

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**February 20, 2025**

**DIVISION OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE**

- I. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code 7 – 4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to amend the Principles of Learning and Teaching Praxis Pedagogy Assessment requirement for educator license 211 Special Education/Birth to Kindergarten (Early Intervention) to align with the associated grade span

Background Information: On January 10, 2025, at its regular meeting the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development granted approval of the Division of Educator Licensure’s request to amend the current licensure pedagogy assessment requirement which serves as one criterion for obtaining the Special Education: Birth to Kindergarten (Early Intervention) (Endorsement Code 211) license type.

Particularly, the Division seeks to replace Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching K-6 (Test Code 5622) with the most appropriate version of the assessment, Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Pre-K – K (Test Code 5621). This amendment seeks to establish proper alignment to the most appropriate grade span associated with this licensure endorsement area. The Mississippi State Board of Education’s “Discontinued Test and/or Adjusted Score Policy” will be used for transitioning from the current version of the PLT to the proposed replacement version. The proposed change will be effective September 1, 2025, in accordance with the Discontinued Test and/or Score Change Policy.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**FIVE YEAR EDUCATOR LICENSE  
SPECIAL EDUCATION/BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN (211)  
(EARLY INTERVENTION)**

License	Requirements	Validity	Renewal
Class A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor’s degree in Special Education/Birth to Kindergarten from a state approved or NCATE approved program from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning</li>   <li>2. Twenty-one (21) ACT (or SAT equivalent) or achieve a qualifying passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination or minimum GPA of 3.0 on a minimum of 60-hours of course credit as established by the State Board of Education; and</li>   <li>3. Praxis Subject Assessment Principles of Learning &amp; Teaching test <del>5622</del> <u>5621</u></li> </ol>	5 years	<p>Ten (10) continuing education units (CEU’s) in content or job/skill related area</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>Three (3) semester hours in content or job/skill related area</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AND</b></p> <p>Five (5) continuing education units (CEU’s) in content or job/skill related area</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>Six (6) semester hours in content or job/skill related area</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>Completion of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards process</p>

**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>
<u><a href="#">5621 Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood</a></u>  <u><a href="#">(This change is applicable to Licensure Endorsement Code 211 - Special Education/Birth to Kindergarten Only)</a></u>	<u><a href="#">157</a></u>	<u><a href="#">9/1/2025</a></u>	<u><a href="#">5622 Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6</a></u>  <u><a href="#">(This change is applicable to Licensure Endorsement Code 211 - Special Education/Birth to Kindergarten Only)</a></u>	<u><a href="#">160</a></u>	<u><a href="#">8/31/2025</a></u>	<u><a href="#">8/31/2027</a></u>
<b>5355 Special Education: Foundational Knowledge</b>	139	9/1/2023	5354 Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications	152	8/31/2023	8/31/2025
<b>5236 Biology</b>	148	9/1/2022	5235 Biology: Content Knowledge	150	8/31/2022	8/31/2024
<b>5246 Chemistry</b>	140	9/1/2022	5245 Chemistry: Content Knowledge	151	8/31/2022	8/31/2024
<b>5266 Physics</b>	140	9/1/2022	5265 Physics: Content Knowledge	139	8/31/2022	8/31/2024

<b>5422 School Counselor</b>	153	9/1/2022	5421 Professional School Counselor	156	8/31/2022	8/31/2024
<b>5312 School Librarian</b>	149	9/1/2022	5311 Library Media Specialist	143	8/31/2022	8/31/2024
<b>5403 School Psychologist</b>	148	9/1/2022	5402 School Psychologist	147	8/31/2022	8/31/2024
<b>190 Foundations of Reading</b>	233	9/1/2021	090 Foundations of Reading	229	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
<b>5343 Audiology</b>	156	9/1/2021	5342 Audiology	170	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
<b>5165 Mathematics</b>	152	9/1/2021	5161 Mathematics	152	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
<b>5164 Middle School Mathematics</b>	150	9/1/2021	5169 Middle School Mathematics	165	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
<b>5442 Middle School Science</b>	147	9/1/2021	5440 Middle School Science	150	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
<b>5733 Praxis Core: Mathematics</b>	130	9/1/2019	5732 Praxis Core: Mathematics	150	8/31/2019	8/31/2021
<b>5723 Praxis Core: Writing</b>	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
<b>5713 Praxis Core: Reading</b>	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
<b>6990 School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)</b>	151	9/1/2018	6011	169	8/31/2018	8/31/2020
<b>5161 Mathematics: Content Knowledge</b>	152	5/17/2018	N/A	Score Change Only (from 160 to 152)	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
<b>0633 Braille Proficiency</b>	165	9/1/2017	0631	158	8/31/2017	8/31/2019