

OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
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OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE

36. Approval to implement a transition plan to allow individuals who held a passing score on Praxis I and Praxis II, in the areas presented to the Board prior to September 1, 2012 to obtain certification by September 1, 2014

Background Information:

In July 2012, the State Board gave final approval to increase the passing score on a selected list of Praxis I and Praxis II tests required for licensure. This policy stated that these new scores would be effective on September 1, 2012, to coincide with the new test administration year for Education Testing Service (ETS) and Praxis. Educators applying for a license requiring those tests after that date must submit the new passing scores.

Many prospective educators currently enrolled in teacher preparation programs (both traditional and alternate route) had passing scores prior to September 1, 2012; however, they had not completed those programs to apply for a license. Due to the score increase, they did not qualify for a license.

This proposal is asking the State Board to consider implementing a transition plan to allow individuals who held a passing score on Praxis I or II, prior to September 1, 2012, to obtain certification by September 1, 2014.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Increase of Praxis Tests Cut Scores

Recommendation from Committee June 2011

Praxis Test	Cut Score
Praxis I Reading (0710)	172
Praxis I Writing (0720)	173
Praxis I Mathematics (0730)	172
Business Education (0101)	153
Mathematics (0061)	128
Middle Grade Mathematics (0069)	146
Middle Grade Science (0439)	144
Middle Grade Social Studies (0089)	149
Physical Education (0091)	145
Social Studies (0081)	150
Special Education (0354)	152
Speech Communication (0221)	143