

# TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## PROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENTS FOR TENNESSEE EDUCATORS

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#### I. General Assessment Requirements

- (1) 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.
- (2) The Department of Education (Department) shall provide guidance to support licensure reactivation timelines and requirements.

#### II. Pedagogical Assessments

- (1) 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 unless otherwise set forth below.
- (2) Beginning July 1, 2026, individuals seeking educator licensure in Tennessee through enrollment in or completion of a State Board of Education (State Board) approved educator preparation program with a Department approved clinical practice shall not be required to take a pedagogical assessment for licensure. Individuals seeking licensure on or after July 1, 2026 who completed a State Board approved educator preparation program prior to the clinical practice being approved by the Department shall be required to submit qualifying scores on a pedagogical assessment in accordance with this policy.
- (3) Pedagogical assessment timelines and expectations for submitting qualifying scores are detailed in Department guidance.
  - (a) Individuals applying for an initial teacher license shall submit qualifying scores on the applicable edTPA assessment:

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Table 1: edTPA				
Endorsement Area	Endorsement Code	edTPA Title	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Agricultural Education 6-12 Agriscience 6-12	151	Agricultural Education	100	40
American Sign Language 6-12	172	World Language	020	35
American Sign Language pre-K-12	171	World Language	020	35
Arabic 6-12	160	World Language	020	35
Arabic pre-K-12	478	World Language	020	35
Biology 6-12	126	Secondary Science	006	40
Business 6-12	152	Business Education	102	40
Chemistry 6-12	127	Secondary Science	006	40
Chinese 6-12	161	World Language	020	35
Chinese pre-K-12	479	World Language	020	35
Computer Science K-12	173	Educational Technology Specialist	108	40
		Technology and Engineering Education	143	40
Dance K-12	445	K-12 Performing Arts	021	40
Early Childhood Education pre-K-3	467	Early Childhood	014	40
Early Development and Learning pre-K-12	468	Early Childhood	014	40
Earth Science 6-12	128	Secondary Science	006	40
Economics 6-12	130	Secondary History/ Social Studies	004	40
Elementary Education K-5	120	Elementary Education Literacy with Mathematics	110	48

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Endorsement Area	Endorsement Code	edTPA Title	Test Code	Qualifying Score
		Elementary Education Mathematics w/ Literacy	149	48
		Elementary Literacy	001	40
		Elementary Mathematics	002	40
English 6-12	159	Secondary English – Language Arts	003	40
English/Language Arts 6-8	121	Middle Childhood English – Language Arts	018	40
English as a Second Language pre-K–12	490	English as an Additional Language	115	40
Family and Consumer Sciences 6-12	154	Family and Consumer Sciences	117	40
French 6-12	163	World Language	020	35
French pre-K–12	491	World Language	020	35
Geography 6-12	131	Secondary History/ Social Studies	004	40
German 6-12	164	World Language	020	35
German pre-K–12	492	World Language	020	35
Government 6-12	132	Secondary History/ Social Studies	004	40
Greek 6-12	165	Classical Languages	104	35
Greek pre-K–12	484	Classical Languages	104	35
Health and Wellness K–12	419	Health Education	119	40

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Endorsement Area	Endorsement Code	edTPA Title	Test Code	Qualifying Score
History 6-12	133	Secondary History/ Social Studies	004	40
Instrumental/General Music K-12	429	K-12 Performing Arts	021	40
Integrated Early Childhood Birth-K	2000	Early Childhood	014	40
Integrated Early Childhood pre-K-3	2001	Early Childhood	014	40
Japanese 6-12	166	World Language	020	35
Japanese pre-K-12	485	World Language	020	35
Latin 6-12	167	Classical Languages	104	35
Latin pre-K-12	493	Classical Languages	104	35
Library Information Specialist pre-K-12	473	Library Specialist	150	40
Marketing Edu 6-12	158	Business Education	102	40
Mathematics 6-12	125	Secondary Mathematics	005	40
Mathematics 6-10	2002	Secondary Mathematics or Middle Childhood Mathematics	005 or 016	40
Mathematics 6-8	122	Middle Childhood Mathematics	016	40
Other World Language 6-12	170	World Language	020	35
Other World Language pre-K-12	496	World Language	020	35
Physical Education K-12	420	K-12 Physical Education	011	40
Physics 6-12	129	Secondary Science	006	40

