

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item
Consent Agenda
April 17, 2025

DIVISION OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE

- G. Approval 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
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments)

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.

This item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments received. The public comment period was open from February 20, 2025, through 5:00 p.m. April 3, 2025.

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"> 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 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 3. Praxis Subject Assessment Principles of Learning & Teaching test 5622 <u>5621</u> 	5 years	<p>Ten (10) continuing education units (CEU's) in content or job/skill related area</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Three (3) semester hours in content or job/skill related area</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Five (5) continuing education units (CEU's) in content or job/skill related area</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Six (6) semester hours in content or job/skill related area</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</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.

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

5266 Physics	140	9/1/2022	5265 Physics: Content Knowledge	139	8/31/2022	8/31/2024
5422 School Counselor	153	9/1/2022	5421 Professional School Counselor	156	8/31/2022	8/31/2024
5312 School Librarian	149	9/1/2022	5311 Library Media Specialist	143	8/31/2022	8/31/2024
5403 School Psychologist	148	9/1/2022	5402 School Psychologist	147	8/31/2022	8/31/2024
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
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)	8/31/2021	8/31/2023
0633 Braille Proficiency	165	9/1/2017	0631	158	8/31/2017	8/31/2019