

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

32. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To increase Praxis Tests cut scores

Background Information:

The Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development convened a subcommittee, at the request of the State Superintendent, to review current passing scores on a selected group of Praxis tests. These tests were chosen because Mississippi scores are the lowest in the nation on these specific tests. The committee met with Educational Testing Service (ETS) and Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) officials to discuss and propose a recommendation to the Commission to increase the required passing scores for these tests. The information included in the back-up material shows the recommendations of the review committee.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Discussion of beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to increase Praxis Tests Cut Scores

Test Name	Test Code	Original Recommended Study Value	Current State Cut Score MS	National Average Score	Scores of Neighboring States	Recommendation from Committee June 2011
Praxis I Reading	0710	173	170	174	AL - N/A TN - 174 AR - 172 LA - 176	172
Praxis I Writing	0720	173/172	172	173	AL - N/A TN - 173 AR - 173 LA - 175	173
Praxis I Mathematics	0730	172	169	173	AL - N/A TN - 173 AR - 171 LA - 175	172
Business Education	0101	154	148	154	AL - N/A TN - 154 AR - 154 LA - 154	153
Mathematics	0061	141	123	134	AL - 126 TN - 136 AR - 125 LA - 136	126
Middle Grade Mathematics	0069	158	140	147	AL - 149 TN - 143 AR - 161 LA - 148	146

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Middle Grade Science	0439	149	135	145	AL - 142 TN - 135 AR - N/A LA - 150	144
Middle Grade Social Studies	0089	150	140	152	AL - 149 TN - 140 AR - N/A LA - 149	149
Physical Education	0091	147	138	147	AL - 141 TN - 152 AR - 149 LA - 146	145
Social Studies	0081	151	143	153	AL - 153 TN - N/A AR - 155 LA - 152 (0083)	150
Special Education	0354	151	142	151	AL - N/A TN - 144 AR - 151 LA - 145	152
Speech Communication	0221		134	145	AL - 146 TN - 144 AR - 141 LA - 146	143