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Psychology 9-12	426	Secondary History/ Social Studies	004	40
Russian 6-12	168	World Language	020	35
Russian pre-K–12	494	World Language	020	35
Science 6-8	123	Middle Childhood Science	017	40
Social Studies 6-8	124	Middle Childhood History/ Social Studies	019	40
Sociology 9-12	425	Secondary History/ Social Studies	004	40
Spanish 6-12	169	World Language	020	35
Spanish pre-K–12	495	World Language	020	35
Special Education Comprehensive K–12	461	Special Education	012	40
Special Education Hearing pre-K–12	463	Special Education	012	40
Special Education Interventionist 6-12	145	Special Education	012	40
Special Education Interventionist K-8	144	Special Education	012	40
Special Education pre-K/Early Childhood pre-K–3	459	Special Education	012	40
Special Education Vision pre-K–12	162	Special Education	012	40
Theatre K–12	405	K–12 Performing Arts	021	40
Visual Arts K–12	427	Visual Arts	015	40
Vocal/Gen Music K–12	428	K–12 Performing Arts	021	40

- (b) 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.

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- (c) 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.

<b>Assessment Title</b>	<b>Test Code</b>	<b>Qualifying Score</b>
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

- (4) Beginning June 1, 2023, the submission of qualifying scores on a pedagogical assessment is not required for individuals seeking to renew or advance a practitioner teacher license following completion of a State-Board approved educator preparation program with a job-embedded clinical practice.
- (5) Beginning June 1, 2025, the submission of qualifying scores on a pedagogical assessment is not required for individuals seeking to reactivate a practitioner teacher license following completion of a State Board approved educator preparation program with a job-embedded clinical practice.
- (6) Individuals seeking issuance of a Tennessee practitioner teacher license through out-of-state pathway 1 or who are seeking renewal or advancement of a Tennessee practitioner license through out-of-state pathway 3 (as set forth in State Board Rule 0520-02-03-.03) shall submit qualifying scores on the appropriate PLT or the edTPA.
- (7) Individuals who are seeking or who obtained a Tennessee practitioner or professional teacher license through out-of-state pathways 2, 4, or 5 are not required to submit qualifying scores on a pedagogical assessment for issuance, renewal, advancement, or reactivation of the license.
- (8) The submission of qualifying scores on a pedagogical assessment is not required for individuals seeking a school services personnel license.
- (9) The submission of qualifying scores on a pedagogical assessment or specialty area content assessment is not required for individuals seeking an adjunct license.
- (10) 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.

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### III. Specialty Area Content Assessments

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

<b>Table 3: Praxis and National Evaluation Series (NES) Assessments</b>			
Endorsement Area <sup>1</sup>	Test Code	Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
Instructional Leader License	SLLA 6990	School Leader Licensure Assessment	151
	or NES 815 <sup>2</sup>	Educational Leadership (for reactivation purposes only)	220
American Sign Language pre-K–12/6-12	0634	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLP) <sup>3</sup> ; or Sign Language Proficiency Interview	ASLPI 3+ <sup>4</sup> Advanced or higher
	or		
	NT 823 and NT 824	American Sign Language I and American Sign Language II	220  220
Agriculture Education 6-12 AgriScience 6-12	Praxis 5701	Agriculture	147
	or	Agriculture	220
	NT 320		
Visual Arts K-12	Praxis 5135	Art: Content and Analysis	161
	or NT 503	Art	220
Biology 6-12	Praxis 5236	Biology: Content Knowledge	154
	or	Biology: Content Knowledge (accepted through 12/31/2026 if taken before 12/31/2023)	148
	Praxis 5235	Biology	220
	or NT 316		
Business 6-12	Praxis 5101	Business Education: Content Knowledge	154
	or NT 309	Business Education	220
Chemistry 6-12	Praxis	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	146

\*For assessments marked with a \*, candidates enrolled in an approved program with job-embedded practice are required to submit qualifying assessment scores upon licensure renewal.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Educators may only use The National Evaluation Series – Educational Leadership 815 when seeking to reactivate an expired Instructional Leader (ILL) or Professional Instructional Leader (ILL-P) license.

