

Educator Assessment Policies

Manual A

*(If an individual is seeking admission to or completing an Educator Preparation Program at an Alabama college or university, these policies do not apply, see *Educator Assessment Policies Manual B.*)*

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Document Guidance

- The yellow and white colors are for separation of the certification areas and to provide for ease of viewing.
- Throughout the table, the word “current” refers to the tests and scores that are effective September 1, 2021, and thereafter.
- The document is divided into three sections:
 - Section I: Assessment Table Utilization—this section explains how the information contained within the table should be interpreted. Please read all the instructions carefully.
 - Section II: Content Knowledge Assessments by Certification Area—this section outlines the content knowledge assessments for each certification area.
 - Section III: Pedagogical Assessments—this section provides information regarding Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) and Educative Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA).
- If you have any questions, please contact Educator Assessment at (334) 694-4872.

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Section I

Assessment Table Utilization

Individuals must meet the current test and score requirements in effect on the date the application for Alabama certification is received in the Educator Certification Section of the ALSDE.

Additional guidelines pertaining to the following Alternative Certification Approaches:

- Business and Industry to Educational Administrator (BIEA) Approach
 - Conditional Certificate in a Teaching Field (CCTF) Approach
 - Higher Education Transitional Certificate (HETC) Approach
 - Provisional Certificate in a Teaching Field (PCTF) Approach
 - Provisional Certification in Library Media or School Counseling (PCLS) Approach
1. Effective for applications received in the Educator Certification Section of the ALSDE **September 1, 2021, and thereafter:**
 - a. The Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge) must be the test under the **Current Test** columns on the chart. **No previous tests will be accepted.**
 - b. The Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge) must be appropriate to the content area for which the individual began the alternative approach.
 - c. The Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge) and score required at the time of receipt of the application for the first alternative certificate will be acceptable for issuance of a professional certificate as long as the individual completes the approach in the allotted time frame.
 2. Effective for applications received in the Educator Certification Section of the ALSDE **prior to September 1, 2021:**
 - a. The Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge) and score required at the time of receipt of the application for the first alternative certificate will be acceptable for issuance of a professional certificate if the individual completes the approach in the allotted time frame.
 - b. The Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge) must be appropriate to the content area for which the individual began the alternative approach.
 3. Individuals who do not meet the minimum overall undergraduate GPA requirement for the first PCTF, the CCTF, or the HETC but have at least a 2.0 overall undergraduate GPA, must meet the Praxis Subject Assessments (content knowledge) and scores required on the Alternate Score Requirements document which may be found at [Alternate Score Requirements](#) and on the Addendum to the application for the first PCTF which may be found at [FORM APP 8-2008 \(alabamaachieves.org\)](#).

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4. The following tests were discontinued and were only accepted for any applicants whose applications for the first alternative certificate were received in the Educator Certification Section of the ALSDE prior to September 1, 2018:

Test Code	Test Name
0700	Agriculture
0410	Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision
0041/5041	English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content Knowledge
0120	Family and Consumer Sciences
0121/5121	Family and Consumer Sciences
0920	Geography
0550/5550	Health Education
0600	Latin
0310	Library Media
0061/5061	Mathematics: Content Knowledge
0049/5049	Middle School English Language Arts
0069	Middle School Mathematics
0439	Middle School Science
0640	Theatre

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Section II

Content Knowledge Assessments by Certification Area

The Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge) is required for individuals applying for initial certification in a teaching field **or** to change grade levels in the same teaching field for which a certificate is held.

The Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge) is required for individuals applying for initial certification in an area of instructional support **or** to change grade levels in the same area of instructional support for which a certificate is held.

The Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge) is applicable for individuals applying through the following approaches:

- Additional Teaching Field Approach / Certification Based on Test (CBT)
- Business and Industry to Educational Administrator
- Certificate Reciprocity (*see application for options to meet test requirements*)
- Certificate Reinstatement (*for certificates that have lapsed for 12 months or more*)
- Computer Science Additional Teaching Field Approach
- Conditional Certificate in a Teaching Field (CCTF) Approach
- Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)
- Early Childhood Development
- Foreign Credentials
- Higher Education Transitional Certificate (HETC) Approach
- Interim Employment Certificate (*see certification officer at Alabama college or university*)
- Nationally Certified School Psychologist
- Provisional Certificate in a Teaching Field
- Provisional Certificate in Library Media or School Counseling

The approaches listed above may also require tests other than a Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge).

The tests and scores in this document are applicable to individuals who take the tests **or** whose applications for certification are received in the Educator Certification Section on September 1, 2021, and thereafter.

