph and how to improve photographs of animals, people, and vacations. They will also begin working with their photographs using photo-editing software. Photographs play an important role in our world today. We photograph to preserve memories, document events, and create artistic works. Through a variety of assigned projects, students will engage their creativity by photographing a range of subjects and learning to see the world through the lens of their cameras. A digital camera is required.

Spanish 1

Spanish 1 will teach students to greet others as well as talk about themselves; talk about days, months, and seasons; talk about weather; tell time; identify colors; and express simple actions in the present tense. Students will learn about geography and culture where Spanish is spoken natively. Computer speakers and a microphone are required.

World Language and Cultures*

In this world languages course, students will be introduced to six different languages within 18 weeks. The languages in this course include Spanish, French, German, Latin, Chinese, and Japanese. Each language will be taught in a period of three weeks. This multilingual course is designed to give students an opportunity to gain understanding of a language that they might want to further study in the future. Each language is equally represented, thus allowing the student to conceptualize and practice the languages one at a time. The course takes a multi-perspective approach for teaching the culture of the people that speak the language along with fundamental communication skills in the target language. Activities that engage students and make language learning exciting and fun will be incorporated to build acquisition. The languages will be taught using the communicative method which combines listening, speaking, reading, and writing in the target language with the use of multimedia resources.

Middle School Program Admissions Requirements

We recommend that students enrolling in Keystone Middle School have completed 5th grade and are at 5th grade reading level. Generally, parents know best when their child is ready for middle school, but if you have questions you may contact our knowledgeable Student Services Representatives at **800.255.4937**.

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 Scale

Keystone calculates student grades using a standard percentage model. Final course grades are translated according to the following scale:

90–100% Excellent (A); 80–89% Above Average (B); 70–79% Average (C); 60–69% Below Average (D); 0–59% Fail (F).

A student's GPA is calculated for credits earned at Keystone only; transfer credits count toward diploma requirements but are not included in the GPA calculation. Class rank is not available as Keystone offers open enrollment and cannot classify high school students in specific grade levels for class ranking purposes.

Middle School Tuition Refund Policy

Grades 6–8: 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.



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