May 24, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
       State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Modification of Required Praxis Tests as a Precondition for Initial Certification

On May 11, 2023, members of the Alabama State Board of Education (ALSBE) approved a resolution to adopt certain Praxis tests as a precondition for initial certification. These tests will replace current Praxis tests that are expiring.

The following chart reflects Praxis updates for the state of Alabama. 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 Manuals are being updated to reflect information about these tests.

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<th>New Test Name and Code</th>
<th>Required Score for New Test</th>
<th>Effective Date</th>
<th>Test to be Discontinued Name and Code</th>
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Discontinued tests taken after August 31, 2023, will not be accepted.

The guidelines below should be followed regarding these test changes:

**Alabama State-Approved Educator Preparation Programs**

Individuals seeking initial certification in the subject area through an Alabama Educator Preparation Program:

- **Discontinued test(s):**
  - Must be taken and passed prior to **September 1, 2023**.
  - Application must be received in the Educator Certification Section within 48 months of the date of unconditional admission.
  - If application is not received in the Educator Certification Section within 48 months of the date of unconditional admission, a passing score on the new test is required.

- **New test(s):**
  - Must be taken and passed **September 1, 2023**, and thereafter.
  - May be taken and passed prior to the effective date in lieu of the expiring test.

**Other Certification Approaches**

Individuals seeking initial certification in the subject area through all approaches other than an Alabama Educator Preparation Program:

- **Discontinued test(s):**
  - Must be taken and passed prior to **September 1, 2023**.
  - Application must be received in the Educator Certification Section on or before **March 1, 2024** (six months after test expiration).
  - If application is not received in the Educator Certification Section on or before **March 1, 2024**, a passing score on the new test is required.
• New test(s):
  o Must be taken and passed **September 1, 2023, and thereafter**.
  o May be taken and passed prior to the effective date in lieu of the expiring test.

For additional information regarding Praxis test modifications or additions, please contact Dr. Deanise F. Peacock, Assessment Administrator, at 334-694-4872.

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