

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

PROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENTS FOR TENNESSEE EDUCATORS

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I. General Assessment Requirements

- (a) Individuals seeking educator licensure in Tennessee shall submit, as applicable, qualifying scores on required assessments to demonstrate applicable pedagogical and specialty content area knowledge and skills. Assessment timelines and expectations for submitting qualifying scores are outlined in Appendix C of the Educator Licensure Policy 5.502.
- (b) All qualifying scores on required assessments shall be no more than five (5) years old.

II. Pedagogical Assessments

- (a) Individuals seeking initial educator licensure in Tennessee shall submit qualifying scores on the edTPA or Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) assessment, both of which measure pedagogical knowledge and are aligned to Tennessee’s professional education standards.
- (b) Pedagogical assessment timelines and expectations for submitting qualifying scores are detailed in Appendix C of the Educator Licensure Policy 5.502.
 - 1. Individuals applying for an initial teacher license shall submit qualifying scores on the applicable edTPA assessment:

edTPA					
Endorsement Area	Endorsement Code	edTPA Title	Test Code	Qualifying Score	
				January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021	January 1, 2022 and thereafter
Agriscience 6-12	151	Agricultural Education	100	40	42
American Sign Language 6-12	172	World Language	020	35	36
American Sign Language pre-K–12	171	World Language	020	35	36

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edTPA					
Endorsement Area	Endorsement Code	edTPA Title	Test Code	Qualifying Score	
				January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021	January 1, 2022 and thereafter
Arabic 6-12	160	World Language	020	35	36
Arabic pre-K–12	478	World Language	020	35	36
Biology 6-12	126	Secondary Science	006	40	42
Business 6-12	152	Business Education	102	40	42
Chemistry 6-12	127	Secondary Science	006	40	42
Chinese 6-12	161	World Language	020	35	36
Chinese pre-K–12	479	World Language	020	35	36
Computer Science K–12	173	Educational Technology Specialist	108	40	42
Cons/Homemaking 5-12	450	Family and Consumer Sciences	117	40	42
Dance K–12	445	K–12 Performing Arts	021	40	42
Early Childhood Education pre-K–3	467	Early Childhood	014	40	42
Early Development and Learning pre-K–12	468	Early Childhood	014	40	42
Earth Science 6-12	128	Secondary Science	006	40	42
Economics 6-12	130	Secondary History/ Social Studies	004	40	42
Elementary Education K-5	120	Elementary Education	110	48	50

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edTPA					
Endorsement Area	Endorsement Code	edTPA Title	Test Code	Qualifying Score	
				January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021	January 1, 2022 and thereafter
		Literacy with Mathematics			
		Elementary Education Mathematics w/ Literacy	111	48	50
		Elementary Literacy	001	40	42
		Elementary Mathematics	002	40	42
English 6-12	159	Secondary English – Language Arts	003	40	42
English/Language Arts 6-8	121	Middle Childhood English – Language Arts	018	40	42
English as a Second Language pre-K–12	490	English as an Additional Language	115	40	42
Family and Consumer Sciences 6-12	154	Family and Consumer Sciences	117	40	42
French 6-12	163	World Language	020	35	36
French pre-K–12	491	World Language	020	35	36
Geography 6-12	131	Secondary History/ Social Studies	004	40	42

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Endorsement Area	Endorsement Code	edTPA Title	Test Code	Qualifying Score	
				January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021	January 1, 2022 and thereafter
German 6-12	164	World Language	020	35	36
German pre-K–12	492	World Language	020	35	36
Government 6-12	132	Secondary History/ Social Studies	004	40	42
Greek 6-12	165	Classical Languages	104	35	36
Greek pre-K–12	484	Classical Languages	104	35	36
Health and Wellness K–12	419	Health Education	119	40	42
History 6-12	133	Secondary History/ Social Studies	004	40	42
Instrumental/General Music K–12	429	K–12 Performing Arts	021	40	42
Japanese 6-12	166	World Language	020	35	36
Japanese pre-K–12	485	World Language	020	35	36
Latin 6-12	167	Classical Languages	104	35	36
Latin pre-K–12	493	Classical Languages	104	35	36
Library Information Specialist pre-K–12	473	Library Specialist	127	40	42
Marketing Edu 6-12	158	Business Education	102	40	42
Mathematics 6-12	125	Secondary Mathematics	005	40	42