<sup>3</sup> American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) is delivered and evaluated by ASL Diagnostic and Evaluation Services of Gallaudet University.

<sup>4</sup> ETS scale score 170.

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Endorsement Area <sup>1</sup>	Test Code	Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
	5246 or Praxis 5245 or NT 321	Chemistry: Content Knowledge (accepted through 12/31/2026 if taken before 12/31/2023)  Chemistry	152  220
Chinese (Mandarin) pre-K–12/6-12	Praxis 5665 or Alta or NT 404	Chinese (Mandarin): World Language  Alta Language Services Assessment <sup>5</sup>  Chinese Mandarin	164  220
Computer Science K–12 <sup>6</sup>	Praxis 5652 or NT 315	Computer Science  Computer Science	149  220
Dance K-12	NT 518	Dance	220
Early Child Education pre-K-3	Praxis 5534 or Praxis 5024  or NT 108	Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge and Content*  Education of Young Children* (accepted through 08/31/2029 if taken before 08/31/2026)  Early Childhood Education Subtest I	163  160  220
	Praxis 5025 or NT 109	Early Childhood Education  Early Childhood Education Subtest II	156  220
	Praxis 5205 or NT 890	Teaching Reading: Elementary*  Foundations of Reading	159 240
Early Development & Learning pre-K–K (Dual Endorsement)	Praxis 5534 or Praxis 5024 or NT 108	Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge and Content*  Education of Young Children* (accepted through 08/31/2029 if taken before 08/31/2026)  Early Childhood Education Subtest I	163  160  220
	Praxis 5692 or Praxis 5691	Special Education: Early Childhood/Early Intervention  Spec. Educ.: Preschool/ECE (accepted through 12/31/2026 if taken by 12/31/2023)	159  159
	Praxis 5025 or NT 109	Early Childhood Education  Early Childhood Education Subtest II	156  220

<sup>5</sup> See Alta Language Services Speaking and Listening Assessment table for details and score requirements.

<sup>6</sup> Educators seeking to add the Computer Science K-12 endorsement through the Computer Science additional endorsement pathway administered by the Department shall submit qualifying scores on the required assessment identified in the Educator Licensure Policy 5.502.

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Earth Science 6-12	Praxis 5572 or Praxis 5571  or NT 322	Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge	154
		Earth & Space Science: Cont. Knowledge (accepted through 12/31/2026 if taken before 12/31/2023)	150
		Earth Space Science	220
Economics 6-12	Praxis 5911 or NT 325	Economics	150
		Social Science	220
Educational Interpreter	N/A	Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment - Performance Assessment	3.5
		Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment - Written Assessment	Pass
Elementary Education K-5	Praxis 5205 Or NT 890	Teaching Reading: Elementary*	159
		Foundations of Reading	240
	Praxis 5001 or NES 113 and NES 114	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (see below)	
		Elementary Education Subtest I with Literacy and Elementary Education Subtest II with Numeracy	220 220
	Praxis 5001  Praxis 5003 Praxis 5002 Praxis 5005 Praxis 5004	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects	
		Mathematics Subtest	157
		Reading and Language Arts Subtest	157
Science Subtest		159	
Social Studies Subtest		155	
English 6-12	Praxis 5038 or NT 319	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	167
		English Language Arts	220
English as a Second Language pre-K-12 English as a Second Language K-8 English as a Second Language 6-12	Praxis 5362 or NT 511	English to Speakers of Other Languages	155
		English Language Learners I	220

