

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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State law and State Board rules require individuals applying for initial teacher licensure in Tennessee to submit passing scores on a test that measures professional knowledge and is correlated to Tennessee's professional education standards. This requirement does not apply to school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, educational interpreters, or speech/language teachers.

The examinations and corresponding required scores on the Praxis Series, edTPA, and the Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment are listed below.

Educator preparation programs may admit candidates that present qualifying scores on the following exams, in addition to other required admissions criteria.

Praxis Test Code/Title	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading	5712	156
Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing	5722	162
Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics	5732	150

Pedagogical and pedagogical content knowledge assessments are required for all licensure candidates.

Beginning January 1, 2019, initial license applicants are required to submit qualifying scores on the appropriate edTPA performance-based, subject-specific assessment. Prior to January 1, 2019, licensure candidates may submit a qualifying score on either the relevant Principles of Learning and Teaching Assessment or the edTPA. Candidates completing job-embedded clinical practice must submit the qualifying score before renewing or advancing the teaching license.

edTPA	Test Code	Qualifying Score through December 31, 2018	Qualifying Score beginning January 1, 2019
Agricultural Education	100	37	42
Business Education	102	37	42
Classical Languages	104	37	42
Early Childhood	014	37	42
Elementary Education (Literacy & Mathematics)	110	44	50
Elementary Literacy	001	37	42
Elementary Mathematics	002	37	42
English as an Additional Language	115	37	42
Family and Consumer Sciences	117	37	42
Health Education	119	37	42
K-12 Performing Arts	021	37	42
K-12 Physical Education	011	37	42

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Library Specialist	127	37	42
Literacy Specialist	147	37	42
Middle Childhood Mathematics	016	37	42
Middle Childhood Science	017	37	42
Middle Childhood English-Language Arts	018	37	42
Middle Childhood History/Social Studies	019	37	42
Secondary English-Language Arts	003	37	42
Secondary History/Social Studies	004	37	42
Secondary Mathematics	005	37	42
Secondary Science	006	37	42
Special Education	012	37	42
Technology and Engineering Education	143	37	42
Visual Arts	015	37	42
World Language	020	32	36

For all endorsement areas that do not have a required performance-based assessment, a passing score on one (1) of the following Principles of Learning and Teaching tests is required:

Praxis Test Code/Title	Test Code	Passing Score
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Early Childhood	5621	157
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) K-6	5622	160
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) 5-9	5623	160
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) 7-12	5624	157

- (1) Candidates seeking licensure in early childhood education pre-K-3 or preschool/early childhood special education pre-K-3, who are not completing the relevant edTPA, are encouraged to take the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Early Childhood or PLT K-6.
- (2) Candidates seeking licensure in elementary education K-5/K-6, who are not completing the relevant edTPA, are encouraged to take PLT K-5. Candidates seeking licensure in one (1) of the middle grades endorsement areas 6-8/4-8 are encouraged to take PLT 5-9.
- (3) Candidates seeking licensure in secondary education areas, who are not completing the relevant edTPA, are encouraged to take PLT 7-12. Candidates seeking licensure in K-12, or pre-K-12 areas may choose from PLT Early Childhood, PLT K-6, PLT 5-9, or PLT 7-12.
- (4) Candidates seeking licensure renewal or advancement in occupational areas are required to pass the PLT 7-12.

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- (5) Candidates for licensure as School Counselor, School Psychologist, and Speech/Language Pathologist are required to take only the content knowledge exam for the endorsement (no PLT is required for these endorsements).

Specialty Area Tests

Applicants for licensure in Tennessee must also submit passing scores on the content specialty area test(s) for all endorsements to be listed on the licenses. For endorsements with new qualifying scores, the last date that the old test and/or old scores will be accepted is July 1, 2017.

