

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item
Consent Agenda
April 21, 2022

OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE

- H. Approval to establish a qualifying score for the newly revised versions of certain Praxis Subject Assessments: Biology (Test Code 5236); Chemistry (Test Code 5246); Physics (Test Code 5266); School Counselor (Test Code 5422); School Librarian (Test Code 5312); and School Psychologist (Test Code 5403) as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development and approval to establish a qualifying score for Praxis Subject Assessment: Gifted Education (Test Code 5358) and add Gifted K-12 (Endorsement Code 207) to the list of approved supplemental endorsements that may be added to a valid three (3) year or valid five (5) year license by obtaining a passing score on the appropriate Praxis Subject Assessment

Background Information: On March 4, 2022, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (Licensure Commission) voted to grant approval of the adoption of the following revised *Praxis Subject Assessments* and associated qualifying scores as recommended by an Ad Hoc Committee of the Licensure that convened on February 14, 2022, and February 16, 2022.

Test Name	Recommended Qualifying Score
Biology (Test Code 5236)	148
Chemistry (Test Code 5246)	140
Physics (Test Code 5266)	140
School Counselor (Test Code 5422)	153
School Librarian (Test Code 5312)	149
School Psychologist (Test Code 5403)	148
Gifted Education (Test Code 5358)	151

The new versions of the *Praxis Subject Assessments* will replace the current versions and shall have an effective date of September 1, 2022. In addition, the current versions of the assessments will be discontinued effective August 31, 2022. Adhering to the Mississippi State Board of Education's Discontinued Test Policy, Mississippi's qualifying passing scores for the respective discontinued versions of the assessments will be accepted through August 31, 2024, if that qualifying passing score was achieved on or prior to August 31, 2022.

The Division of Educator Licensure is requesting approval of the regenerated licensure tests presented above and to establish a qualifying score for Praxis Subject Assessment: Gifted Education (Test Code 5358) and add Gifted K-12 (Endorsement Code 207) to the list of approved supplemental endorsements that may be added to a valid three (3) year or valid five (5) year license by obtaining a passing score on the appropriate Praxis Subject Assessment. The Gifted Education related item shall be effective upon receipt of final State Board of Education approval. The Licensure Commission has directed the MDE Division of Educator Licensure to monitor the performance of Mississippi test takers on the respective tests found herein, and when robust enough data are collected, reconvene an Ad Hoc Committee of the Licensure Commission for review of such data and make recommendations for qualifying score adjustments, as appropriate.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**APPENDIX B :
PRAXIS II EXAMINATION SCORES REQUIRED BY MISSISSIPPI**

SPECIALTY AREA TEST CODE	SCALED SCORE
Algebra I (7-12)	148
Art Education (5134)	158
Audiology (5343)	156
Biology (5235)	150
Biology (5236)	148
Braille Proficiency (0633) – Visually Impaired (5282) is also required.	165
Business Education (5101)	153
Chemistry (5245)	151
Chemistry (5246)	140
Chinese (Mandarin) (5665)	164
Computer Science (5652)	149
Economics (0911)	150
Education of Young Children (5024)	160
Elementary Education (K-6) (5017)	153
Elementary Education (4-6) (5018) Alternate Route Only	163
Emotionally Disturbed/Behavior Disorders (5372)	154
English Language and Literature (5038)	167
English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362)	149
French (5174)	153
Geometry (7-12)	139
German (5183)	154
Gifted Education (5358)	151
Professional School Counselor (5421)	156
School Counselor (5422)	153
Health Education (5551)	149
Hearing Disability (5272)	160
Home Economics/Family & Consumer Science (5122)	153
Latin (5601)	152
Library Media Specialist (5311)	143
School Librarian (5312)	149
Marketing (5561)	151
Mathematics (5165)	152
Middle School Mathematics (5164) supplemental <i>only</i>	150
Middle Grade Language Arts (5047) supplemental <i>only</i>	164
Middle Grade Social Studies (5089) supplemental <i>only</i>	149
Middle Grade Science (5442) supplemental <i>only</i>	147
Music Education (5113)	161
Physical Education (5091)	145
Physics (5265)	139
Physics (5266)	140
School Leaders Licensure Assessment (6990)	151
School Psychologist (5402)	147
School Psychologist (5403)	148
Social Studies (5081)	150
Spanish (5195)	160
Special Education (5354)	152
Special Education Fundamental Subjects HQ (5511)	142
Speech Communication (5221)	143
Speech-Language Pathology (5331)	162
Technology Education (5051)	159
Visually Impaired (5282) – Braille Proficiency (0633) is also required.	163

