

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of Licensure Commission Agenda Item
Consent Agenda
December 18, 2025

OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE

- J. Approval to establish a qualifying score for the revised versions of certain Praxis Subject Assessments: Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge and Content (Test Code 5534); Family and Consumer Sciences (5123); and Social Studies (5581) as recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development and approval to establish a qualifying score for Praxis Subject Assessment: Japanese: World Language (Test Code 5661) and add Japanese: World Language (Licensure Endorsement Code TBD) to the list of approved supplemental endorsements that may be added to a valid three (3) year internship license or valid five (5) year standard license by obtaining a passing score on the appropriate Praxis Subject Assessment; and update the test code associated with the Foundations of Reading Assessment to change from test code 190 to test code 890 with no changes to the test content, and no change to the current Mississippi Board of Education's required passing score (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment)

Background Information: On February 3, 2025, an Ad Hoc Committee of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development convened and recommended for approval the adoption of the following revised *Praxis Subject Assessments* and associated qualifying score:

Test Name	Recommended Qualifying Score
Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge and Content (Test Code 5534)	157
Family and Consumer Sciences (5123)	144
Social Studies (5581)	147
Japanese: World Language (Test Code 5661)	144

The new versions of the *Praxis Subject Assessments* will replace the current versions and shall have an effective date of September 1, 2025. The current version of each assessment will be discontinued effective August 31, 2025. Adhering to the Mississippi State Board of Education's Discontinued Test Policy, Mississippi's qualifying passing score for the respective discontinued versions of

the assessments will be accepted through August 31, 2027, if that qualifying passing score was achieved on or prior to August 31, 2025.

In addition, the Division of Educator Licensure is requesting approval to establish a qualifying score for Praxis Subject Assessment: Japanese: World Language (Test Code 5661) and add Japanese: World Language (Endorsement Code TBD) to the list of approved supplemental endorsements that may be added to a valid three (3) year internship license or valid five (5) year standard license by obtaining a passing score on the appropriate Praxis Subject Assessment. The Japanese: World Language related item shall be effective upon receipt of final State Board of Education approval. Please note that 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 for review of such data to determine the need to make possible recommendations for score adjustments, as appropriate.

The final request is for approval to adopt and update the test code associated with the Foundations of Reading licensure assessment that is being **changed by the administering testing company, from test code 190 to test code 890**, for the purpose of offering certain supports to test takers that are not affiliated with the current state client test use license. There are no changes to the test content, and no changes will be made to the current Mississippi State Board of Education required passing score, at this time. Updates will be made to any official documents and other mediums where the Foundations of Reading Assessment licensure requirement is published.

On March 7, 2025, at its regular meeting, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development granted approval of the recommendations noted herein.

This item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without receipt of public comments. The public comment period was open from April 17, 2025, through 5:00 p.m. May 23, 2025.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

<p style="text-align: center;">APPENDIX B: PRAXIS SUBJECT ASSESSMENT SCORES REQUIRED BY MISSISSIPPI</p>

SPECIALTY AREA TEST CODE	SCALED SCORE
Algebra I (5162)	148
Art: Content Knowledge (5134)	158
Audiology (5343)	156
Behavioral Disorders/Emotionally Disturbed (5372)	154
Biology (5236)	148
Braille Proficiency (0633) – Visually Impaired (5282) is also required.	165
Business Education (5101)	153
Chemistry (5246)	140
Chinese (Mandarin) (5665)	164
Computer Science (5652)	149
Economics (5911)	150
Education of Young Children (5024)	160
Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge and Content (Test Code 5534)	157
Elementary Education (K-6) (5017)	153
Elementary Education (4-6) (5018) Alternate Route Only	163
English Language and Literature (5038)	167
English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362)	149
French (5174)	153
Geometry (5163)	139
German (5183)	154
Gifted Education (5358)	151
School Counselor (5422)	153
Health Education (5551)	149
Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students (5272)	160
Home Economics/Family & Consumer Science (5122)	153
Family and Consumer Sciences (5123)	144
Japanese: World Language (Test Code 5661)	144
Latin (5601)	152
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: Content Knowledge (5113)	161
Physical Education (5091)	145
Physics (5266)	140
School Leaders Licensure Assessment (6990)	151
School Psychologist (5403)	148
Social Studies (5081)	150
Social Studies (5581)	147
Spanish (5195)	160
Special Education: Core Knowledge and Application (5354) <i>Discontinued 8/31/2023</i>	152
Special Education: Foundational Knowledge (5355) <i>Effective 9/1/2023</i>	139
Special Education Fundamental Subjects HQ (5511)	142
Speech Communication (5221)	143
Speech-Language Pathology (5331)	162
Teacher Leadership (K-12)	481
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>5534 Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge and Content</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>9/1/2025</u>	<u>5024 Education of Young Children</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>8/31/2025</u>	<u>8/31/2027</u>
<u>5123 Family and Consumer Sciences</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>9/1/2025</u>	<u>5122 Home Economics/Family & Consumer Science</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>8/31/2025</u>	<u>8/31/2027</u>
<u>5581 Social Studies</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>9/1/2025</u>	<u>Social Studies (5081)</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>8/31/2025</u>	<u>8/31/2027</u>
<u>890 Foundations of Reading</u>	<u>Test Code Change Only 233</u>	<u>9/1/2025</u>	<u>190 Foundations of Reading</u>	<u>Test Code Change Only 233</u>	<u>8/31/2025 (Test 890 or Test 190 Accepted Beginning 9/1/2025)</u>	<u>N/A</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

<p style="text-align: center;">APPENDIX A: SUPPLEMENTAL ENDORSEMENTS ADDED TO A VALID MISSISSIPPI LICENSE</p>

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)
TBD	Japanese (K-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.*