Endorsement Area	Test Code	Test Title	Passing Score
Instructional Leader–Beginning	6011	School Leader Licensure Assessment	160
American Sign Language pre-K-12/6-12	0634	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLP) ¹	ASLPI 3+ ²
Agriculture Education 6-12/7-12	5701	Agriculture	147
Visual Arts K-12	5135	Art: Content and Analysis	161
Biology 6-12/7-12	5235	Biology: Content Knowledge	148
Business Education 6-12/7-12	5101	Business Education: Content Knowledge	154
Chemistry 6-12/7-12	5245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	152
Chinese (Mandarin) 6-12/pre-K-12	5665	Chinese (Mandarin): World Language	164
Computer Science K-12	5651	Computer Science	171
Early Child Ed pre-K-3	5024	Education of Young Children	160
	5018	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge	163
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	162
Early Dev. & Learning pre-K-K (Dual Endorsement)	5024	Education of Young Children	160
	5018	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge	163
	5691	Spec. Educ.: Preschool/ECE	159
Earth Science 6-12/7-12	5571	Earth & Space Science: Cont. Knowledge	150
Economics 6-12/7-12	5911	Economics	150
Educational Interpreter	N/A	Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment – Performance Assessment	3.5
		Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment – Written Assessment	Pass
Elementary Education K-5/K-6	5017	Elementary Educ.: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment	153
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	162
	5018	Elementary Educ.: Content Knowledge	163
English 6-12/7-12	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 5-12/6-12	5122	Family & Consumer Sciences	153
French 6-12/7-12, or French pre-K-12	5174	French: World Language (Computer delivered)	160
Geography 6-12/7-12	5921	Geography	149
German 6-12/7-12, or German pre-K-12	5183	German: World Language (Computer delivered)	163
Gifted PreK-12	5358	Gifted Education	157
Government 6-12/7-12	5931	Government/Political Science	149
Health & Wellness K-12	5551	Health Education	144

¹ American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) is delivered and evaluated by ASL Diagnostic and Evaluation Services of Gallaudet University.

² ETS scale score 170.

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History 6-12/7-12	5941	World and U.S. History: Content Knowledge	157
Latin 6-12/7-12, or Latin pre-K-12	5601	Latin	148
Library Information Specialist pre-K-12	5311	Library Media Specialist	146
Marketing Education 6-12/7-12	5561	Marketing Education	169
Mathematics 6-12/7-12	5161	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	160
Middle Grades Education 4-8**	5146	Middle School: Content Knowledge	150
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary	162
Middle Grades ELA 6-8	5047	Middle School English Language Arts	164
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary	162
Middle Grades Math 6-8	5169	Middle School Mathematics	165
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary	162
Middle Grades Science 6-8	5440	Middle School Science	150
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary	162
Middle Grades Social Studies 6-8	5089	Middle School Social Studies	146
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary	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 6-12/7-12	5265	Physics: Content Knowledge	144
Psychology 9-12	5391/ 5391	Psychology	154
Reading Specialist pre-K-12	5301	Reading Specialist	164
School Counselor pre-K-12	5421	Professional School Counselor	156
School Psychologist pre-K-12	5402	School Psychologist	147
Sociology 9-12	5952	Sociology	154
Spanish 6-12/7-12, or Spanish PreK-12	5195	Spanish: World Language	163
SPED-Comprehensive K-12	5545	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Severe to Profound Applications	158
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	162
SPED-Preschool ECE pre-K-3	5354	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Applications	151
	5691	Spec. Educ.: Preschool/Early Childhood	159
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	162
SPED- Hearing pre-K-12	5354	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Applications	151
	5272	Ed. Of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Students	160
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	162
Interventionist K-8 Interventionist 6-12 SPED-Modified K-12**	5543	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Mild to Moderate Applications	158
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	162
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
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	162
Speech Communication 6-12/7-12	5221	Speech Communications	144
Technology Engineering Education 6-12/7-12	5051	Technology Education	156
Theatre K-12	5641	Theatre	159

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The Department will continue accepting endorsement applications under the existing structure for candidates who are enrolled in preparation programs aligned with the current licensing structure. In particular, it will continue to issue existing endorsements for candidates for the middle grades (5416, passing score = 150) and modified special education endorsements while preparation programs align programs to new requirements and timelines proposed in revised licensure standards. See Educator Licensure Policy (5.502) for complete details.