

LIBRARY MEDIA LICENSURE

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MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION
OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL
MATERIALS & LIBRARY MEDIA

An effective school library program should have sufficient staff to operate the library and conduct its day-to-day services. The number of professional personnel and support staff should be determined by the school’s instructional program and the number of students and teachers served. Some larger districts may employ library coordinators to assure the smooth operation of all its libraries. The Mississippi Code 37-17-6(3)(a-e) provides the current minimum standard for library personnel:

Standard 2.3 The school district employs in each school a licensed librarian or media specialist who devotes no more than one-fourth (1/4) of the workday to library/media administrative activities.

Standard 2.3.1 If the student enrollment is 499 or less, a half-time licensed librarian or media specialist is required.

Standard 2.3.2 If the student enrollment is 500 or more, a full-time licensed librarian or media specialist is required.



PRAXIS CODES AND SCORES <https://www.mdek12.org/licensure>

TEST NAME	TEST CODE	PASSING SCORE
CORE: Reading	5713	156
CORE: Writing	5723	162
CORE: Mathematics	5733	130
PRAXIS II: Library Media	5312	149
PRAXIS II: PLT	Grade Level PreK-K 5621	157
	Grade Level K-6 5622	160
	Grade Level 4-6 5623	160
	Grade Level 7-12 5624	157

LIBRARY/MEDIA 440 FIVE YEAR LICENSE

LICENSE	REQUIREMENTS	VALIDITY	RENEWAL
Class A	<p>EITHER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete a bachelor's degree program or higher in Library/Media <input type="checkbox"/> 21 ACT equivalent or achieve the nationally recommended passing score on the Praxis CORE examination; AND no less than 2.75 GPA on pre-major coursework of the institution's approved teacher education program provided that the accepted cohort of candidates meets or exceeds a 3.0 GPA on pre-major coursework <input type="checkbox"/> Praxis II (Library Media Specialist) and Praxis II (Principles of Learning and Teaching) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold a five-year educator license <input type="checkbox"/> Complete an approved Library/Media Program <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold a five-year educator license <input type="checkbox"/> Praxis II (Library Media Specialist) 	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 10 CEUs in content or job/skill related area <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 semester hours in content or job/skill related area <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 CEUs in content or job/skill related area <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 6 semester hours in content or job/skill related area <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of the National Board of Professional Standards process
Class AA, AAA, or AAAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meet requirements for a Five-Year Class A license <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of an approved master's, specialist, or doctorate in library/media from a state approved or regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning 	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 semester hours in content or job/skill related area <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 CEUs in content or job/skill related area <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of the National Board of Professional Standards process

LIBRARY MEDIA SUPPLEMENTAL ENDORSEMENT TO EDUCATOR LICENSE

OPTION 1: PRAXIS II TEST

- Praxis II Library Media Specialist 5312
- ETS Library Media Specialist Preparation Materials
- Passing Score 149
- Send Praxis II Test Score Report with Application



SCAN to prepare for the School Librarian (5312) PRAXIS test.

OPTION 2: 21 HOURS OF COURSEWORK

- Supplemental Endorsement Coursework
- Send Transcript* with Application

OPTION 3: APPROVED PROGRAM AT A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

- MLIS Coursework
- Institutional Program Verification or Online Recommendation (licensure application)
- Send Transcript* with Application

NOTE: In order to ensure accuracy and expedite the request, it is recommended that transcripts are submitted either sealed or e-Script transcripts of coursework in the specific endorsement area requested.

THREE YEAR ALTERNATE ROUTE LICENSE

Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Teachers

LICENSE	REQUIREMENTS	VALIDITY	CONVERT TO A FIVE YEAR ALTERNATE ROUTE LICENSE
Class A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold a bachelor’s degree (non-education) from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning <input type="checkbox"/> 21 ACT equivalent or achieve the nationally recommended passing score on the Praxis CORE examination; AND no less than 2.75 GPA on content coursework in the requested area of certification or passing Praxis II scores at or above the national recommended score provided that the accepted cohort of candidates of the institution’s teacher education program meets or exceeds a 3.0 GPA on pre-major coursework <input type="checkbox"/> Praxis II (Library Media Specialist) <input type="checkbox"/> Acquire admission to the MAPQT Program. Complete 90 clock hours of training <input type="checkbox"/> * Apply for the Three Years Educator License-Alternate Route 	3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete New Teacher Practicum <input type="checkbox"/> Pass evaluation by local school district after first year of teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Complete a local school district mentoring program during the first year of teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for a Five-Year Alternate Route License

NOTE: This license requires an online recommendation from the alternate route program. Once the online recommendation is made, the educator should apply for the license online.

THREE YEAR ALTERNATE ROUTE LICENSE

Teach Mississippi Institute

LICENSE	REQUIREMENTS	VALIDITY	CONVERT TO A FIVE YEAR ALTERNATE ROUTE LICENSE
Class A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold a bachelor's degree (non-education) from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning <input type="checkbox"/> 21 ACT equivalent or achieve the nationally recommended passing score on the Praxis CORE examination; AND no less than 2.75 GPA on content coursework in the requested area of certification or passing Praxis II scores at or above the national recommended score provided that the accepted cohort of candidates of the institution's teacher education program meets or exceeds a 3.0 GPA on pre-major coursework <input type="checkbox"/> Praxis II (Library Media Specialist) <input type="checkbox"/> Acquire admission to the Teach MS Institute Program <input type="checkbox"/> Complete an 8-week training session or 8-week online program <input type="checkbox"/> * Apply for the Three Years Educator License-Alternate Route 	3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of one year internship period with mentoring and induction program in local school district <input type="checkbox"/> Secure recommendation by school district for continued licensure <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for a Five-Year Alternate Route License

NOTE: This program requires 12 hours of coursework which may be applied toward completing a master's degree. This license requires an online recommendation from the alternate route program. Once the online recommendation is made, the educator should apply for the license online.

THREE YEAR ALTERNATE ROUTE LICENSE

Master of Arts in Teaching

LICENSE	REQUIREMENTS	VALIDITY	CONVERT TO A FIVE YEAR ALTERNATE ROUTE LICENSE
Class A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold a bachelor's degree (non-education) from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning <input type="checkbox"/> 21 ACT equivalent or achieve the nationally recommended passing score on the Praxis CORE examination; AND no less than 2.75 GPA on content coursework in the requested area of certification or passing Praxis II scores at or above the national recommended score provided that the accepted cohort of candidates of the institution's teacher education program meets or exceeds a 3.0 GPA on pre-major coursework <input type="checkbox"/> Praxis II (Library Media Specialist) <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for entrance into MAT Program <input type="checkbox"/> Complete 6 hours of pre-teaching courses in an approved MAT Program <input type="checkbox"/> * Secure Verification of Program Completion <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for the Three Years Educator License-Alternate Route 	3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Secure a teaching position <input type="checkbox"/> Complete 6 additional hours of coursework to include supervised internship <input type="checkbox"/> Secure Verification of Program Completion <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for a Five-Year Alternate Route License

NOTE: This license requires an online recommendation from the alternate route program. Once the online recommendation is made, the educator should apply for the license online.