

Pennsylvania Higher Education Leaders Call for Strengthening High School Graduation Requirements

"We support the renewed efforts of the State Board of Education to ensure that all Pennsylvania public high school graduates demonstrate proficiency in the academic standards necessary for them to succeed in college and career."

- Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Presidents

"Pennsylvania's new graduation requirements represent a tremendous opportunity to create tests that directly capture the application of high school curriculum to success in real life."

- Alan Lesgold and Steven Ender, Post-Gazette OP-ED

"We believe that initiatives to insure that high school students learn and can demonstrate basic competencies in core areas prior to graduation represent sound public policy. Students who leave high school without such a foundation will face a steep climb to postsecondary success and face daunting challenges if they enter the workforce directly."

*- Robert Pangborn, Vice-President and Dean for Undergraduate Education,
Penn State University*

"We endorse the proposed regulatory changes that the Pennsylvania Department of Education is proposing that would improve our high school graduation standards, having one statewide standard so that all high school graduates are workforce ready and/or ready for further education upon graduation."

- Jackie Syktich, President and CEO, DuBois Business College