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				January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021	January 1, 2022 and thereafter
Mathematics 6-10	2002	Secondary Mathematics or Middle Childhood Mathematics	005 or 016	40	42
Mathematics 6-8	122	Middle Childhood Mathematics	016	40	42
Other World Language 6-12	170	World Language	020	35	36
Other World Language pre-K-12	496	World Language	020	35	36
Physical Education K-12	420	K-12 Physical Education	011	40	42
Physics 6-12	129	Secondary Science	006	40	42
Psychology 9-12	426	Secondary History/ Social Studies	004	40	42
Russian 6-12	168	World Language	020	35	36
Russian pre-K-12	494	World Language	020	35	36
Science 6-8	123	Middle Childhood Science	017	40	42
Social Studies 6-8	124	Middle Childhood History/ Social Studies	019	40	42

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Endorsement Area	Endorsement Code	edTPA Title	Test Code	Qualifying Score	
				January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021	January 1, 2022 and thereafter
Sociology 9-12	425	Secondary History/ Social Studies	004	40	42
Spanish 6-12	169	World Language	020	35	36
Spanish pre-K–12	495	World Language	020	35	36
Special Education Comprehensive K–12	461	Special Education	012	40	42
Special Education Hearing pre-K–12	463	Special Education	012	40	42
Special Education Interventionist 6-12	145	Special Education	012	40	42
Special Education Interventionist K-8	144	Special Education	012	40	42
Special Education pre-K/Early Childhood pre-K–3	459	Special Education	012	40	42
Special Education Vision pre-K–12	162	Special Education	012	40	42
Theatre K–12	405	K–12 Performing Arts	021	40	42
Visual Arts K–12	427	Visual Arts	015	40	42
Vocal/Gen Music K–12	428	K–12 Performing Arts	021	40	42

2. Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) may request that a candidate participate in an alternate edTPA if the clinical practice placement is more closely aligned with another edTPA.
3. For individuals applying for an initial teacher license in an endorsement area that does not have an applicable edTPA assessment, submission of a qualifying score on the appropriate Principles of Learning and Teaching assessment is required.

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Principles of Learning and Teaching		
Assessment Title	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Early Childhood	5621	157
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Grades K-6	5622	160
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Grades 5-9	5623	160
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Grades 7-12	5624	157

- (c) Individuals seeking renewal of an initial practitioner occupational license issued on or after July 1, 2018, or seeking advancement of an initial practitioner occupational license issued on or after July 1, 2018, to the professional occupational license shall submit qualifying scores on the PLT: Grades 7-12.
- (d) Individuals seeking an initial Tennessee teacher license through an out-of-state pathway, who do not currently hold a professional-level teacher license in a state other than Tennessee, shall submit qualifying scores on the appropriate PLT or the edTPA. Individuals seeking a Tennessee teacher license through an out-of-state pathway who currently hold a professional-level teacher license in a state other than Tennessee are not required to submit qualifying scores on a pedagogical assessment.
- (e) The submission of qualifying scores on a pedagogical assessment is not required for individuals seeking a school services personnel license.
- (f) The submission of qualifying scores on a pedagogical assessment or specialty area content assessment is not required for individuals seeking an adjunct or adjunct occupational license.
- (g) Individuals enrolled in specialty area programs leading to more than one (1) endorsement shall only be required to submit qualifying scores on one (1) edTPA.
- (h) To maximize flexibility during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the following individuals may submit qualifying scores on the Praxis PLT assessment appropriate for their grade band in lieu of edTPA:
1. Individuals holding a one-year provisional practitioner license set to expire August 31, 2021, issued pursuant to emergency rule 0520-02-03-.15, and;
 2. Individuals scheduled to complete a State Board approved teacher preparation program during the 2020-21 school year who have otherwise completed all other licensure requirements for graduation.