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Endorsement Area <sup>1</sup>	Test Code	Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
Family & Consumer Sciences 6-12	Praxis 5123 or Praxis 5122 or NT 317	Family & Consumer Sciences	151
		Family & Consumer Sciences (accepted through 09/01/2027 if taken by 09/01/2024)	153
		Family and Consumer Sciences	220
French pre-K–12/6-12	Praxis <b>5174</b> or Alta	<b>French: World Language</b>	160
	or NT 402	Alta Language Services Assessment <sup>7</sup>  French	220
Geography 6-12	Praxis <b>5921</b> or NT <b>325</b>	<b>Geography</b>	149
		<b>Social Science</b>	220
German pre-K–12/6-12	Praxis <b>5183</b> or Alta or NT <b>403</b>	<b>German: World Language</b>	163
		Alta Language Services Assessment <sup>8</sup>  German	220
Gifted preK-12	Praxis 5358 or NT 324	Gifted Education	157
		Gifted Education	220
Government 6-12	Praxis <b>5931</b> or NT <b>325</b>	<b>Government/Political Science</b>	149
		<b>Social Science</b>	220
Health & Wellness K–12 Health & Wellness K-8 Health & Wellness 6-12	Praxis 5551 or	Health Education	144
	Praxis 5857 <sup>9</sup> <sup>10</sup>	Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (dual endorsement only)	160
	NT 509	Health	220
History 6-12	Praxis <b>5941</b> or NT <b>325</b>	<b>World and U.S. History: Content Knowledge</b>	157
		<b>Social Science</b>	220

<sup>7</sup> See Alta Language Services Speaking and Listening Assessment table for details and score requirements.

<sup>8</sup> See Alta Language Services Speaking and Listening Assessment table for details and score requirements.

<sup>9</sup> For licensure applicants from a Health and Wellness K-12 and Physical Education K-12 dual-endorsement approved program.

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Endorsement Area <sup>1</sup>	Test Code	Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
Integrated Early Childhood Birth-K	Praxis 5534	Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge and Content	163
	or Praxis 5023	Interdisciplinary Early Childhood (accepted through 08/31/2029 if taken before 08/31/2026)	166
	or NT 108	Early Childhood Subtest I	220
Integrated Early Childhood pre-K-3	Praxis 5025	Early Childhood Education	156
	or NT 109	Early Childhood Subtest II	220
	Praxis 5692	Special Education: Early Childhood/Early Intervention	159
	or Praxis 5691	Spec. Educ.: Preschool/ECE (accepted through 12/31/2026 if taken by 12/31/2023)	159
	Praxis 5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary*	159
	or NT 890	Foundations of Reading	240
Latin pre-K–12/6-12	Praxis 5601	Latin	148
	or NT 829	Latin and Classical Humanities	240
Library Information Specialist pre-K–12	Praxis 5312	School Librarian	154
	or Praxis 5311	Library Media Specialist (accepted through 12/31/2026 if taken before 12/31/2023)	146
	or NT 508	School Library Media Specialist	220
Marketing Education 6-12	Praxis 5561	Marketing Education	169
	or NT 309	Business Education	220
<b>Mathematics 6-12</b>	Praxis 5165	<b>Mathematics</b>	159
	or NES 304	<b>NES Mathematics</b>	220
	or NT 326	<b>Mathematics</b>	220
<b>Middle and Early Secondary Grades Mathematics 6-10</b>	NES 105	<b>NES Mathematics (Middle Grades and Early Secondary)</b>	220
<b>Middle Grades ELA 6-8</b>	Praxis 5047	<b>Middle School English Language Arts</b>	164
	or NT 206	<b>Middle Grades English Language Arts</b>	220

