



STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

May 24, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

**FROM:** Eric G. Mackey *EGM*  
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.

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
Biology (6-12) 5236	154	9/1/2023	Biology: Content Knowledge (6-12) 5235	150	8/31/2023
Chemistry (6-12) 5246	146	9/1/2023	Chemistry: Content Knowledge (6-12) 5245	150	8/31/2023
Earth and Space Sciences (6-12) 5572	154	9/1/2023	Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge (6-12) 5571	150	8/31/2023
Physics (6-12) 5266	145	9/1/2023	Physics: Content Knowledge (6-12) 5265	138	8/31/2023

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General Science (6-12) 5436	141	9/1/2023	General Science: Content Knowledge (6-12) 5435	152	8/31/2023
School Librarian (P-12) 5312	154	9/1/2023	Library Media Specialist (P-12) 5311	148	8/31/2023
School Counselor (P-12) 5422	159	9/1/2023	Professional School Counselor (P-12) 5421	156	8/31/2023
School Psychologist (P-12) 5403	155	9/1/2023	School Psychologist (P-12) 5402	147	8/31/2023

**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.

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- **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.

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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