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TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey 
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SUBJECT: Modification of Certain Praxis Tests as a Precondition for Initial Certification and Program Admission

On January 14, 2021, members of the Alabama State Board of Education (SBOE) approved a resolution to modify certain passing scores as a precondition for initial certification and program admission.

1. Replacement Test (Middle School Science)

The following information reflects Praxis updates and revisions for the area of middle school science. The chart provides the new Praxis test name and code, along with information that will be used for implementation. The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) Assessment Policies Manual is being updated to reflect information about this test.

New Test Name and Code	Required Score for New Test	Effective Date	Test to be Discontinued Name and Code	Required Score for Discontinued Test	Final Test Administration Date
Middle School Science (5442)	152	9/1/2021	Middle School Science (5440)	151	8/31/2021

2. Replacement Test (Reading Specialist)

The following information reflects Praxis updates and revisions for the area of reading specialist. The chart provides the new Praxis test name and code, along with information that will be used for implementation. The ALSDE Assessment Policies Manual is being updated to reflect information about this test.

New Test Name and Code	Required Score for New Test	Effective Date	Test to be Discontinued Name and Code	Required Score for Discontinued Test	Final Test Administration Date
Reading Specialist (5302)	165	9/1/2021	Reading Specialist (5301)	164	8/31/2021

**3. Replacement Test Required for Admission to Class A Reading Specialist Program
(Teaching Reading)**

The following chart reflects Praxis updates and revisions for **individuals who hold a valid Alabama bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in an area other than early childhood education, elementary education, or collaborative special education teacher (K-6) and are seeking admission to a Class A (master's level) reading specialist program.** The chart provides the new Praxis test name and code, along with information that will be used for implementation.

New Test Name and Code	Required Score for New Test	Effective Date	Test to be Discontinued Name and Code	Required Score for Discontinued Test	Final Test Administration Date
Teaching Reading P-12 (5206)	159	9/1/2021	Teaching Reading P-12 (5204)	159	8/31/2021

For additional information regarding Praxis test modifications or additions, please contact Dr. Deanise Peacock, Assessment Coordinator, at dpeacock@alsde.edu.

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