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Endorsement Area <sup>1</sup>	Test Code	Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
<b>Middle Grades Mathematics 6-8</b>	Praxis <b>5164</b>	<b>Middle School: Mathematics</b>	157
	or <b>NES 105</b>		220
	or <b>NT 203</b>	<b>NES Mathematics (Middle Grades and Early Secondary)</b>	
<b>Middle Grades Science 6-8</b>	Praxis <b>5442</b>	<b>Middle School Science</b>	152
	or <b>NT 205</b>	<b>Middle Grades General Science</b>	220
<b>Middle Grades Social Studies 6-8</b>	Praxis <b>5589</b>	<b>Middle School Social Studies</b>	149
	or Praxis <b>5089</b>	<b>Middle School Social Studies (accepted through 08/31/2029 if taken before 08/31/2026)</b>	146
	or <b>NT 202</b>	<b>Middle Grades Social Studies</b>	220
<b>Music (Instrumental/Gen) K-12</b>	Praxis 5115	Music: Instrumental and General Knowledge	150
	or Praxis 5114		162
	or NT 513	Music: Content and Instruction Music	220
<b>Music (Vocal/Gen.) K-12</b>	Praxis 5116	Music: Vocal and General Knowledge	153
	or Praxis 5114	Music: Content and Instruction	162
<b>Other World Languages pre-K-12/6-12</b>	Alta	Alta Language Services Assessment <sup>11</sup>	
<b>Physical Education K-12 Physical Education K-8 Physical Education 6-12</b>	Praxis 5091	Physical Education: Content Knowledge	152
	or Praxis 5095	Physical Education: Content and Design (accepted through 8/31/2027 if taken by 8/31/2024)	169
	or	Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (dual endorsement only)	160
	Praxis 5857 <sup>12</sup>	Physical Education	220

<sup>11</sup> See Alta Language Services Speaking and Listening Assessment table for details and score requirements.

<sup>12</sup> For licensure applicants from a Health and Wellness K-12 and Physical Education K-12 dual-endorsement approved program.

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Endorsement Area <sup>1</sup>	Test Code	Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
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<b>Physics 6-12</b>	Praxis <b>5266</b>	<b>Physics: Content Knowledge</b>	145
	or Praxis <b>5265</b>	<b>Physics: Content Knowledge (accepted through 12/31/2026 if taken by 12/31/2023)</b>	144
	or <b>NT 323</b>	<b>Physics</b>	220
<b>Psychology 9-12</b>	Praxis <b>5391</b>	<b>Psychology</b>	154
	or <b>NT 325</b>	<b>Social Science</b>	220
Reading Specialist pre-K–12	Praxis 5302	Reading Specialist	165
	or NT 802	Reading Specialist	240
School Counselor pre-K–12	Praxis 5422	Professional School Counselor	159
	or Praxis 5421	Professional School Counselor (accepted through 12/31/2026 if taken by 12/31/2023)	156
	or NT 510	School Counselor	220
School Psychologist pre-K–12	Praxis 5403	School Psychologist	155
	or Praxis 5402	School Psychologist (accepted through 12/31/2026 if taken by 12/31/2023)	147
<b>Sociology 9-12</b>	Praxis <b>5952</b>	<b>Sociology</b>	154
	or <b>NT 325</b>	<b>Social Science</b>	220
<b>Spanish pre-K–12/ 6-12</b>	Praxis <b>5195</b>	<b>Spanish: World Language</b>	163
	or <b>Alta</b>	<b>Alta Language Services Assessment<sup>14</sup></b>	
	or <b>NT 401</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	220

<sup>14</sup> See Alta Language Services Speaking and Listening Assessment table for details and score requirements.

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SPED-Comprehensive K–12	Praxis 5547 or	Special Education: Severe to Profound	156
	Praxis 5545 or	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Severe to Profound Applications (accepted through 08/31/2027 if taken by 08/31/2024)	158
	NT 602	Special Education	220
	Praxis 5205 or	Teaching Reading: Elementary*	159
	NT 890	Foundations of Reading	240
SPED-PreschoolECE pre-K-3	Praxis 5355 Or	Special Education: Foundational Knowledge	145
	Praxis 5354 or	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Applications (accepted through 08/31/2027 if taken by 08/31/2024)	151
	NT 602	Special Education	220
	Praxis 5692 or	Special Education: Early Childhood/Early Intervention	159
	Praxis 5691 or	Special Education: Preschool/Early Childhood (accepted through 12/31/2026 if taken by 12/31/2023)	159
	NT 813	Early Childhood Special Education	220
SPED- Hearing pre-K–12	Praxis 5355 Or	Special Education: Foundational Knowledge	145
	Praxis 5354 or	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Applications (accepted through 08/31/2027 if taken by 08/31/2024)	151
	NT 602	Special Education	220
	Praxis 5272 or	Ed. Of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Students	160
	NT 808	Special Education: Hearing Impaired	240

