

**Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)
CURRENT CERTIFICATION TEST AND SCORE REQUIREMENTS**

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Basic Skills Assessment Options																																																			
<p>Basic Skills Assessment Exception Individuals that completed an approved post-baccalaureate certification program or hold a graduate level degree are not required to take the basic skills assessments.</p>																																																			
<p>Basic Skills Assessments – Composite Score Option</p> <p>You may combine reading, writing and mathematics module scores from different test providers to meet the basic skills requirements. You may use the composite score method to meet the requirement when you do well in one or two areas to compensate for a lower score in the other area. The composite score is the sum of the passing scores. Use the Composite Score Calculator when mixing tests. Note When using the composite score, each test must meet or exceed the minimum score listed.</p>																																																			
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Instructional Certification Subject Area	INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT TEST NAME & CODE	Is Fundamental Subjects Required?†	Qualifying Score 2.80-2.99 GPA	Passing Score	Qualifying Score 3.01-3.25 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.26-3.50 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.51-3.75 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.76-4.0 GPA	Test Registration Link
	Fundamental Subjects Content Knowledge (5511/0511)		155	150	149	148	146	145	ETS
Agriculture PK-12	Agriculture (5701) effective 7/1/2014	Yes	155	147	146	145	144	141	ETS
Art Education PK-12	Art: Content Knowledge (5134)	Yes	164	158	157	155	154	152	ETS
Biology 7-12	Biology: Content Knowledge (5235)		152	147	146	145	143	142	ETS
Business-Computer-Information Technology PK-12	Business Education (5101)	Yes	159	154	153	152	150	149	ETS
Chemistry 7-12	Chemistry: Content Knowledge (5245)		160	154	153	151	150	148	ETS
Citizenship Education 7-12	Citizenship Ed: Content Knowledge (5087)		153	148	147	146	144	143	ETS
Communications 7-12	Speech Communication (5221) effective 7/1/2014 (replaced 0800)		150	145	144	143	141	140	ETS
Cooperative Education 7-12	Cooperative Work Education (5961 or 5962) (replaced ETS 0811 2016)		650	644	643	641	640	638	Contact Your Program Advisor
Earth and Space Science 7-12	Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge (5571)		162	157	156	155	153	152	ETS
English 7-12	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge (5038)		173	167	166	164	163	162	ETS
Environmental Education PK-12	Environmental Education (0831) may be discontinued 6/2017	Yes	164	156	155	154	153	150	ETS
Family & Consumer Science PK-12	Family & Consumer Science (5122) effective 3/1/2015 (replaced 5121)	Yes	160	153	151	150	149	146	ETS
General Science 7-12	General Science: Content Knowledge (5435)		152	146	145	143	142	140	ETS

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Grades 4-8: Modules 1, 2 and 3 plus at least one Subject Concentration are required for certification									ETS
Grades 4-8	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Module 1 -Pedagogy (5153)		168	162	161	159	158	156	
Grades 4-8	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Module 2 -English Language Arts & Social Studies (5154)		160	152	150	148	146	144	
Grades 4-8	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Module 3 -Mathematics & Science (5155)		172	164	162	160	158	156	
Grades 4-8 English	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Subject Concentration - English Language Arts (5156)		163	156	154	153	151	149	
Grades 4-8 Science	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Subject Concentration - Science (5159)		163	156	154	153	151	149	
Grades 4-8 Social Studies	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Subject Concentration - Social Studies (5157)		157	150	148	147	145	143	
Grades 4-8 Mathematics	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Subject Concentration -Mathematics (5158)		182	173	171	169	166	164	
Grades PreK-4: Modules 1, 2 and 3 are required for certification									ES Pearson
Grades PreK-4	Pre-K-4 Module 1 : Child Dev, Assessment, Professionalism (8006)		227	197	190	182	175	168	
Grades PreK-4	Pre-K-4 Module 2 : Lang, Social Stud, Arts (8007)		219	193	187	180	174	167	
Grades PreK-4	Pre-K-4 Module 3 : Math, Science, Health (8008)		219	193	187	180	174	167	
Grades 5-6 may only be added to a Pennsylvania Instructional Grades PK-4 certificate. Modules 2 and 3 are required. GPA does not apply.									ETS
Grades 5-6 Add-on to Grades PreK-4	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Module 2 -English Language Arts & Social Studies (5154)		N/A	152	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Grades 5-6 Add-on to Grades PreK-4	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Module 3 -Mathematics & Science (5155)		N/A	164	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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Health & Physical Education PK-12	Health & Physical Education Content Knowledge (5857) effective 3/1/2015 (replaced 5856)	Yes	167	160	159	158	156	155	ETS
Health Education PK-12	Health Education (5551) effective 9/1/2013	Yes	164	158	157	155	154	152	ETS
Library Science PK-12	Library Media Specialist (5311)	Yes	156	151	150	149	147	146	ETS
Marketing Education PK-12	Marketing Education (5561)	Yes	150	144	143	141	140	138	ETS
Mathematics 7-12	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161)		184	160	154	148	142	136	ETS
Music Education PK-12	Music: Content Knowledge (5113)	Yes	163	158	157	156	154	153	ETS
Physics 7-12	Physics: Content Knowledge (5265)		146	140	139	137	136	134	ETS
Reading Specialist PK-12	Reading Specialist (5301)	†	170	164	163	161	160	158	ETS
Safety/Driver Education 7-12	Safety/Driver Education (0861)		559	520	510	501	491	481	PDE
Social Studies 7-12	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (5081)		162	157	156	155	153	152	ETS
Technology Education PK-12	Technology Education (5051)	Yes	164	159	158	157	155	154	ETS
Special Education PK-8: Modules 1 and 2 are required for certification									ES Pearson
Special Education PK-8	Spec Ed: PreK-8 Module 1 (8011)		243	220	214	208	202	197	
Special Education PK-8	Spec Ed: PreK-8 Module 2 (8012)		243	220	214	208	202	197	

