

Pennsylvania Department of Education Certification Test and Score Requirements

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Basic Skills Assessment Options

Basic Skills Assessment Exception
Individuals who have completed an approved post-baccalaureate certification program or hold a graduate level degree are not required to take the basic skills assessments.

Basic Skills Assessments – Composite Score Option

- You may combine reading, writing and mathematics module scores from different test providers to meet the basic skills requirements.
- You may use the composite score method to meet the requirement when you do well in one or two areas to compensate for a lower score in the other area.
- The composite score is the sum of the passing scores. Use the Composite Score Calculator when mixing tests. **Note When using the composite score, each test must meet or exceed the minimum score listed.**

I. ACT		Test Registration Link:	ACT
Test Name	Section	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
ACT - before September 1, 2015: Send an email to ra-edcertquestions@pa.gov with a copy of your full score report for a determination.			
ACT – September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016			
	Reading	22	20
	Writing	21	17
	Mathematics	21	19
	Composite ACT Test Score:	64	
ACT – after August 31, 2016			
	Reading	22	20
	Writing after Sept. 2016	8	7
	Mathematics	21	19
	Composite ACT Test Score:	51	

II. CORE Academic		Test Registration Link:	ETS
Test Number	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score	
Core - September 1, 2019			
Reading	5713 (NEW!)	156	148
Mathematics	5733 (NEW!)	142	132
Writing	5723 (NEW!)	162	158
	Composite CORE Test Score:	460	
Core taken before September 1, 2020			
Reading	5712	156	148
Mathematics	5732	142	132
Writing	5722	162	158
	Composite CORE Test Score:	460	

III. PAPA		Test Registration Link:	ES Pearson
Test Name	Test Number	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
Reading	8001	220	193
Mathematics	8002	193	176*
Writing	8003	220	192
	Composite PAPA Test Score:	633	
*We will accept 174 from candidates accepted into an educator certification program prior to 8/31/2016			

IV. SAT		Test Registration Link:	College Board
Test Date	Test	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
SAT – prior to March 1, 2016			
	Critical Reading	500	500
	Mathematics	500	500
	Writing	500	500
	Composite SAT Test Score:	1500	
SAT - after February 29, 2016			
	Reading	27	25
	Mathematics	26	24
	Writing and Language	28	26
	Composite SAT Test Score:	81	

V. PPST (Praxis I)*

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Test Name	Test Number	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
PPST or Computerized PPST Reading	0710 or 5710	172	169
PPST or Computerized PPST Writing	0720 or 5720	173	170
PPST or Computerized PPST Mathematics	0730 or 5730	173	170
Composite PPST Test Score:		518	

*Test Series Must be Started Prior to 12/31/2012