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Agriscience Education (6-12)	Agriculture	5701	147	9/1/2018
Algebra I (6-12)	Algebra I	5162	157	9/1/2019
Biology (6-12)	Biology: Content Knowledge	5235	150	9/1/2018
Business Administration (6-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>	Business Education: Content Knowledge	5101	154	9/1/2018
Business/Marketing Education (6-12)				
Business Education (6-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>				
Career Technologies (6-12, P-12)	Technology Education	5051	159	9/1/2018
Chemistry (6-12)	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	5245	150	6/1/2007
Computer Science (6-12)	Computer Science	5652	149	12/13/2018
Dramatic Arts (6-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>	Theatre	5641	154	9/1/2018
Early Childhood Education (P-3)	Early Childhood Education	5025	156	9/1/2018
	AND Teaching Reading: Elementary	5205	159	9/1/2019
Earth and Space Sciences (6-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge	5571	150	6/1/2007

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Economics (6-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Economics	5911	150	9/1/2018
Elementary Education (K-6)	Elementary Education: Three Subject Bundle – Mathematics	5903	157	9/1/2020
	OR			
	Elementary Education: Mathematics	5003	157	9/1/2018
	AND			
	Elementary Education: Three Subject Bundle - Social Studies	5904	154	9/1/2020
	OR			
	Elementary Education: Social Studies	5004	154	9/1/2018
	AND			
	Elementary Education: Three Subject Bundle - Science	5905	158	9/1/2020
	OR			
Elementary Education: Science	5005	158	9/1/2018	
AND				
	Teaching Reading: Elementary	5205	159	9/1/2019

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English (6-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	5038	167	9/1/2018
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English for Speakers of Other Languages (P-12)	English to Speakers of Other Languages	5362	155	9/1/2018
Family and Consumer Sciences Education (6-12)	Family and Consumer Sciences	5122	153	4/8/2021
French (6-12; P-12)	French: World Language	5174	162	9/1/2012
General Science (6-12)	General Science: Content Knowledge	5435	152	9/1/2018
General Social Science (6-12)	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	5081	155	9/1/2018
Geography (6-12)	Geography	5921	153	9/1/2018
Geometry (6-12)	Geometry	5163	148	9/1/2019
German (6-12; P-12)	German: World Language	5183	163	9/1/2018
Health and Physical Education (6-12; P-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Health Education	5551	154	9/1/2018
	AND Physical Education: Content Knowledge	5091	149	9/1/2018
Health Education (6-12; P-12) <i>(P-12 is for reinstatement, reciprocity, foreign credentials, and NBPTS approaches only)</i>	Health Education	5551	154	9/1/2018
History (6-12)	World and U.S. History: Content Knowledge	5941	148	9/1/2018
Latin (6-12; P-12)	Latin	5601	152	9/1/2018

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Leadership				
Career and Technical Administrator (6-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>	Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision	5412	146	9/1/2019
Educational Administration (P-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>				
Instructional Leadership (P-12)				
Principal (P-6, 6-12, or P-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>				
Superintendent (P-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>				
Superintendent -Principal (P-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement only)</i>				
Supervisor (K-6, 6-12 or P-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>				
Library Media Specialist (P-12)	Library Media Specialist	5311	148	9/1/2018
Marketing Education (6-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Marketing Education	5561	156	9/1/2018
Mathematics (6-12)	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	5161	160	9/1/2020
Middle School Business Education (4-8) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Business Education: Content Knowledge	5101	154	9/1/2018
Middle School Career Technologies (4-8) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Technology Education	5051	159	9/1/2018
Middle School English (4-8) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, foreign credentials, and NBPTS approaches only)</i>	Middle School English Language Arts	5047	164	9/1/2018

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Middle School English Language Arts (4-8)	Middle School English Language Arts	5047	164	9/1/2018
Middle School Family and Consumer Sciences Education (4-8) <i>(This area is for reinstatement only)</i>	Family and Consumer Sciences	5122	153	4/8/2021
Middle School French (4-8)	French: World Language	5174	162	9/1/2012
Middle School General Science (4-8)	Middle School Science	5442	152	9/1/2021
Middle School General Social Science (4-8)	Middle School Social Studies	5089	153	9/1/2018
Middle School German (4-8)	German: World Language	5183	163	9/1/2018
Middle School Health Education (4-8) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Health Education	5551	154	9/1/2018
Middle School Latin (4-8)	Latin	5601	152	9/1/2018
Middle School Mathematics (4-8)	Middle School Mathematics	5169	165	9/1/2018
Middle School Music, Choral (4-8) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Music: Content Knowledge	5113	161	9/1/2018
Middle School Music, Instrumental (4-8) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Music: Content Knowledge	5113	161	9/1/2018
Middle School Physical Education (4-8) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Physical Education: Content Knowledge	5091	149	9/1/2018
Middle School Spanish (4-8)	Spanish: World Language	5195	168	9/1/2018
Middle School Speech (4-8) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Speech Communication	5221	146	9/1/2018

