

OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS
Summary of State Board of Education Items
August 15-16, 2013

OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE

E. Approval of Regenerated Praxis Tests and Recommended Passing Scores as Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)

1. Regenerated Praxis Middle School Mathematics (5169) Grades 7-8 Certification and Recommended Passing Score as Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
2. Regenerated Praxis Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161) Grades 7-12 Certification and Recommended Passing Score as Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
3. Regenerated Praxis Middle School English Language Arts (5047) Grades 7-8 Certification and Recommended Passing Score as Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
4. Regenerated Praxis English Language Arts: Content Knowledge (5038) Grades 7-12 Certification and Recommended Passing Score as Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
5. Regenerated Praxis Special Education: Teaching Students with Behavioral Disorders and Emotional Disturbances (0372) Certification and Recommended Passing Score as Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development

Background Information:

Educational Testing Service (ETS) has concluded several multistate standard-setting studies of Praxis II tests accepted by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE). As a result of the studies, the current tests will be discontinued by ETS and replaced with the newly regenerated tests beginning in September of 2013 (see Table 1.1).

The Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (the Commission) approved the recommendation to accept the regenerated Praxis Special Education: Teaching Students with Behavioral Disorders and Emotional Disturbances (0372) test and recommended passing score (cut scores) on November 2, 2012.

On May 3, 2013, the Commission approved the recommendation of ETS to accept the four newly regenerated Praxis II tests and passing scores (cut scores).

Table 1.1 Regenerated Praxis II Test

Subject/Grades	Current Test Code	Regenerated Test Code	Recommended Cut Score
Mathematics 7-12	0061/5061	5161	160
Mathematics 7-8	0069/5069	5169	165
English 7-12	0041/5041	5038	167
English 7-8	0049/5049	5047	164
Emotional Disability K-12	0371	0372	154

All Praxis scores submitted to the State Board of Education for approval reflect passing scores recommended by the multistate standard-setting panel.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached