

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY CERTAIN PASSING SCORES AS A PRECONDITION FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION AND PROGRAM ADMISSION

WHEREAS, by Resolutions of April 14, 2005, February 9, 2006, October 12, 2006, December 14, 2006, March 8, 2007, July 10, 2012, July 9, 2013, December 14, 2017, December 13, 2018, August 8, 2019, March 12, 2020, and other Resolutions from time to time, the Alabama State Board of Education has adopted certain Praxis subject assessments and minimum passing scores as conditions for initial educator certification in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, earning a passing score on a Praxis subject assessment is a prerequisite for initial certification, via state-approved program and several other certification approaches, in all subjects for which there is a Praxis subject assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education has followed the pattern of adopting the multi-state passing score from Educational Testing Service as the Alabama passing score; and

WHEREAS, certain Praxis subject assessments previously approved by the Alabama State Board of Education have recently been updated and revised; and

WHEREAS, individuals who are seeking admission to a Class A (master's level) reading specialist program and 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) must achieve the current passing score on the Praxis Teaching Reading test validated for use in Alabama:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby discontinues the following current Praxis subject assessments and adopts the following replacement Praxis subject assessments and their multi-state passing scores as a precondition for initial educator certification in the state of Alabama:

Discontinued Subject Assessment	Passing Score for Discontinued Subject Assessment	Replacement Subject Assessment	Recommended Passing Score for Replacement Subject Assessment	Effective Date
5440 Middle School Science	151	5442 Middle School Science	152	September 1, 2021
5301 Reading Specialist	164	5302 Reading Specialist	165	September 1, 2021

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby discontinues the current Praxis subject assessment which is used solely for individuals seeking admission to a Class A (master's level) reading specialist program, and adopts the following replacement Praxis subject assessment and its multi-state passing score as a precondition for admission to a Class A reading specialist program 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):

Discontinued Subject Assessment	Passing Score for Discontinued Subject Assessment	Replacement Subject Assessment	Recommended Passing Score for Replacement Subject Assessment	Effective Date
5204 Teaching Reading	159	5206 Teaching Reading	159	September 1, 2021

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 14th day of January 2021