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Middle School Speech Communication/ Theatre (4-8) <i>(This area for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>	Speech Communication AND	5221	146	9/1/2018
	Theatre	5641	154	9/1/2018
Middle School Theatre (4-8) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Theatre	5641	154	9/1/2018
Middle School Visual Arts (4-8) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Art: Content Knowledge	5134	158	9/1/2018
Music, Choral (6-12;P-12) <i>(6-12 is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Music: Content Knowledge	5113	161	9/1/2018
Music, General (Nursery-8 or P-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity approaches only)</i>				
Music, Instrumental (6-12; P-12) <i>(6-12 is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>				
Physical Education (6-12; P-12)	Physical Education: Content Knowledge	5091	149	9/1/2018
Physical Science (6-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>	General Science: Content Knowledge OR	5435	152	9/1/2018
	Chemistry: Content Knowledge AND	5245	150	6/1/2007
	Physics: Content Knowledge	5265	138	4/1/2006
Physics (6-12)	Physics: Content Knowledge	5265	138	4/1/2006
Political Science (6-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Government/Political Science	5931	149	9/1/2018
Pre-Kindergarten Education (Birth through Age 4)	Pre-Kindergarten Education	5531	155	9/1/2017
Psychology (6-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Psychology	5391	154	9/1/2018

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Reading (6-12; P-12) <i>(6-12 is for reinstatement and reciprocity approaches only)</i>	Reading Specialist	5302	165	9/1/2021
Reading Specialist (P-12)	Reading Specialist	5302	165	9/1/2021
School Counseling (P-12)	Professional School Counselor	5421	156	9/1/2018
School Psychology (P-12)	School Psychologist	5402	147	9/1/2018
Sociology (6-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Sociology	5952	154	9/1/2018
Spanish (6-12; P-12)	Spanish: World Language	5195	168	9/1/2018

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Special Education				
Collaborative Teacher (K-6) *These tests are not required if the individual holds a valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in Elementary Education, grades K-6.	Elementary Education: Three Subject Bundle – Mathematics*	5903	157	9/1/2020
	OR			
	Elementary Education: Mathematics*	5003	157	9/1/2018
	AND			
	Elementary Education: Three Subject Bundle – Social Studies*	5904	154	9/1/2020
	OR			
	Elementary Education: Social Studies*	5004	154	9/1/2018
	AND			
	Elementary Education: Three Subject Bundle – Science*	5905	158	9/1/2020
	OR			
Elementary Education: Science*	5005	158	9/1/2018	
AND				
Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications	5354	153	9/1/2012	
AND				
Teaching Reading: Elementary*	5205	159	9/1/2020	

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Collaborative Teacher (6-12)	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications	5354	153	9/1/2012
Early Childhood Education Multiple Abilities (P-3) <i>(This area is for reinstatement only)</i>	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications	5354	153	9/1/2012
	AND Early Childhood Education	5025	156	9/1/2018
	AND Teaching Reading: Elementary	5205	159	9/1/2019
Early Childhood Special Education (P-3) *This test is not required if the individual holds a valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in Early Childhood Education, grades P-3.	Early Childhood Education*	5025	156	9/1/2018
	AND Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications	5354	153	9/1/2012

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Elementary Education Multiple Abilities (K-6) <i>(This area is for reinstatement only)</i>	Elementary Education: Three Subject Bundle – Mathematics	5903	157	9/1/2020
	OR			
	Elementary Education: Mathematics	5003	157	9/1/2018
	AND			
	Elementary Education: Three Subject Bundle – Social Studies	5904	154	9/1/2020
	OR			
	Elementary Education: Social Studies	5004	154	9/1/2018
	AND			
	Elementary Education: Three Subject Bundle – Science	5905	158	9/1/2020
	OR			
Elementary Education: Science	5005	158	9/1/2018	
AND				
Teaching Reading: Elementary	5205	159	9/1/2019	
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Gifted (P-12)	Gifted Education	5358	157	9/1/2018
Special Education Pre-Kindergarten Education (Birth to Age 5)	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications	5354	153	9/1/2012
Special Education Areas (P-12) Excluding Gifted Education	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications	5354	153	9/1/2012
Speech (6-12)	Speech Communication	5221	146	9/1/2018
Speech Communication/Theatre (6-12; P-12) <i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity-approaches only)</i>	Speech Communication	5221	146	9/1/2018
	AND Theatre	5641	154	9/1/2018
Theatre (6-12; P-12) <i>(6-12 is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Theatre	5641	154	9/1/2018
Visual Arts (6-12; P-12) <i>(6-12 is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>	Art: Content Knowledge	5134	158	9/1/2018