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- a. To be eligible for this flexibility, educator preparation providers recommending candidates in this group for licensure shall submit to the Department of Education verification that the individual was unable to complete the edTPA due to health-related reasons and/or significant logistical challenges.

III. Specialty Area Content Assessment

- (a) Individuals seeking educator licensure in Tennessee shall demonstrate specialty area content knowledge for all endorsements sought.
- (b) Individuals seeking licensure and/or endorsement shall submit qualifying scores on all appropriate specialty area content knowledge assessments, as identified below.

Praxis Series			
Endorsement Area ¹	Test Code	Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
Instructional Leader License	6990	School Leader Licensure Assessment	151
American Sign Language pre-K–12/6-12	0634	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLP) ² ; or Sign Language Proficiency Interview	ASLPI 3+ ³ Advanced or higher
Agriculture Education 6-12	5701	Agriculture	147
Visual Arts K-12	5135	Art: Content and Analysis	161
Biology 6-12	5235	Biology: Content Knowledge	148
Business Education 6-12	5101	Business Education: Content Knowledge	154
Chemistry 6-12	5245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	152
Chinese (Mandarin) 6-12/pre-K–12	5665	Chinese (Mandarin): World Language	164
Computer Science K–12	5652	Computer Science	149
Early Child Education pre-K-3	5024	Education of Young Children	160
	5025	Early Childhood Education	156
	5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary	159
Early Dev. & Learning pre-K–K (Dual Endorsement)	5024	Education of Young Children	160
	5691 5025	Spec. Educ.: Preschool/ECE Early Childhood Education	159 156
Earth Science 6-12	5571	Earth & Space Science: Cont. Knowledge	150
Economics 6-12	5911	Economics	150

¹ For individuals who are eligible for a 9-12 endorsement based on T.C.A. § 49-5-112, the required assessment is the same assessment required for the 6-12 endorsement in the equivalent content area.

² American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) is delivered and evaluated by ASL Diagnostic and Evaluation Services of Gallaudet University.

³ ETS scale score 170.

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Praxis Series			
Endorsement Area ¹	Test Code	Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
Educational Interpreter	N/A	Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment - Performance Assessment	3.5
		Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment - Written Assessment	Pass
Elementary Education K-5	5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary	159
	5001	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects	
	5003	Mathematics Subtest	157
	5002	Reading and Language Arts Subtest	157
	5005	Science Subtest	159
	5004	Social Studies Subtest	155
English 6-12	5038	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	167
English as a Second Language pre-K-12	5362	English to Speakers of Other Languages	155
Family & Consumer Sciences 6-12	5122	Family & Consumer Sciences	153
French 6-12, or French pre-K-12	5174	French: World	160
Geography 6-12	5921	Geography	149
German 6-12, or German pre-K-12	5183	German: World Language	163
Gifted pre-K-12	5358	Gifted Education	157
Government 6-12	5931	Government/Political Science	149
Health & Wellness K-12	5551	Health Education	144
History 6-12	5941	World and U.S. History: Content Knowledge	157
Latin 6-12, or Latin pre-K-12	5601	Latin	148
Library Information Specialist pre-K-12	5311	Library Media Specialist	146
Marketing Education 6-12	5561	Marketing Education	169
Mathematics 6-12	5161	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	160
	5047	Middle School English Language Arts	164
Middle Grades ELA 6-8	5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary	159
	5169 or 5205	Middle School: Mathematics NES Mathematics (Middle Grades and Early Secondary) ⁴	165
Middle Grades Mathematics 6-8	5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary	159
	5440	Middle School Science	150
Middle Grades Science 6-8	5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary	159
	5089	Middle School Social Studies	146
Middle Grades Social Studies 6-8	5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary	159
	5114	Music: Content and Instruction	162
Music (Vocal/Gen.) K-12, or Music (Instrumental/Gen.) K-12	5114	Music: Content and Instruction	162
Physical Education K-12	5095	P.E.: Content and Design	169
Physics 6-12	5265	Physics: Content Knowledge	144
Psychology 9-12	5391	Psychology	154
Reading Specialist pre-K-12	5301	Reading Specialist	164
School Counselor pre-K-12	5421	Professional School Counselor	156

⁴ See National Evaluation Series table for test code and score requirements.