**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.

New Test Code & Test Name	Required Score for New Test	New Test & Test Score Effective Date	Discontinued Test Code & Test Name	Required Score for Discontinued Test	Final Test Administration Date by Which Discontinued Test & Score Accepted	Expiration Date for Acceptance Discontinued Test & Score
<u>5236 Biology</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>9/1/2022</u>	<u>5235 Biology: Content Knowledge</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>8/31/2022</u>	<u>8/31/2024</u>
<u>5246 Chemistry</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>9/1/2022</u>	<u>5245 Chemistry: Content Knowledge</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>8/31/2022</u>	<u>8/31/2024</u>
<u>5266 Physics</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>9/1/2022</u>	<u>5265 Physics: Content Knowledge</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>8/31/2022</u>	<u>8/31/2024</u>
<u>5422 School Counselor</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>9/1/2022</u>	<u>5421 Professional School Counselor</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>8/31/2022</u>	<u>8/31/2024</u>
<u>5312 School Librarian</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>9/1/2022</u>	<u>5311 Library Media Specialist</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>8/31/2022</u>	<u>8/31/2024</u>
<u>5403 School Psychologist</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>9/1/2022</u>	<u>5402 School Psychologist</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>8/31/2022</u>	<u>8/31/2024</u>
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
5723 Praxis Core: Writing	Test Code Change Only 162	9/1/2019	5722 Praxis Core: Writing	Test Code Change Only 162	8/31/2019 (Test 5723 or Test 5722 Required beginning 9/1/2019)	N/A
5713 Praxis Core: Reading	Test Code Change Only 156	9/1/2019	5712 Praxis Core: Reading	Test Code Change Only 156	8/31/2019 (Test 5713 or Test 5712 Required beginning 9/1/2019)	N/A
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)	N/A 8/31/2021	N/A 8/31/2023
0633 Braille Proficiency	165	9/1/2017	0631	158	8/31/2017	8/31/2019

APPENDIX A: SUPPLEMENTAL ENDORSEMENTS ADDED TO A VALID MISSISSIPPI LICENSE

Supplemental Endorsements that may be Added to a Three-Year or Five-Year License by obtaining a passing score on the appropriate Praxis Subject Assessment

<u>CODE</u>	<u>AREA</u>
155	Algebra I (7-12)
102	Art Education (K-12)
181	Biology Education (7-12)
105	Business Education (7-12)
185	Chemistry (7-12)
153	Child Development* (PreK-K)
933	Computer Science** (7-12)
193	Economics (7-12)
119	English (7-12)
177	English as a Second Languages (K-12)
130	French (K-12)
132	Chinese (Mandarin) (K-12)
156	Geometry (7-12)
134	German (K-12)
207	Gifted (K-12)
143	Health Education (K-12)
208	Hearing Disability (K-12)
322	Home Economics (7-12)
135	Latin (K-12)
440	Library/Media (K-12)
318	Marketing (7-12)
154	Mathematics (7-12)
901	Mathematics (7-8)
902	Language Arts (7-8)
903	Social Studies (7-8)
904	Science (7-8)
166	Music Education (K-12)
144	Physical Education (K-12)
189	Physics (7-12)
192	Social Studies (7-12)
140	Spanish (K-12)
221	Special Education (<i>Mild/Moderate K-12</i>)
910	Special Education Fundamental Subjects
196	Speech Communications (7-12)
218	Visually Impaired (K-12)

**Can only be added to a valid license in Elementary Education (116, 152, 120) or select areas of Special Education (221, 222, or 223) that includes Kindergarten.*

***Can only be added to a valid three-year alternate or five-year standard secondary (7-12) license.*