

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**July 27, 2023**

**OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE**

- P. Approval to establish a qualifying score for the newly revised version of Praxis Subject Assessment: Special Education Foundational Knowledge (Test Code 5355) as recommended by the Committee of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development

Background Information: On July 7, 2023, at its regular meeting, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (Licensure Commission) voted to grant approval of the adoption of the following newly revised *Praxis Subject Assessment* and associated qualifying score:

Test Name	Recommended Qualifying Score
<b>Special Education: Foundational Knowledge (Test Code 5355)</b>	139

The new version of the *Praxis Subject Assessment*, Special Education: Foundational Knowledge (Test Code 5355) will replace the current version, Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications (Test Code 5354) and shall have an effective date of September 1, 2023. In addition, the current version of the assessment will be discontinued effective August 31, 2023. Adhering to the Mississippi State Board of Education’s Discontinued Test Policy, Mississippi’s qualifying passing score for the discontinued version of the assessment will be accepted through August 31, 2025, if that qualifying passing score was achieved on or prior to August 31, 2023.

The Division of Educator Licensure is requesting approval of the regenerated licensure test presented above. The Licensure Commission has directed the MDE Division of Educator Licensure to monitor the performance of Mississippi test takers on the test found herein, and when robust enough data are collected, reconvene an Ad Hoc Committee of the Licensure Commission for review of such data and possibly make recommendation for score adjustment, as appropriate.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**APPENDIX B :  
PRAXIS II EXAMINATION SCORES REQUIRED BY MISSISSIPPI**

SPECIALTY AREA TEST CODE	SCALED SCORE
Algebra I (7-12)	148
Art Education (5134)	158
Audiology (5343)	156
Biology (5236)	148
Braille Proficiency (0633) – Visually Impaired (5282) is also required.	165
Business Education (5101)	153
Chemistry (5246)	140
Chinese (Mandarin) (5665)	164
Computer Science (5652)	149
Economics (0911)	150
Education of Young Children (5024)	160
Elementary Education (K-6) (5017)	153
Elementary Education (4-6) (5018) Alternate Route Only	163
Emotionally Disturbed/Behavior Disorders (5372)	154
English Language and Literature (5038)	167
English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362)	149
French (5174)	153
Geometry (7-12)	139
German (5183)	154
Gifted Education (5358)	151
School Counselor (5422)	153
Health Education (5551)	149
Hearing Disability (5272)	160
Home Economics/Family & Consumer Science (5122)	153
Latin (5601)	152
School Librarian (5312)	149
Marketing (5561)	151
Mathematics (5165)	152
Middle School Mathematics (5164) supplemental <i>only</i>	150
Middle Grade Language Arts (5047) supplemental <i>only</i>	164
Middle Grade Social Studies (5089) supplemental <i>only</i>	149
Middle Grade Science (5442) supplemental <i>only</i>	147
Music Education (5113)	161
Physical Education (5091)	145
Physics (5266)	140
School Leaders Licensure Assessment (6990)	151
School Psychologist (5403)	148
Social Studies (5081)	150
Spanish (5195)	160
<del>Special Education Core Knowledge and Applications (5354)</del>	<del>152</del>
<del>Special Education: Foundational Knowledge (5355)</del>	<del>139</del>
Special Education Fundamental Subjects HQ (5511)	142
Speech Communication (5221)	143
Speech-Language Pathology (5331)	162
Technology Education (5051)	159
Visually Impaired (5282) – Braille Proficiency (0633) is also required.	163

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
DISCONTINUED TEST AND/OR ADJUSTED SCORE POLICY**

**Discontinued Test/Adjusted Score Policy**

Effective September 1 of the year that a new version of a Mississippi-approved assessment in the Mississippi Educator Licensure Assessment Program (MELAP) is implemented, passing scores from the most recently discontinued version of the assessment will be accepted for up to two (2) years from the date the assessment was discontinued. The most recently discontinued version of the assessment shall have been taken and passed on or before August 31 of the year the new version is implemented. An applicant for Mississippi educator licensure shall successfully complete current requirements of the MELAP if official test score results are no longer valid and reportable to the Mississippi Department of Education.

The chart below serves as an illustration of the assessment implementation process for a Mississippi-approved educator licensure assessment that is currently affected by the discontinued test policy. Official score reports shall be received in the Division of Educator Licensure via electronic score transmission directly from the administering testing company as applicable.

<b>New Test Code &amp; Test Name</b>	<b>Required Score for New Test</b>	<b>New Test &amp; Test Score Effective Date</b>	<b>Discontinued Test Code &amp; Test Name</b>	<b>Required Score for Discontinued Test</b>	<b>Final Test Administration Date by Which Discontinued Test &amp; Score Accepted</b>	<b>Expiration Date for Acceptance Discontinued Test &amp; Score</b>
<a href="#"><u>5355 Special Education: Foundational Knowledge</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>139</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>9/1/2023</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>5354 Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>152</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>8/31/2023</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>8/31/2025</u></a>
<b>5236 Biology</b>	148	9/1/2022	5235 Biology: Content Knowledge	150	8/31/2022	8/31/2024
<b>5246 Chemistry</b>	140	9/1/2022	5245 Chemistry: Content Knowledge	151	8/31/2022	8/31/2024
<b>5266 Physics</b>	140	9/1/2022	5265 Physics: Content Knowledge	139	8/31/2022	8/31/2024
<b>5422 School Counselor</b>	153	9/1/2022	5421 Professional School Counselor	156	8/31/2022	8/31/2024
<b>5312 School Librarian</b>	149	9/1/2022	5311 Library Media Specialist	143	8/31/2022	8/31/2024

<b>5403 School Psychologist</b>	148	9/1/2022	5402 School Psychologist	147	8/31/2022	8/31/2024
<b>5343 Audiology</b>	156	9/1/2021	5342 Audiology	170	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
<b>5165 Mathematics</b>	152	9/1/2021	5161 Mathematics	152	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
<b>5164 Middle School Mathematics</b>	150	9/1/2021	5169 Middle School Mathematics	165	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
<b>5442 Middle School Science</b>	147	9/1/2021	5440 Middle School Science	150	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
<b>5733 Praxis Core: Mathematics</b>	130	9/1/2019	5732 Praxis Core: Mathematics	150	8/31/2019	8/31/2021
<b>5723 Praxis Core: Writing</b>	Test Code Change Only 162	9/1/2019	5722 Praxis Core: Writing	Test Code Change Only 162	8/31/2019 (Test 5723 or Test 5722 Required beginning 9/1/2019)	N/A
<b>5713 Praxis Core: Reading</b>	Test Code Change Only 156	9/1/2019	5712 Praxis Core: Reading	Test Code Change Only 156	8/31/2019 (Test 5713 or Test 5712 Required beginning 9/1/2019)	N/A
<b>6990 School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)</b>	151	9/1/2018	6011	169	8/31/2018	8/31/2020
<b>5161 Mathematics: Content Knowledge</b>	152	5/17/2018	N/A	Score Change Only (from 160 to 152)	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
<b>0633 Braille Proficiency</b>	165	9/1/2017	0631	158	8/31/2017	8/31/2019