

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**June 13, 2019**

**DIVISION OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE**

- L. Approval to adopt and establish a qualifying passing score for the newly regenerated version of the *Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (Praxis Core): Mathematics Assessment (Test Code 5733)* and to adopt new test codes only for the *Praxis Core Reading (5713)* and *Praxis Core Writing (5723)* components

Background Information: On May 3, 2019, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development met in its regularly scheduled meeting and approved the recommendation received from an Ad Hoc Committee of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development to adopt and establish a qualifying passing score of 130 for the newly revised version of the *Praxis Core Mathematics Assessment (Test Code 5733)*.

The new version of the *Praxis Core Mathematics (Test Code 5733)* will replace the current version of the *Praxis Core Mathematics (Test Code 5732)* with an effective date of September 1, 2019. The current version of the *Praxis Core Mathematics (Test Code 5732)* will be discontinued effective August 31, 2019. Adhering to the Mississippi State Board of Education's Discontinued Test Policy, Mississippi's qualifying passing score for the *Praxis Core Mathematics Test Code 5732* will be accepted through August 31, 2021 if the qualifying passing score was achieved on or prior to August 31, 2019.

While the content of the *Praxis Core Reading (Test Code 5712)* and *Praxis Core Writing (Test Code 5722)* components is not changing, the test codes will change for *Praxis Core Reading (from 5712 to 5713)* and *Writing (from 5722 to 5723)* effective September 1, 2019. Furthermore, Mississippi's current qualifying passing score for the *Praxis Core Reading and Writing components* will remain the same and a test taker's score report will continue to report passing scores under the new test codes for current components of *Praxis Core Reading and Writing* that were taken and passed prior to September 1, 2019.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**APPENDIX B:  
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>
<b>5733</b> <i>Praxis Core: Mathematics</i>	130	9/1/2019	5732 <i>Praxis Core: Mathematics</i>	150	8/31/2019	8/31/2021
<b>5723</b> <i>Praxis Core: Writing</i>	Test Code Change Only 162	9/1/2019	5722 <i>Praxis Core: Writing</i>	Test Code Change Only 162	8/31/2019 (Test 5723 or Test 5722 Required beginning 9/1/2019)	N/A
<b>5713</b> <i>Praxis Core: Reading</i>	Test Code Change Only 156	9/1/2019	5712 <i>Praxis Core: Reading</i>	Test Code Change Only 156	8/31/2019 (Test 5713 or Test 5712 Required beginning 9/1/2019)	N/A

<b>APPENDIX C: PRAXIS CORE, ACT/SAT, &amp; PRAXIS PLT PASSING SCORES</b>
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<b>CORE ACADEMIC SKILLS FOR EDUCATORS (CORE)</b>	<b>PASSING SCORE</b>
Reading <del>(5712)</del> (5713)	156
Writing <del>(5722)</del> (5723)	162
Mathematics <del>(5732)</del> (5733)	<del>150</del> 130

**SAT Equivalent Scores to ACT**

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2, from and after September 30, 2015, no teacher candidate shall be licensed to teach in Mississippi without meeting the criteria of a twenty-one (21) on the ACT equivalent or achieving the nationally recommended passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination, etc.

To fulfill teacher license requirements, candidates have the option of taking the ACT and/or the SAT. The chart below details the scores required to obtain the license based on the SAT equivalent at the time the test was taken.

ACT	SAT  (March 2016 and thereafter)	SAT  (August 2015 to February 2016)	SAT  (1995 to August 2015)	SAT  (Prior to 1995)
Composite Score of <b>21</b> and Above	<b>1060</b> and Above	<b>990</b> and Above	<b>980</b> and Above	<b>870</b> and Above

All candidates must meet the ACT equivalent at the time the assessment was taken.

<b>PRINCIPLES OF LEARNING AND TEACHING (PLT)</b>	<b>PASSING SCORE</b>
Grade Level Pre-K – K (5621)	157
Grade Level K-6 (5622)	160
Grade Level 4-6 (5623)	160
Grade Level 7-12 (5624)	157