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Special Education 7-12: Modules 1 and 2 are required for certification									
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Special Education 7-12	Spec Ed: 7-12 Module 1 (8015)		242	220	215	209	204	198	
Special Education 7-12	Spec Ed: 7-12 Module 2 (8016)		239	220	215	210	206	201	
Special Education PK-12 Certificates									
									ETS
Hearing Impaired PK-12	Spec Ed: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students (5272)	Yes	166	160	159	157	156	154	
Visually Impaired PK-12	Spec Ed: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments (5282)	Yes	169	163	162	160	159	157	
Speech & Language Impaired PK-12	Speech Language Pathology (5331) effective 9/1/2014 (replaced 0330/5330)	Yes	169	162	161	160	158	157	
World Languages: When an ETS and LTI test exist for the same language, either test is accepted.									
All Languages*	ACTFL OPI/OPIc/ProFluent+ and WPT: World Languages	Yes	N/A	Intermediate High	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	LTI
American Sign Language PK-12	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (0634)	Yes	N/A	170	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	ETS
Chinese (Mandarin) PK-12	Chinese (Mandarin): World Language (5665/0665)	Yes	170	164	163	161	160	159	ETS
French PK-12	French: World Languages (5174)	Yes	167	162	161	160	158	157	ETS
German PK-12	German: World Languages (5183)	Yes	168	163	162	161	159	158	ETS
Latin PK-12	Latin (5601) effective 8/1/2012	Yes	157	152	151	150	148	147	ETS
Spanish PK-12	Spanish: World Languages (5195)	Yes	173	168	167	166	164	163	ETS

* Language availability changes frequently. Please visit the ACTFL (LTI) website for oral and written test availability. Certification languages are listed on our website.

† The Fundamental Subjects test is only required for candidates seeking their first Pennsylvania certificate.

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Educational Specialist Certification Subject Area	Educational Specialist CONTENT TEST NAME & CODE	Qualifying Score 2.80-2.99 GPA	Passing Score	Qualifying Score 3.01-3.25 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.26-3.50 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.51-3.75 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.76-4.0 GPA	Test Registration Link
Elementary & Secondary School Counselor PK-12	Professional School Counselor (5421)	161	156	155	154	152	151	ETS
School Psychologist PK-12	School Psychologist (5402) effective 9/1/2014	155	147	146	145	144	141	ETS
School Speech & Language Pathologist PK-12	Speech Language Pathology (5331) effective 9/1/2014	169	162	161	160	158	157	ETS
No tests are currently required for the following subjects.								
Dental Hygienist PK-12	PA State Dental Hygienist license is required							
Home & School Visitor PK-12								
Instructional Technology PK-12								
School Nurse PK-12	RN license is required							

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Supervisory, Administrative and Letter of Eligibility Certification Subject Area	SUPERVISORY, ADMINISTRATIVE AND LETTER OF ELIGIBILITY TEST NAME & CODE	Qualifying Score 2.80-2.99 GPA	Passing Score	Qualifying Score 3.01-3.25 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.26-3.50 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.51-3.75 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.76-4.0 GPA	Test Registration Link
Administrative	School Leadership Licensure Assessment/SLLA (6011) for Principals and Vocational Directors ends 12/31/18	168	163	162	161	159	158	ETS
Administrative	<i>School Leadership Licensure Assessment/SLLA (6990) for Principals and Vocational Directors effective 1/1/19 (replaces 6011)</i>	*	151	*	*	*	*	ETS
Letter of Eligibility	School Superintendent Assessment/SSA (6021) effective 1/01/2013 for Superintendents and Intermediate Unit Directors	167	160	158	157	155	153	ETS
Supervisory	Educational Leadership: Admin & Supervision (5411) for Supervisory Certificates ends 12/31/18	149	143	142	140	139	137	ETS
Supervisory	<i>Educational Leadership: Admin & Supervision (5412) for Supervisory Certificates effective 1/1/19 (replaces 5411)</i>	*	146	*	*	*	*	ETS

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<u>Vocational I</u> Certification Candidates Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests (CORE)			
Module	Test Number	Vocational Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
Reading	5712	148	140
Writing	5722	158	150

Vocational I Composite: If the sum of your reading and writing scores total **306** or higher and both scores meet or exceed the minimum composite score, you meet the vocational I testing requirements.

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<u>Vocational II</u> Certification Candidates Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests (CORE)			
Module	Test Number	Vocational Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
Mathematics	5732	142	132

Vocational Composite: If the sum of your reading, writing and mathematics scores total **448** or higher and all scores meet or exceed the minimum composite score, you meet the vocational testing requirements.