

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
August 19, 2021

OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE

- M. Approval to establish a qualifying score for the newly revised version of Evaluation Systems Group of Pearson, *Foundations of Reading Assessment (Test Code 190)* as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development

Background Information: On July 9, 2021, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development granted approval of the adoption of the following newly revised *Foundations of Reading Assessment* and associated qualifying score:

Test Name	Recommended Qualifying Score
Foundations of Reading Assessment (Test Code 190)	233

The new version of the *Foundations of Reading Assessment (Test Code 190)* will replace the current version, *Foundations of Reading Assessment (Test Code 90)*, and shall have an effective date of September 1, 2021. In addition, the current version of the test will be discontinued effective August 31, 2021. In accordance with the Mississippi State Board of Education's Discontinued Test Policy, Mississippi's qualifying score for the discontinued version of the test will be accepted through August 31, 2023 if that qualifying score was achieved on or prior to August 31, 2021.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

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190 Foundations of Reading	233	9/1/2021	090 Foundations of Reading	229	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
5343 Audiology	156	9/1/2021	5342 Audiology	170	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
5165 Mathematics	152	9/1/2021	5161 Mathematics	152	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
5164 Middle School Mathematics	150	9/1/2021	5169 Middle School Mathematics	165	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
5442 Middle School Science	147	9/1/2021	5440 Middle School Science	150	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
5733 Praxis Core: Mathematics	130	9/1/2019	5732 Praxis Core: Mathematics	150	8/31/2019	8/31/2021
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6990 School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)	151	9/1/2018	6011	169	8/31/2018	8/31/2020
5161 Mathematics: Content Knowledge	152	5/17/2018	N/A	Score Change Only (from 160 to 152)	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
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