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Pedagogical Assessments

Pedagogical Assessments are required for individuals applying based on the following approaches:

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- Early Childhood Development
- Foreign Credentials
- Higher Education Transitional Certificate (HETC)
- Provisional Certificate in a Teaching Field (PCTF)

For applications received in the Educator Certification Section of the ALSDE on September 1, 2018, and thereafter, the Educative Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) is the required pedagogical assessment for certification through the Early Childhood Development approach.

For individuals issued a first PCTF for the 2020-2021 scholastic year, and thereafter, the edTPA is the required pedagogical assessment for issuance of the Professional Educator Certificate following the PCTF Approach in those teaching fields for which an edTPA handbook has been developed. For teaching fields where an edTPA handbook has not been developed, the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) is the required pedagogical assessment for issuance of the Professional Educator Certificate following the PCTF Approach.

For individuals issued a HETC for the 2021-2022 scholastic year, and thereafter, the edTPA is the required pedagogical assessment for issuance of the Professional Educator Certificate following the HETC Approach in those teaching fields for which an edTPA handbook has been developed. For teaching fields where an edTPA handbook has not been developed, the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) is the required pedagogical assessment for issuance of the Professional Educator Certificate following the HETC Approach.

The PLT is the required pedagogical assessment for individuals applying based on the following approaches:

- Career and Technical Certificate to a Professional Educator Certificate
- Foreign Credentials

Neither edTPA nor PLT will be required if the individual holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate in a teaching field.

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Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT)				
Area of Certification Being Requested	Current Test Name	Current Test Code	Current Required Score	Effective Date
All P-3 and K-6 Teaching Fields	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6	5622	160	9/1/2018
All 6-12 Teaching Fields	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12	5624	157	9/1/2018
All 4-8 and P-12 Teaching Fields may choose either PLT K-6 or 7-12	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6 OR	5622	160	9/1/2018
	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12	5624	157	9/1/2018

edTPA			
Areas of Certification Being Requested	edTPA Handbook	Required Score	Effective Date
Agriscience (6-12)	Agricultural Education	37	9/1/2018
Algebra I (6-12)	Secondary Math	37	9/1/2019
Arts (P-12) • Dance • Music, Choral Music • Music, Instrumental Music • Theatre • Visual Arts	Performing Arts (Dance, Music, Theatre) Visual Arts	37 37	9/1/2018 9/1/2018
Biology (6-12)	Secondary Science	37	9/1/2018
Business/Marketing Education (6-12)	Business Education	37	9/1/2018
Career Technologies (6-12)	Technology and Engineering Education	37	9/1/2018
Chemistry (6-12)	Secondary Science	37	9/1/2018
Computer Science (6-12)	PLT is required for this field		
Early Childhood Development (Birth through Age 4)	Early Childhood	37	9/1/2018
English Language Arts (4-8)	Middle Childhood English-Language Arts	37	9/1/2018
English Language Arts (6-12)	Secondary English-Language Arts	37	9/1/2018
Family and Consumer Sciences Education (6-12)	Family and Consumer Science	37	9/1/2018
General Science (4-8)	Middle Childhood Science	37	9/1/2018

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General Science (6-12)	Secondary Science	37	9/1/2018
General Social Studies (4-8)	Middle Childhood Social Studies	37	9/1/2018
General Social Studies (6-12)	Secondary History/Social Studies	37	9/1/2018
Geography (6-12)	Secondary History/Social Studies	37	9/1/2018
Geometry (6-12)	Secondary Mathematics	37	9/1/2019
Health Education (6-12)	Health Education	37	9/1/2018
History (6-12)	Secondary History/Social Studies	37	9/1/2018
Languages Other Than English (P-12) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arabic • Chinese • French • German • Italian • Japanese • Korean • Russian • Spanish 	World Language	32	9/1/2018
Latin (P-12)	Classical Language	32	9/1/2018
Mathematics (4-8)	Middle Childhood Math	37	9/1/2018
Mathematics (6-12)	Secondary Math	37	9/1/2018
Physical Education (6-12)	Physical Education	37	9/1/2018
Physics (6-12)	Secondary Science	37	9/1/2018

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