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Praxis Series			
Endorsement Area ¹	Test Code	Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
School Psychologist pre-K-12	5402	School Psychologist	147
Sociology 9-12	5952	Sociology	154
Spanish 6-12, or Spanish pre-K-12	5195	Spanish: World Language	163
SPED-Comprehensive K-12	5545	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Severe to Profound Applications	158
	5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary	159
SPED-Preschool/ECE pre-K-3	5354	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Applications	151
	5691	Spec. Educ.: Preschool/Early Childhood	159
	5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary	159
SPED- Hearing pre-K-12	5354	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Applications	151
	5272	Ed. Of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Students	160
	5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary	159
Interventionist K-8 Interventionist 6-12	5543	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Mild to Moderate Applications	158
	5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary	162
			159
SPED-Spch/Lang Pathologist pre-K-12	5331	Speech/Language Pathology	162
SPED-Vision pre-K-12	5354	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Applications	151
	5282	Spec. Educ.: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments	163
	5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary	159
Speech Communication 6-12	5221	Speech Communications	144
Technology Engineering Education 6-12	5051	Technology Education	156
Theatre K-12	5641	Theatre	159

- (c) Specialty area content knowledge assessment timelines and expectations are outlined in Appendix C of the Educator Licensure Policy 5.502.
- (d) Individuals seeking the license for postsecondary educators shall submit qualifying scores on the assessment required for the 6-12 endorsement in the equivalent specialty content area.
- (e) Individuals seeking an endorsement in Middle Grades Mathematics 6-8 or Secondary Mathematics 6-12 shall submit qualifying scores on either the appropriate Praxis Series

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Mathematics assessment or the appropriate National Evaluation Series Mathematics assessment.

National Evaluation Series			
Endorsement Area	Test Code	Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
Middle Grades Mathematics 6-8	105	Mathematics (Middle Grades and Early Secondary) ⁵	220
Middle and Early Secondary Grades Mathematics 6-10	105	Mathematics (Middle Grades and Early Secondary)	220
Secondary Mathematics 6-12	304	Mathematics	220

- (f) Individuals seeking any pre-K-12 or 6-12 World Languages endorsement shall submit qualifying scores on either the appropriate Praxis Series assessment or the appropriate Alta Language Services Speaking and Listening Assessment, administered by the Tennessee Language Center. For individuals seeking an endorsement in World Languages for which there is not an applicable Praxis Series assessment, submission of a qualifying score on the appropriate Alta Language Services Speaking and Listening Assessment is required. Based on candidate documented proficiency, English assessments may not be required.

Alta Language Services Speaking and Listening Assessment⁶		
Endorsement Area	Alta Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
Arabic 6-12 or Arabic pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in Arabic and English, and Written Assessment in Arabic and English	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no score below 7 on either test.
Greek 6-12 or Greek pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in Greek and English, and Written Assessment in Greek and English	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no score below 7 on either test.
Japanese 6-12 or Japanese pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in Japanese and English, and Written Assessment in Japanese and English	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no score below 7 on either test.
Russian 6-12 or Russian pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in Russian and English, and Written Assessment in Russian and English	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no score below 7 on either test.
Spanish 6-12 or Spanish pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in Spanish and English, and Written Assessment in Spanish and English	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no score below 7 on either test.

⁵ Candidates must also submit qualifying scores on the required Praxis Series Teaching Reading: Elementary assessment (5205).

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Alta Language Services Speaking and Listening Assessment⁶

Endorsement Area	Alta Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
French 6-12 or French pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in French and English, and Written Assessment in French and English	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no score below 7 on either test.
Other World Languages 6-12 or Other World Languages pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in the applicable language.	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no score below 7 on either test.