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	Praxis 5205 or NT 890	Teaching Reading: Elementary*	159
		Foundations of Reading	240
Interventionist K-8 Interventionist 6-12	Praxis 5355 Or  Praxis 5543 or  NT 602	Special Education: Foundational Knowledge	145
		Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Mild to Moderate Applications (accepted through 08/31/2027 if taken by 08/31/2024)	158
	Special Education	220	
	Praxis 5205 or NT 890	Teaching Reading: Elementary*	159
Foundations of Reading		240	
SPED-Spch/Lang Pathologist pre-K-12	Praxis 5331	Speech/Language Pathology	162
SPED-Vision pre-K-12	Praxis 5355 Or  Praxis 5354 or  NT 602	Special Education: Foundational Knowledge	145
		Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Applications (accepted through 08/31/2027 if taken by 08/31/2024)	151
	Special Education	220	
	Praxis 5282 or NT 603	Spec. Educ.: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments	163
		Blind/Low Vision	220
5205 or NT 890	Teaching Reading: Elementary*	159	
	Foundations of Reading	240	
Speech Communication 6-12	Praxis 5221 or NT 319	Speech Communications	144
		English Language Arts	220
Theatre K-12	Praxis 5641 or NT 816	Theatre	159
		Theater	240

- (3) Beginning June 1, 2023, the submission of qualifying scores on a specialty area content assessment is not required for individuals seeking to renew the practitioner teacher license or advance from the practitioner teacher license to the professional teacher license if:

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- (a) The educator has completed a State Board-approved educator preparation program with a job-embedded clinical practice; and
  - (b) The educator obtained the practitioner license and endorsement by demonstrating that they hold a degree with a major aligned to a qualifying middle or secondary core academic or World Language endorsement. Qualifying endorsements and assessments are identified in bold in Tables 3 and 4 of this policy section.
- (4) Beginning June 1, 2023, the submission of qualifying scores on a specialty area content assessment is not required for individuals seeking a practitioner teacher license if:
- (a) The educator has completed a State Board-approved educator preparation program; and
  - (b) The educator demonstrates that they hold a degree with a major aligned to a qualifying middle or secondary core academic or World Language endorsement for which they are seeking licensure and endorsement. Qualifying endorsements and assessments are identified in bold in Tables 3 and 4 of this policy section.
- (5) The Department must produce and release guidance to support the implementation of paragraphs (3) and (4) of this policy section.
- (6) 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.
- (7) Unless exempted under paragraph (3) or (4) of this policy section, 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, and Written 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.

**Table 4: Alta Language Services Assessments**

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.

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**Table 4: Alta Language Services Assessments**

Endorsement Area	Alta Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
German 6-12 or German pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in German and English, and Written Assessment in German 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.
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, and Written Assessment in the Other World 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.

#### IV. Foundational Literacy Skills Assessment

- (1) Pursuant to the Tennessee Literacy Success Act, educators seeking to obtain or maintain K-5 endorsements identified in the Educator Licensure Policy 5.502 shall either pass a required foundational skills literacy assessment as identified below or complete a Department-approved foundational literacy skills professional development course prior to obtaining the endorsement or maintaining the endorsement on a license that is being renewed or advanced. State Board of Education Educator Licensure Rule 0520-02-03-.11 provides additional details regarding how an educator may obtain and maintain licensure and endorsement in endorsement areas identified in the Educator Licensure Policy 5.502.

**Table 5: Foundational Literacy Skills Assessment Requirements**

Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
Tennessee Foundational Literacy Skills Assessment	80%