

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY ALABAMA FOUNDATIONAL READING ASSESSMENT AS A PRECONDITION FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, by Resolutions from time to time, the Alabama State Board of Education has adopted certain assessments and minimum passing scores as a condition for initial educator certification in the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, earning a passing score on the appropriate assessments is a prerequisite for initial certification in all subjects wherein content and pedagogical assessments have been adopted; and

WHEREAS, a foundational reading assessment is required for initial certification, via the Alabama-approved Educator Preparation Program Approach, and other certification approaches, for the areas of elementary education (K-6), early childhood education (P-3), and collaborative special education (K-6); and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education approved Foundations of Reading 190, a Massachusetts foundational reading assessment administered by the Evaluation Systems Group of Pearson, as the required foundational reading assessment beginning September 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education approved the passing score of 233 on Foundations of Reading 190, based upon the recommendation of the Alabama Standard-Setting Study conducted on December 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Systems Group of Pearson is transitioning the Foundations of Reading assessment into their National Evaluation Series, which is a nationally available program comprised of content and professional knowledge assessments; and

WHEREAS, the transition to the National Evaluation Series will result in a test number change from 190 to 890; and

WHEREAS, the content, structure, and item bank of Foundations of Reading 890 will remain identical to Foundations of Reading 190:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, effective September 15, 2025, the Alabama State Board of Education hereby discontinues Foundations of Reading 190 and adopts Foundations of Reading 890 as the Alabama foundational reading assessment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby adopts the recommended passing score of 233 for Foundations of Reading 890; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Superintendent of Education is hereby directed to take any and all actions necessary to implement this resolution.

Done this 11th day of September 2025